

Legislation and Regulations Committee

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Mission: The Legislation and Regulations Committee was formed in 1976 to monitor and provide input into the state and federal regulation and legislation process on such issues as endangered species, harvest regulations, and use of animals for experiments.

Information Items:

- (1) Adam Ferguson stepped down as Chair but will remain on the committee.
- (2) Richard Stevens assumed the position of Chair of the committee. President Lessa charged the committee with continuing their work but to focus on two areas. The first is to continue our work on understanding, interpreting and implementing guidelines of the Nagoya Protocol. The second is to figure out what we can do as a society to push back on the ever increasing limitations to scientific collecting that are being implemented at the state level, in particular as increased limitations placed on scientific collecting permits.
- (3) Richard Stevens met with Dr. John Dunnun, chair of the Systematic Collections committee to discuss ways that our two committees could work together to achieve goals involving limitations to scientific collecting at the state level. We discussed writing a manuscript for the Journal of Mammalogy that describes the problem, provides two case studies from New Mexico and Texas, illustrate the harm of limiting scientific collection, and provide guidelines to improve the situation. We are continuing discussions on this.

Action Items:

No budgetary requests are being made.

Respectfully submitted,

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