

## Membership Committee

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### **Mission:**

The Membership Committee tracks current membership trends in the Society and is involved with both membership recruitment and retention. In addition, the committee works with Christy Classi to correct membership bookkeeping problems that arise.

### **Information Items:**

- (1) The Committee is coordinating to support activities of the Education and Graduate Student Committee at the 2023 annual meeting to welcome new members and provide structure and support for first-time attendees.
- (2) Sean Maher and Amanda Cheeseman analyzed recent meetings compared to former meetings to assess if content has changed. They will present the data at the upcoming IMC in 2023.
- (3) We are exploring the possibility of an online newsletter to give out more information about members, mammals, and ASM. We hope this might be a recruitment and retention tool. Sean Maher has agreed to be the first editor of this newsletter.
- (6) Lori Patrick and Jenny Duggan developed a survey that was sent to members who did not renew their membership over the last three years. We are attempting to understand why retention of membership wanes after membership for 3 to 5 years.

### **Action Items:**

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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