

Development Committee

Committee Members: B. Blood, G. Cameron, E. Gomez-Ruiz, M. Hamilton, E. Heske, M. Hamilton, A-M Hodge, B. Kohli, H. Lanier, M. Lasky, B. McMillan (Chair), M. Nery, R. Timm, and M. Willig.

Mission:

The Development Committee was established as an ad hoc committee in 1989, became a standing committee in 1993 (Gill and Wozencraft, 1994), and activated the Pooled-Income Fund in 1998. The mission of the committee is to promote the development of the Society through various forms of planned giving such as bequests, trusts, and gifts of cash or other assets and to highlight the value of ASM contributions and research.

Information Items:

(1) During the 2022-2023 year, the Development Committee (much credit goes to the previous chair, Ed Heske) launched a campaign to strengthen ASM's international and diversity programs, namely the African Student Research Fund, Latin American Student Field Research Fund, and Black and Indigenous Scholars Fund. This Campaign included the unusual incentive of matching donors' contributions with transfers from the Reserve Fund. This campaign was hugely successful and all award funds of the society, except the Future Mammalogists Fund and the ASM Fellowship Fund, are now self-sustaining. Even though the funds are self-sustaining, we still encourage donations to all specific funds so that we can provide more support from the society.

(2) Brad Blood takes the lead each year in organizing the annual auction at the ASM meeting, an important fund-raiser for the Future Mammalogists Fund. We thank Brad immensely for his years of service and the great job that has made the auction such a success.

(3) During this upcoming year, the committee will work toward having all of our funds self-sustaining. In addition, we will work with other committees of the society and the board, to revise our priorities and direction.

(4) We welcome additional members who could provide valuable input on directions and activities, as well as any ideas or leads the membership would like to provide.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,
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