

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:

Supporting 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 Anchorage, AK, we had 64 ASM members submit 301 evaluations for 129 student oral presentations, 69 student posters, and 31 virtual presentations (oral presentations and posters.) 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 encourage you to sign up, our student members **NEED** you.

(2) The “Meal with a Mammalogist” program is in its 29th year and remains popular among students. We hope to continue this program in Boulder 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 2023: Benjamin Allen, Dan Brooks, Siobhan Cooke, Mike Cove, Sue Fairbanks, Misty Haji-Sheikh, Rodrigo Hamede, Maria Luisa Jorge, Chris Kozak, Theresa Laverty, Burton Lim, Oliver Lindecke, Kate Lyons, Bill McShea, Jon Nations, Zaida Ortega, Melissa Pardi, Toni Piaggio, Brett Riddle, Dan Rubenstein, Amber Schlater, Steve Sheffield, Paul Stapp, Tom Tomasi, Nate Upham, Jo Varner, Ryan Wilson, John Yunger, Markus Zöttl. Special thanks to Elmer Fink and Jenny Duggan for organizing the program! We look forward to another exciting schedule in Boulder, and as always, we welcome all who are interested in participating in “Meals with a Mammalogist!”

Action Items:

The Education and Graduate Students Committee requests \$250 (25 @ \$10) to pay for meals of scientists participating in the Meal with a Mammalogist Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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