Mammal Images Library Committee

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Mission:

The Mammal Images Library (MIL) maintains a collection now totaling more than 1600 images of mammals representing about 800 species. Images are available at a nominal charge for educational purposes. Most images in our collection may also be used as illustrations for non-profit or commercial purposes depending on restrictions specified by contributors. Additional information about the Mammal Images Library, including contact information for contributors, ordering information, and a complete listing of holdings, is available in our catalog and on our web site at: http://www.emporia.edu/biosci/msl/home.htm. Our web site is also accessible through links in the ASM home page.

Information Items:

- (1) The focus of the MIL committee continues to be the sale of individual images and special series. In 2004 we shipped a total of 322 images. This figure is a decrease from 2003. Income from sales of images and catalogs in 2004 was \$3,045.40, a decrease of \$185.70 from total income for 2003. Expenses in 2004 totaled \$2,538.19 for an asset change of + \$321.51. Our checking balance as of 31 Dec 2004 was \$15,251.28. A summary report for 2004 is attached as an Excel file and signed copies of the Business report are sent to the Treasurers office.
- (2) Our entire library is now completely digitized at a resolution of 4000 dpi for each slide image. Our updated web site should be live by the time of the 2005 annual meetings.
- (3) Many taxa are still absent or poorly represented in our library. We encourage all interested parties to look through our catalog or electronic listing and contribute your high quality images to the library. Persons interested in submitting images should contact the committee chair or Dr. Kristin Kramer.
- (4) The committee thanks Fort Hays State University for supporting the Business Office of the Mammal Images Library and for funding student support. We also thank the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for providing much of the hardware required for the digital conversion.

Action Items: None

Respectfully submitted,

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