

Archives Committee

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Information items:

(1) In 2021, McLaren, Timm, and former Historian Hugh Genoways published four papers on various aspects of ASM history in the *Journal* as a continuation of our celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Society in their series “Innovations that changed Mammalogy.” These are: 1) Innovations that changed Mammalogy: field fixation for transmission electron microscopy (TEM). *Journal of Mammalogy* 101(6):1433–1435; 2) Innovations that changed Mammalogy: fluid preparation of research specimens. *Journal of Mammalogy* 102(1):1–4; 3) Innovations that changed Mammalogy: museum study skins. *Journal of Mammalogy* 102(2):367–371; 4) Innovations that changed Mammalogy: metrification. *Journal of Mammalogy* 102(3):675–680.

(2) Timm, McLaren, and Genoways published a note in our sister journal *Therya* in 2021, which features the early work of one of the namesakes for the senior conservation award, Adolph Murie. The work is entitled “The early history of netting bats” [*Therya* 12(1):1–3. [pdf](#)].

(3) One of the duties of the Historian is to work with the Publications Director and Editor-in-Chief of the *JM* to ensure that obituaries of prominent leaders in the Society are published in the *Journal*. The obituary for Past President J. Mary Taylor was published in the April 2021 issue of the *JM* [Woolley, P. A. 2021. Obituary: J. Mary Taylor (1931–2019). *JM* 102(2):636–650].

(4) An obituary for ASM Honorary Member Gilberto Silva who passed away in January 2022 will appear in the June 2022 issue [Soto-Centeno, J. A., N. S. Upham, C. A. Mancina, B. K. Lim, and R. M. Timm. 2022. Obituary: Gilberto Silva Taboada (1927–2022). *JM* 103(3)].

(5) Obituaries for Honorary Members Guy Musser who passed away in 2019 and Kenneth Armitage who passed away in January 2022 are being prepared for the *Journal*.

(6) McLaren and Timm formatted and reviewed proofs of the revised Bylaws that were passed by the Members in July 2021 for posting on the ASM website (<http://www.mammalsociety.org/asm-bylaws-and-rules>) as well as the traditional placement in the December issue of the *Journal of Mammalogy* [Bylaws and Rules of the American Society of Mammalogists. 2021. *JM* 102(6):1653–1658]. Managing Editor Burton Lim’s efforts in shepherding this through OUP/Newgen were critically important to getting the final document successfully produced.

(7) Past President Mike Mares donated a number of candid images again this year, which are extremely valuable contributions to our history. These images emphasize the importance of capturing attendees at our meetings, not just the elected Officers, Directors, and speakers, who are most likely to be captured in formal photos.

(8) Long-time ASM stalwart and one of our meeting hosts, Tom Tomasi, donated a considerable number of documents concerning our annual meetings and other historical documents to our archives.

(9) A number of questions about our history, former members, and mammals came to the Society from a wide array of people. Many of these questions are forwarded to the Archives Committee and we usually are able to assist. References and oral history were provided to ASM authors and editors as they were finalizing articles for the *Journal of Mammalogy*, *Mammalian Species*, and other research endeavors.

Action Items:

No funds are being requested at this time. We call upon all Members to send us images of interest to the Society and the science of mammalogy (see Our History tab www.mammalsociety.org/committees/archives#tab7). Please check your files and help us complete the listing of Annual Meetings. We are still missing a considerable number of Annual Meeting images. Interesting images that help detail ASM history are always welcome.

Respectively submitted,
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