

Education and Graduate Students Committee

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Mission:

The Committee on Education and Graduate Students assists students of mammalogy in making informed choices of career, improving their scientific expertise, helping them locate funding for research, and finding employment in the discipline. To those ends, the committee prepares and distributes brochures, holds periodic workshops, provides evaluations of student presentations at the Annual Meeting, and conducts various mentoring/networking activities.

Information Items:

The need to support our student members, particularly first-time student member meeting attendees, is still a critical component of this committee, particularly as this population continues to grow.

(1) This year, at our annual meeting in Tucson, AZ, we had 55 ASM members submit 193 evaluations for 66 student oral presentations, 37 student posters, and 28 virtual presentations. Electronic signup and evaluation submissions allow for the timely sorting and returning evaluations to student presenters. Both poster and oral student presentations will again be an essential activity organized by the E&GS Committee at the 2023 ICM Annual Meeting in Anchorage, AK. We encourage all members with terminal degrees to help with evaluating presentations! We **NEED** you.

(2) The student social was a great success. Student attendees gathered after the Auction for the Future Mammalogists Fund for desserts and a cash bar.

(3) The “Meal with a Mammalogist” program is in its 28th year and remains popular among students. We hope to continue this program in Anchorage and have a “Meal with a Mammalogist” session focusing on undergraduates. We thank all the scientists who have participated in this program. In particular, we would like to thank the Mammalogists who participated in the program in 2022: Angela Darnell Baker, Kayce Bell, Roland Kays, Hayley Lanier, Susan Loeb, Sean P. Maher Marjorie Matocq, Melissa Merrick, Bret Pasch, Lorelei Patrick, Steve Sheffield, Aletris Neils, Paul Stapp, Johanna Varner. Special thanks to Elmer Fink and Jenny Duggan for organizing the program! We look forward to another exciting schedule in Anchorage, and as always, we welcome all who are interested in participating in “Meals with a Mammalogist!”

Action Items:

\$250 are requested to cover the costs of the “Meal with a Mammalogist” program (10 at \$25 ea.).

Respectfully submitted,
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