

Education and Graduate Students Committee

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Mission:

The Committee on Education and Graduate Students assists students of mammalogy in making informed career choices, improving their scientific expertise, and helping them find funding for research and employment in the discipline. To those ends, the committee prepares and distributes brochures, holds periodic workshops, provides evaluations of student presentations at the Annual Meeting, and conducts various mentoring/networking activities.

Information Items:

The need to support our student members and in particular first time student member attendees is still a critical component of this committee. There continues to be a large number of first-time attendees, the majority of which are students.

(1) This year, we had had 43 ASM members volunteer to help evaluate 109 student poster and oral presentations. Both poster and oral student presentations will again be an important activity organized by the E&GS Committee at the 2019 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Electronic submissions greatly sped up the process of sorting and returning evaluations to our students. We will be encouraging prompt electronic submission through a Google form again this year as well as using a more direct google form for evaluators to sign-up for presentations. We encourage all members with terminal degrees to help evaluation presentations!

(2) The student social was a great success at the Venue and Urban Garden in the heart of Aggieville. Most students joined up with the Mammal Crawl in progress after their social. Again the workshop leading into the social worked very well. Last year, the E&GS Committee planed on presenting a Student Workshop entitled, "Professional Interview Strategies," which included presentations and advice given from individuals representing the private sector, federal and state positions, primarily undergraduate Institutions and Research one institutions. Thanks to Brad Blood, John Koprowski, Susan Loeb, and Melissa Merrick for their presentations and assistance in this workshop.

(3) The "Meal with a Mammalogist" program is in its 25th year and remains a popular program among students. Both students and the mammalogists they share a meal with seem to get a lot out of the interaction. We thank all the scientists who have participated in this program over the years. In particular we would like to thank the Mammalogists who participated in the program in Manhattan in 2018: Robert Anderson, Jessica Blois, Mark Boyce, Joe Cook, Jenny Duggan, Jacob Goheen, Melissa Hawkins, Virginia Hayssen, Vicki Jackson, Susan Loeb, Sean Maher, Bruce Patterson, Noe' De la Sancha, Paul Stapp, Bob Timm. Special thanks to Jenny Duggan and Elmer Fink for organizing the program! We look forward to another exciting schedule in DC.

(4) We would also like to continue with the Meeting Mentors program at the 2019 DC meeting. Identified volunteer mentors are given badges to wear on their name tags, identifying them as Mentors throughout the meeting. Mentors can answer questions and facilitate introductions for students and first-time attendees. In previous iterations of this program, many Mentors related that students came to them with questions, or just to visit, during the remainder of the meeting.

Action Items:

(1) The Education and Graduate Students Committee requests \$250 (25X\$10) to pay for meals of scientists participating in the Meal with a Mammalogist Program.

Respectfully submitted,
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