

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 Boulder, CO, we had 58 ASM members submit 252 evaluations for 146 student presentations, 91 oral presentations, and 55 posters. Electronic signup and evaluation submissions allow for the timely sorting and returning of evaluations to student presenters. Both poster and oral student presentations will again be an essential activity organized by the E&GS Committee at the 2025 Annual Meeting in West Lafayette, IN. 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 30th year and remains popular amongst students. We hope to continue this program in West Lafayette 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 2024: Kayce Bell, Sabuj Bhattacharyya, Mike Cove, Jocelyn Colella, Alexandra DeCandia, Jenny Duggan, Marissa Dyck, Kurt Galbreath, Enrique Lessa, Bret Pasch, Sean Maher, Stephen Mech, Virginia Naples, Jon Nations, Lorelei Patrick, Noe de la Sancha, Steve Sheffield, Tom Tomasi, and Jo Varner. Special thanks to Jenny Duggan, Elmer Fink, and Hilary Rinsland for organizing the program! We look forward to another exciting schedule at Purdue, and as always, we welcome all who are interested in participating in “Meals with a Mammalogist!”

Action Items:

(1) 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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