

## **Animal Care and Use Committee**

**Committee Members:** J. A. Bryan, II, B. Danielson, L. Dolan, W. L. Gannon, B. R. Jesmer, E. A. Lacey (co-chair), S. C. Loeb, 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 publishes revised guidelines regularly. 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 2021 to date:**

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

#### *Specific activities by committee members:*

(2) ACUC Co-chair 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.

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

(4) ASM ACUC member John Bryan was elected as an AAALAC ad hoc specialist

(5) ACUC Co-chair Robert Sikes continues to serve as a member of the newly formed Standing Committee on the Care and Use of Animals in Research of the National Academy of Sciences.

(6) ACUC Co-chair Robert Sikes co-chaired an ILAR planning committee tasked with planning and presenting a 2-day workshop entitled Animal Welfare Challenges in Research and Education on Wildlife, Non-Model Animal Species and Biodiversity for the National Academy of Sciences. This workshop aired in a virtual format on 9-10 February, 2022. Total registration for the workshop was 1785. Workshop speakers included ASM ACUC members Eileen Lacey, John Bryan, and Robert Sikes along with Adam Ferguson, Larry Heaney, Jim Kenagy, and Rebecca Rowe. An indexed recording of the workshop is freely available at [Animal Welfare Challenges in Research and Education on Wildlife, Non-Model Animal Species and Biodiversity](#)

(7) The ACUC guidelines are being revised to take into account recent changes in the animal care and use environment, advances in capture and handling techniques, and insights from the ILAR wildlife workshop.

**Action Items:** None

### **Budget Request**

AAALAC International

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

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**\$ 1,800.00**

Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW)

\$ 1,000.00 SCAW (Institutional membership)

\$ 1,800.00 Transportation and lodging, 3 nights

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**\$ 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

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**\$ 4,350.00**

### **TOTAL REQUEST**

**\$ 8,950.00**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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