

## Development Committee

**Committee Members:** B. Blood, G. Cameron, E. Gomez-Ruiz, E. J. Heske (Chair), A-M Hodge, M. Hamilton, B. Kohli, H. Lanier, M. Lasky, M. A. Mares, B. McMillan, 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. Coordination is required with other committees and informal groups that have related functions.

### Information Items:

- (1) The Committee has been traditionally comprised of a small number of senior ASM members. We expanded the Committee (from six to 14 members) to include a larger number of members ranging through all career stages, and including liaisons (co-members) with the African Research Fellowship, Latin American Fellowship, and Human Diversity committees.
- (2) The Committee (through President Lessa) circulated letters to the ASM membership describing the value of making ASM a beneficiary of wills or retirement plans, and in making qualified charitable distributions from retirement accounts.
- (3) Our primary activity in 2022-23 was to launch 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.
- (4) 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. Brad has asked to step down from this role after the 2023 meeting, although he would like to stay involved. We thank Brad immensely for his years of service and the great job that has made the auction such a success. The Program Committee also has been involved with planning and running the auction, and requested to pass this responsibility on to the Development Committee after the 2023 meeting. We will be looking for a person to take the lead on coordinating this activity.
- (5) During discussions considering possible committee activities, it became apparent that we did not have expertise or experience to solicit funds from outside of the ASM membership. We welcome additional members who could lead some of those activities, as well as any ideas or leads the membership would like to provide.

**Action Items:** None.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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