

Systematics Collections Committee

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Mission:

The Systematic Collections Committee advises curators worldwide in matters relating to collection administration, curation, and accreditation, and maintains a directory of mammal collections. The Committee also surveys existing collections approximately once each decade and maintains a list of curatorial standards for managing a collection-accreditation program under the auspices of the Society.

Information Items:

- (1)** The major accomplishment of the committee this past year has been the publication of the survey of mammal collections that has been the focus of the committee's attention for five years. The final report, Mammal collections of the Western Hemisphere: a survey and directory of collections, was published in the December 2018 issue (99:1307-1322) of the Journal of Mammalogy. It is available as a pdf file combining the publication and all supplementary data for download through the committee's webpage. Special thanks are owed to Jon Dunnun and Bryan McLean, as well as the entire committee for their contribution in seeing this survey through to completion. We also thank Ed Heske and Paul Stapp for their assistance in getting the manuscript processed before the end of 2018, as well as making it available as an Open Access article and funding its publication.
- (2)** The ASM Curatorial Standards for Genetic Resources Collections was approved by email ballot by the ASM Board of Directors in August of 2018. The decision on how to publish the standards was not resolved by the end of 2018. The options were to present the standards as part of a separate paper submitted to the Journal of Mammalogy, or simply as an announcement in the Journal of Mammalogy. The committee plans to get this completed soon.
- (3)** The committee anticipates conducting site visits for accreditation before the end of 2019 and requests a renewal of the \$2000 budget approved last year.
- (4)** We thank the following members who have served the committee and ASM for many years but have resigned from the committee in 2018: John Demboski, Jake Esselstyn, Paula Holahan and Thor Holmes.

(5) Robert Dowler is planning to step down as Chair of the committee at the annual meeting in Washington, D. C. Jon Dunnum has agreed to take on the responsibilities as Chair, assuming approval by the ASM President.

Action Items:

(1) The Committee requests a continuation of an annual budget of \$2000 in 2020 to assist with travel costs for up to three site visits of mammal collections and genetic resources for the accreditation programs.

Proposed budget:	
Travel for 2 persons/site visit (airfare or car).....	\$1200
Hotel accommodations as needed.....	600
Food.....	<u>200</u>
Total	\$2000

Respectfully submitted,
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