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NINETIETH ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, LARAMIE, WYOMING

Local Committee: Liz Flaherty and Merav Ben-David (Local Committee Co-Chairs), Celeste Havener (accounting), Alison Lebeda (administrative assistance), Wally van Sickle (artwork), Elizabeth Rahel (artistic design), Douglas Smith (pre-conference field trips), Jason Lillegraven, Gary Beauvais, and Douglas Keinath (post-conference field trips), Jonathan Pauli, Benjamin Pauli, and John Whiteman (Run for Research), Matthew Kauffman (donations), Wendy Estes-Zumpf (vendors), Winston Smith and Jacob Goheen (student fellowships), University of Wyoming Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society (logistics).

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 0900 and 1827 on 11 June 2010 and between 1238 and 1516 on 14 June 2010. The meetings were attended by 28 and 31 Officers and Directors and 19 and 9 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, Ombudspersons, 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; the *ad hoc* AIBS-ASM Graduate Student Public Policy Internship Committee, the *ad hoc* Committee on Recommended Guidelines for Handling Rodents in the Field; and the *ad hoc* Committee to Evaluate Elections Procedures, and from the ASM representatives to other organizations.

Actions of interest to the membership were: announcement by the Secretary-Treasurer that we have 2,661 members (including 1853 Annual, 617 Life, 60 Patron, 114 Emeritus, and 17 Honorary Members) and that subscriptions to the *Journal of Mammalogy* totaled 629; recommendation of 235 new nominees for membership, and termination of 467 individuals; announcement that there were 60 members who reinstated membership, 3

resignations, 9 deaths, and 11 persons completing Life Membership payments; notification that in 2009 the Future Mammalogists Fund received contributions of \$10,158.00, the Latin American Student Field Mammalogy Fund took in \$5,405.00, the ASM General Contribution Fund received \$2,901.00; the Oliver Pearson Fund received \$970.00, and the ASM Century Fund received \$1,400.00; acceptance with thanks for the report of the Secretary-Treasurer; reconfirmation of Ron Van Den Bussche as Secretary-Treasurer; notice from the Trustees that the value of the Society's net reserve principle was \$2,859,233.36 as of 31 December 2009 and the value of the Society's Pooled Income Fund was \$40,493.00 as of 31 December 2009; election of Fi Choate to a one year term as a Trustee as a Trustee for the Society; acceptance with thanks of the Trustees' report; thanks to outgoing Associate Editors Mark Hafner, Marty Main, Rodrigo Medellín, Eileen Lacey, Rick Sweitzer, and John Yunger and appointment of four new Associate Editors Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell, Christine Maher, Michael Steele, and Bradley Swanson to the *Journal of Mammalogy*; and the reconfirmation of Ron Barry, as *Journal* Editor.

The following budget for general expenses in 2010 was adopted: \$32,728.00 for committees; \$1,500 for support of the Secretary-Treasurer's office and a \$2,000 honorarium to the Secretary-Treasurer; \$46,000 editorial honoraria and editorial expenses; \$45,130 for A.M. & M. Services; \$1,030 for on-line member services; \$50,000 Grants-in-Aid; \$4,000 for Student Honoraria; \$7,500 for Latin American Field Mammalogy Awards; \$12,500 for ASM Graduate Fellowship; \$7,000 for Oliver P. Pearson Award; \$2,500 for Conservation Awards; \$2,300 for Grinnell Award; \$150 for Jackson Award, and \$2,060 for Merriam Award; \$250 AAZN dues; \$200 AIBS dues, and \$6,500 contribution to support the AIBS public policy office; \$1000 SCAW dues, and \$2,100 to send a representative to the SCAW meeting; \$150 PRIM&R dues, and \$800 to send a representative to the PRIM&R meeting; \$100 NSCA dues; \$550 IUCN dues; \$1,000 indemnity/liability insurance, \$6,500 for audit/tax preparation and \$350 for bank fees; \$3,000 Executive Committee; \$3,500 President's contingency fund; transfer of \$128,638 from the Reserve Fund brought the estimated expenses and income both to \$342,632.00.

ABRIDGED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The 1st session was called to order at 1021 and was recessed at 1201 on 13 June 2010 and the second was called to order at 1030 and adjourned at 1216 on 14 June 2010.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as published in abridged form in the *Journal of Mammalogy* and as approved by the Directors and Officers. Abridged minutes of the first Board Meeting were read. Reports were presented in oral and/or written form from the President for the Executive Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the Trustees, standing committees, *ad hoc* committees and ASM representatives to other organizations.

