

Animal Care and Use Committee

Committee Members: J. Binkerhoff, J. A. Bryan II (co-chair), B. Danielson, L. Dolan, W. L. Gannon, B. R. Jesmer, S. C. Loeb, R. Lonsinger, D. K. Odell, L. E. Olson, R. S. Sikes (co-chair), R. D. Stevens, R. M. Timm

Mission:

The ACUC serves as a resource for issues concerning the use of animals in research. The committee maintains information on the ASM website regarding animal use and compliance, and regularly publishes revised guidelines. The committee responds to inquiries from Society members, IACUC staff, government, and other agencies regarding appropriate use of wild mammals in research. We provide comments on proposed changes to animal use regulations, and work to facilitate appropriate oversight of the use of wild mammals in research. Over the past 15 years the ACUC has become increasingly recognized for its proactive educational efforts aimed at improving understanding of oversight and regulatory personnel regarding the unique aspects of research with wild mammals.

Information Items – July 2023 to date:

(1) The various iterations of the ASM guidelines continue to serve as the standard for oversight of research involving wild mammals.

(2) A substantive revision of the ACUC Guidelines is in progress with publication expected in 2024. Once the revision is completed and reviewed and approved by committee members, it will be submitted to the Journal for peer review. After reviewers' comments have been addressed, the document will be submitted for review and approval by the ASM Board of Directors for formal adoption prior to publication.

Specific activities by committee members:

(3) ASM ACUC member John Bryan serves as the ASM Delegate to AAALAC International.

(4) ASM ACUC member John Bryan serves on the Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R) Annual IACUC Conference Content/Planning Committee.

(5) ASM ACUC member John Bryan continues to serve as faculty with the Interagency Collaborative Animal Research Education (iCARE) Project; an effort that is part of the National Institutes of Health, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare.

(6) ASM ACUC member John Bryan continues to serve as faculty with the IACUC 101; a non-profit organization that promotes educational programs concerning animal welfare.

(7) As President of the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (AAWV), John Bryan updated the AAWV Position Statement on the use of wildlife in research; currently in review by the AAWV Board of Governors.

(8) ACUC committee members Robert Sikes continues to serve on AAALAC International's Council on Accreditation. Inclusion in this organization provides a critical additional voice within AAALAC International for field-oriented use of mammals in research and teaching.

(9) ACUC member Robert Sikes continues to serve as a member of the Standing Committee on the Care and Use of Animals in Research of the National Academy of Sciences.

Action Items: None

Budget Request:

AAALAC International

\$ 1,800.00 Travel of ASM delegate to AAALAC Board of Trustees/Delegates Meeting (transportation and lodging, 3 nights)

\$ 1,800.00

Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW)

\$ 1,000.00 SCAW (Institutional membership)

\$ 1,800.00 Transportation and lodging, 3 nights

\$ 2,800.00

PRIM&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research)

\$ 500.00 Registration, Annual Meeting

\$ 3,850.00 Transportation and lodging will fund 2 members for 3 nights.

NOTE—funds for second ACUC member to be used only if both serve as PRIM&R faculty

\$ 4,350.00

TOTAL REQUEST

\$ 8,950.00

Respectfully submitted,

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