EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

Local Committee: Betsy Dumont (Co-Chair), Ginny Hayssen (Co-Chair), Barry Braun (Gordon Kirkland Memorial Run/Walk), Diane Kelly (Auction coordinator), Eric Dewar (AV crew coordinator), Todd Fuller (On-site poster coordinator), Steve Rich (Beer coordinator), Kate Doyle (Vendor coordinator), Sean Werle (PowerPoint coordinator), Leann Kanda (Sign coordinator), (Anne Walton) Local information. Volunteers: Liz Andrews, Emily Curd, Gaston Gutierrez, Stacy Horomanski, Norm Johnson, Tanya Karst, Michelle Lai, Tom Maier, Else McMahon, Cristina Morales, Dana Moseley, Collete Roy, Sharlene Santana, Britni Steingard, Jennifer Strules, Alex Tolleson, Brenda Whitehead, Rosalind Yanishnevsky, and Shinae Yoon.

Members were notified by e-mail of on-line access to the Program before the meeting and abstracts for papers presented were provided to members attending the meeting. Abridged minutes of the directors’ and members’ meetings follow.

ABRIDGED MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meetings were held between 0902 and 1710 h on 17 June 2006 and between 1240 and 1415 h on 20 June 2006. The meetings were attended by 28 and 27 Officers and Directors and 22 and 21 invited guests, respectively. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Reports were read, accepted, or otherwise acted upon from the President, the Recording Secretary, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Trustees, Publications, Ombudsman, Animal Care and Use, Historian/Archives, Checklist, Conservation, Conservation Awards, Coordination, Development, Education and Graduate Students, Grants-in-Aid, Grinnell Award, Honoraria, Honorary Membership, Human Diversity, Informatics, International Relations, Jackson Award, Latin American Fellowship, Legislation and Regulations, Mammal Images Library, Marine Mammals, Membership, Merriam Award, Nomenclature, Planning and Finance, Program, Public Education, Public Relations, Resolutions, and Systematic Collections standing committees; and from the ad hoc AIBS-ASM Graduate Student Public Policy Internship Committee, the ad hoc Committee on Information Coordination, and from the ASM representatives to other organizations.

Actions of interest to the membership were: announcement by the Secretary-Treasurer that we have 3,547 members (including 2,653 Annual, 658 Life, 65 Patron, 158 Emeritus, and 13 Honorary Members) and that subscriptions to the Journal of Mammalogy totaled 931; recommendation of 335 new nominees for membership, and termination of membership for 242 individuals; announcement that there were 12 members who reinstated membership, 6 resignations, 9 deaths, 13 persons completing Life Membership payments, and 1 completing Patron Membership payments; notification that as of 31 December 2005 the operating account of the Society had a balance of $48,628.77, with revenues of $168,845.02 and expenditures of $179,252.94 and no transfers from the Reserve Fund during the course of the year; notification that the Future Mammalogists Fund increased by $7,370.50, the Latin American Student Field Mammalogy Fund took in $1,670.00, the ASM General Contribution Fund received $14,551.71, including $13,584.78 in proceeds from the 2005 annual meeting at Southwest Missouri State University, and the ASM Century Fund received $500 in donations; acceptance with thanks for the report of the Secretary-Treasurer; and nomination of Terry Yates to another three-year term as Trustee; notice from the Trustees that the value of the Society’s net reserve principle was $2,904,853 as of 31 December 2005; notice from the Trustees that the value of the Society’s Pooled Income Fund was currently $46,666; election of Terry Yates to another three-year term as Trustee of the Pooled Income Fund; acceptance with thanks of the Trustees’ report; extension of enthusiastic thanks to outgoing Journal Editor Barbara Blake, Associate Editors Eric Rickart, Nancy Solomon, and Butch Wecerker, Special Features Editor for the Journal of Mammalogy Ed Heske, and Editor for Mammalian Species Ginny Hayssen, as well as Mammalian Species Associate Editor Betty McGuire; approval of Ed Heske as Journal Editor, Mark Hafner, Eileen Lacey, and Richard Sweitzer as Associate Editors, and Barbara Blake as Special Features Editor for the Journal of Mammalogy; Meredith Hamilton as Editor for Mammalian Species and Eric Rickart as Associate Editor for Mammalian Species.

The following budget for general expenses in 2006 was adopted: $22,320 for committees; $2,000 honorarium for the Secretary-Treasurer; $69,000 editorial honoraria, editorial expenses (including transfer of the Journal Editor’s office), and commissioned articles; $12,000 for A.M. & M. Services; $8,200 for on-line member services; $60,500 Grants-in-Aid; $3,450 for Student Honoraria; $7,500 for Latin American Student Field Mammalogy Award; $18,000 for ASM Graduate Fellowship; $7,000 for the Oliver P. Pearson Award; $850 for Conservation Awards; $250 AAZN dues; $300 AIBS dues and $6,500 contribution to support the AIBS public policy office;