

Education and Graduate Students Committee

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Mission:

The Committee on Education and Graduate Students assists students of mammalogy in making informed choices of career, improving their scientific expertise, helping them locate funding for research, and finding 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 meeting attendees is still a critical component of this committee. There continues to be many large number of first-time meeting attendees, the majority of which are students.

(1) This year at our virtual annual meeting in Washington DC, we had had 69 ASM members submit 385 evaluations for 201 student poster and oral presentations. Electronic signup and evaluation submissions allows for timely sorting and returning evaluations to student presenters. Both poster and oral student presentations will again be an important activity organized by the E&GS Committee at the 2022 Annual Meeting in Tucson, AZ. We encourage all members with terminal degrees to help evaluation presentations! We **NEED** you!!!

(2) The student social was a great success. Student attendees gathered virtually and watched Deep 139 (now available on YouTube!) This adventure documentary film tells the story of an all-women team of fellow adventurers and naturalists walking deer 139's migration trail for 85 miles from her winter range in the sagebrush steppe outside LaBarge, Wyoming, up into and over the Wyoming Range, across the Greys River, to an alpine cirque in the Salt River Range. The discussion with the film researchers Sam Dwinnell, Tayler LaSharr and film creator Emilene Ostlind was well-attended and informative.

(3) The "Meal with a Mammalogist" program is in its 27th year and remains a popular program among students. This year we students and mammalogists meet virtually. It is our hope to continue this program and hope to have a "Meal with a Mammalogist" session that focuses on undergraduates in Tucson. 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 2021: Kayce Bell, Rodolfo Dirzo, Liz Flaherty, Vicki Jackson, Roland Kays, Hayley Lanier, Susan Loeb, Lorelei Patrick, Janet Rachlow, Steve Sheffield, Johanna Varner. Special thanks to Elmer Fink and Jenny Duggan for organizing the program! We look forward to another exciting schedule in Tucson and as always, we welcome all who are interested in participating in "Meals with a Mammalogist!"

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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