

Informatics Committee

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Mission:

The Informatics Committee is responsible for addressing issues that arise with continuing changes in technology and information processing, retrieval, etc. as they relate to mammalogy. In recent years, the committee has been primarily involved with maintaining and further developing the Society's web site.

Information Items:

(1) Efforts this year were again focused on improving and developing new portals for online grant submission for grants administered by the Honoraria and Grants-in-Aid committees. With assistance from Ginny Hayssen and Bill Kilpatrick (Chairs for Honoraria and Grants-in-Aid, respectively) and programmers at Gorilla Polymedia, we improved the online submission portals already in place and added submission sites for the remaining grants administered by the two committees. We encourage other committees interested in online submission of materials to contact us.

(2) Matt Hopton and Kristin Kramer updated information on the web site including names and contact information for members of standing committees, posted 2005 annual reports, and updated changes in ASM leadership and editors of ASM publications.

(3) Richard Thorington continues to maintain Mammalogists-on-E-mail and the Mammal-L discussion group. We appreciate his efforts.

(4) Requests for information, job postings, and announcements submitted to the web site were dealt with by Dan Odell and Matt Hopton.

(5) Leslie Carraway navigated the site in detail and offered suggestions for future revisions. These suggestions plus those of Kristin Kramer and Matt Hopton were passed on to Allen Press. The board has requested a quote from Allen Press to handle some aspects of our current web site.

Action Items:

(1) A budget request for website maintenance was submitted to the Planning & Finance Committee of \$3000.

Respectfully submitted,
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