

## ASM Host Resolution – 2025

WHEREAS, this year’s meeting was held on the beautiful (but massive) campus of Purdue University where, according to the meeting logo, flying squirrels leap from tall clock towers to glide over the never-ending fields of corn in desperate search of trees on the Indiana plains; and,

WHEREAS, we had precisely 400 registrants, 194 (48.5%) being students, and 180 (45%) were 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees, 75 (19%) were 10+ years attendees and 29 (7.25%) international attendees representing 12 countries and the US; 280 abstracts were submitted, and the program included 3 symposia and 13 workshops; and,

WHEREAS, science and intellectual freedom in the United States is under an unprecedented assault, and the ASM recognizes that federally funded scientific research and study is a common public benefit and should not be politicized, attacked, nor frozen; and,

WHEREAS, now, in a time where science is under attack and where “alternative facts” abound, mammalogists everywhere “Stand Up for Science”, promote scientific research, and call for more (not less) scientific funding and peer-reviewed science; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists is being held on the ancestral homelands of the Potawatomi, Delaware, Miami, and Shawnee people, and that the science of mammalogy and our understanding of Indiana mammals is less rich because of Indigenous voices that have been excluded or lost; and,

WHEREAS, in Hollywood news, this just in – YouTube video sensation “If You Host It, They Will Come”, starring silver screen newcomers Liz Flaherty, Pat Zollner, and Rob Swihart, has garnered a lot of Hollywood buzz and is, in fact, the early front-runner for an Oscar in the Academy’s newest category - best short video promoting a scientific meeting; and,

WHEREAS, most toilet paper these days is 2-ply, and the cheap stuff is only 1-ply, but in an effort to reduce registration costs further, the Purdue Dorms went with 0.5-ply; and,

WHEREAS, while on campus, we learned a couple of interesting tidbits regarding the university - that the mascot of the Purdue Boilermakers, Purdue Pete, has a hat and mallet and is a pretty scary entity, and also that the most common joke on campus is to describe how a Boilermaker would make their way to IU, home of the Hoosiers – head south until you smell it, and then east until you step in it; and,

WHEREAS, lighting in the Memorial Union hotel prepared mammalian researchers for their nocturnal field work; and,

WHEREAS, during the opening student plenary session, our always inquisitive friend Tom Tomasi shattered the all-time career record for # of questions asked of speakers at ASM; and,

WHEREAS, for 104 years now, meeting hosts have not learned the art of efficient coffee break lines; well, there's always hope for next year in Norfolk, VA; and,

WHEREAS, our ASM Society Manager Christy Classi informed the Board of Directors that Doug Kelt would expire on 31 Dec; and,

WHEREAS, 1<sup>st</sup> Mexico, then Brazil, and sights set next on Australia and Japan – President Felisa Smith is implementing her ambitious plan for ASM global mammalian diplomacy (or is it global mammalian domination?); and,

WHEREAS, Annie Alexander Award winner Margaret Mercer found a mutual attraction between mesocarnivores and pumas, but wolves do their own thing; and,

WHEREAS, due to time constraints, one data set that Anna M. Jackson Award winner Lacy Todt did not cover in her excellent talk was that Arkansas black bears preferred Dunkin' donuts, whereas Mississippi black bears preferred Krispy Kremes; Louisiana Black bears, however, preferred beignets; and,

WHEREAS, the Elmer C. Birney Award winner Leo Khasoha taught us that diet breadth at the species level explains regional abundance of small mammals; but did he test the impact of donuts?; and,

WHEREAS, Shadle Fellowship winner Nicole Lopez showed that sexually-selected weaponry can be functional as a tool or as an effective signal, suggesting that, contrary to some politicians' claims, big signals are ineffective as tools; and,

WHEREAS, we learned from ASM Award winner Carson Hedberg that trophic rewilding is restoring key functions which have been lost; can we expect the trophic rewilding of the US Congress in the Nov 2026 elections? (PLEASE!!!); and,

WHEREAS, we applaud Murie Family Conservation Award winner Saeideh Esmaeili for overcoming international difficulties while completing her pioneering work on onager conservation in Iran

WHEREAS, C. Hart Merriam Award winner Felisa Keesing showed that bats are not important, but supporting students is; and,

WHEREAS, Joseph Grinnell Award winner Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell informed us that although *Peromyscus* have a limited vocabulary, even in these mice, females talk more than males; and,

WHEREAS, Aldo Leopold Award winner Matt Kauffman taught us that surfing the green wave results in fat mule deer with lots of kids; and,

WHEREAS, mammalogists staying in the dorms encountered unadjustable 8 ft shower heads meant for the Purdue men's basketball team; and,

WHEREAS, in order to better identify this rapidly growing demographic in the ASM membership, the Resolutions Comm proposes a new name tag ribbon – “retired”; and,

WHEREAS, President Felisa Smith’s streamlining processes, updating of by-laws, and committee reorganization all just led to the fastest Board Meeting (4.75 hrs) and Member’s Meeting (1 hr) in ASM history; and,

WHEREAS, during the Mac McIntyre Auction, which raised \$8500 for the Future Mammalogists fund, Program Chair John Hanson let it slip that some Past Presidents are more important than others; and,

WHEREAS, the ever-astute incoming ASM President John Koprowski pointed out to the audience that ornithologists are way ahead of mammalogists when it comes to migration stopover research, but are lagging far behind on lactational research; and,

WHEREAS, most mammalogists housed on the fourth and fifth floors of the Union Club Hotel improved their skills at maze running; some poor souls, however, were left to wander the hallways for eternity; and,

WHEREAS, only the long-time attendees who remember the printed programs complained about the size of the registration bag; and,

WHEREAS, the announcement of the 2027 annual meeting in Grand Rapids, MI, known as “Beer City USA”, resulted in an immediate call by members for availability of early registration for this meeting; and,

WHEREAS, SnapShot USA set a new standard in symposium advertisement by having their project mentioned in about half the talks outside the symposium; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to get members to meet the daily 10,000 step requirement, the dorms were placed at the opposite end of campus from the Union; and,

WHEREAS, following the picnic at the Wright Center, the last few mammalogists demonstrated spontaneous cooperative behavior to help break down the tables and chairs; and,

WHEREAS, only 2 people didn’t survive the ASM picnic “death march” hike; and,

WHEREAS, the local hosts failed to teach the Purdue Conferences team that the term “mammalogist” has two a’s and only one o; and,

WHEREAS, with a notable increase in cloth posters, combined with the Program Committee’s interest in scientific program innovations, at next year’s meeting, cloth posters will be worn as capes thus establishing the ASM’s first mobile poster presentation; and,

WHEREAS, the meeting venue provided ample opportunities to see and appreciate urban wildlife such as gray squirrels, E chipmunks, American robins, mourning doves, Carolina chickadees, chipping and house sparrows, chimney swifts and common nighthawks, and turkey vultures were abundant, and the weather was rain-free, sunny, hot, and especially humid,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Society of Mammalogists, meeting at their 104<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at Purdue University, 27 June – 1 July 2025, heartily thank our great Office Manager Christy Classi, our Meeting Coordinator Kerrell Dunsmore and her staff Kevin Kowalczyk and Nathan Sharpe, John Hanson and the Program Committee, and of course the Purdue University local committee led by Liz Flaherty, Pat Zollner, and Rob Swihart, with support from Grace Allender from Purdue Conferences, and students Beca Appelmann, Sarah Baker, Rachel Brant, Jonathan Brooks, Julia-Buchanan-Schwanke, Deron Clark, Jong Yoon Jeon, Laila Klang, Jacob Martinez, Brian MacGowan, Elizabeth Nojd, and Brad Westrich for all of their efforts in planning, organizing, and carrying out this incredibly successful scientific meeting, which allowed us to see our friends and colleagues, meet new friends and colleagues, learn new things, find new opportunities, and enjoy a fun, productive, and memorable experience.

WHEREAS, mammalogists had a true hands-on experience at the opening social reception when knives and forks were omitted from the table utensils – no doubt to keep the cost of the meeting “cheap”; and,

[WHEREAS, ASM recently received a formal 3 separate calls from an individual who petitioned for the name of a group of beavers, currently known as colonies or families, to henceforth be referred to as a “union” based on the fact that they work together and it just makes sense; oh, and by the way, some of us might want some of what this guy was smoking; and,!]

(Funny terms/phrases)

Not to be undone, . . . .

The 100 men vs 1 gorilla challenge

Psy-ops

Elon Musk brain chip (Neuralink)

Doom-scrolling

Genius Bar

Neck tattoo

TikTok videos

Push alerts

March Mammal Madness

Leaning in on something

RFK Jr and his brain worm!

Peloton

GrubHub

Fever dream

HOT ones!

NYC mayor Eric Adams convening a 1<sup>st</sup> ever National Rat Summit 18-19 Sept 2024 to discuss mgmt. of urban rat pops; Adams hired a “Rat Czar” (Kathleen Corradi) in Apr 2023