Actions of interest to members were: acceptance of 235 new members, reinstatement of 60 members, and dropping of 467 members delinquent in dues payment; election of President-Elect, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and 6 Directors, including 1 Student Director (new officers and directors listed on page [need to fill in journal page]); election by acclamation of Alfred L. Gardner to Honorary Membership; notification that the 2011 annual meetings are scheduled from 24–29 June at Portland State University, Portland Oregon, which will be a joint meeting with the Australian Mammal Society; announcement at the Banquet that Grants-in-Aid had been awarded to: Katherine Brooks (University of Chicago); B. Elizabeth Horner Award; Elizabeth Braun de Torrez (Boston University); Lynne Burns (Dalhousie University); Katy Califf (Michigan State University); Gerald Carter (University of Maryland); Amanda Chappell (University of Louisiana at Monroe); Stephen Chester (Yale University); Laura Cisneros (University of Connecticut); Rachel Crowhurst (Oregon State University); Anna Czupryna (University of Illinois at Chicago); Juan Diaz-N (University of Minnesota); Mark Ditmer (University of Minnesota); Mark Elbroch (University of California, Davis); Matthew Fuxjager (University of Wisconsin); Ashley Gramza (Colorado State University); Angela Hornsby (University of Nevada, Reno); Chun Chia Huang (Texas Tech University); Nikhil Lobo (University of Western Ontario); Eve McCulloch (Louisiana State University); Rachel Menegaz (University of Missouri); Melissa Merrick (University of Arizona); Javier Monzon (Stony Brook University); Heather More (Simon Fraser University); Sean Neiswenter (University of Nevada, Las Vegas); Kendra Phelps (Texas Tech University); Miguel Pinto (American Museum of Natural History); Monica Lynn Stewart (University of Louisiana at Monroe); Alexandra Swanson (University of Minnesota); Cody Thompson (Texas Tech University); Nathan Upham (University of Chicago); Mrinalini Watsa (Washington University in Saint Louis); and Aryn Wilder (Boston University). The recipient of the ASM Fellowship in Mammalogy, Peter Larsen (Texas Tech University) and the nominee for the Albert R. and Alma Shadle Fellowship in Mammalogy, Bret Pasch (University of Florida) were announced at the banquet.

The Anna M. Jackson Award went to Michael D. Dixon (University of Minnesota), the A. Brazier Howell Award to Jonathan D. Reichard (Boston University), and the Elmer C. Birney Award to Thomas C. Giarla (University of Minnesota). An ASM Undergraduate Award was presented to Jeremy E. Wilkinson (Oklahoma State University). The following awards were announced at the annual banquet: Latin

American Student Field Research Awards to: Nicté Ordóñez-Garza (Texas Tech University); Cristina Jasso del Toro (National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)); Rosa Raquel Jessen (The University of Arizona, Tucson); Mariano Soley (City University of New York); the Joseph Grinnell Award for Excellence in Education in Mammalogy to Enrique P. Lessa (Universidad de la Republica Montevideo, Uruguay); the Hartley H. T. Jackson Award to Thomas J. (“Mac”) McIntyre; the C. Hart Merriam Award to Gerardo Ceballos (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico); the Oliver P. Pearson Award to Ana Paula Cutrera (National University of Mar del Plata, Argentina); and the Aldo Leopold Award to Herbert Prins (Wageningen University, the Netherlands).

The following resolutions were adopted:

CONSERVATION OF ENDEMIC MAMMALS ON COZUMEL ISLAND, MEXICO

WHEREAS, the American Society of Mammalogists is concerned with the welfare of wild mammals worldwide, and strongly supports conservation of mammals and their responsible use based on sound scientific research; and,

WHEREAS, the 7 mammal species that are endemic to Cozumel Island, Mexico — Cozumel opossum (*Didelphis marsupialis cozumelae*), Cozumel harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys spectabilis*), Cozumel rice rat (*Oryzomys couesi cozumelae*), Cozumel deer mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus cozumelae*), pygmy raccoon (*Procyon pygmaeus*), dwarf coati (*Nasua nelsoni*) and pygmy collared peccary (*Pecari tajacu nanus*; Cuarón et al. 2004; Cuarón 2009; de Villa-Meza et al. in press; Gompper et al. 2006; McFadden 2004; McFadden et al. 2008; McFadden et al. 2010; Valenzuela 2005a, Valenzuela 2005b; Vega et al. 2007) — all face serious conservation threats and most are listed as threatened or endangered (Cuarón 2009; Cuarón et al. 2009; IUCN 2010; SEMARNAT 2002; and,

WHEREAS, substantial natural vegetation occurs on Cozumel Island, with close to 90% of the island covered by semi-evergreen tropical forest, semi-deciduous tropical forest, mangrove forest, and other coastal vegetation (Cuarón 2009; Romero-Nájera 2004; Romero-Nájera et al. 2007); and,

WHEREAS, results from trapping and other sampling efforts conducted on the island since 1994 have demonstrated that the population numbers of all Cozumel endemic mammals are extremely low and in decline, and that there is considerable spatial and temporal variation in abundance, making them exceptionally vulnerable to extirpation (Copa 2007; Cuarón et al. 2004; Cuarón et al. 2009; Fortes 2004; Fuentes-Montemayor et al. 2009; García-Vasco 2005; Gutiérrez-Granados 2003; McFadden et al. 2010; Sotomayor 2009); and,

WHEREAS, the long-term survival of endemic mammals of Cozumel is threatened by land-cover changes resulting from tourism and other development projects with substantial environmental impacts, in particular, the construction and widening of roads and other linear landscape features such as

air strips and fire breaks, which cause habitat fragmentation and create edge effects, create barriers to movement, and facilitate the dispersal of exotic species (Barillas 2007; Bautista 2006; Cuarón et al. 2009; Fuentes-Montemayor et al. 2009; Perdomo 2006); and,

WHEREAS, Cozumel endemic mammals are particularly vulnerable to predation by and competition with introduced species such as boas (*Boa constrictor*), feral dogs (*Canis familiaris*) and cats (*Felis catus*), house mice (*Mus musculus*), and rats (*Rattus rattus*), which are abundant and widespread on the island (Bautista, 2006; Cuarón et al. 2009; Martínez-Morales and Cuarón 1999; Romero-Nájera et al. 2007; Sotomayor 2009; Torres 2006); and,

WHEREAS, endemic mammals on Cozumel are at increasing risk from introduced, non-native animals carrying pathogens and parasites such as canine hepatitis, canine distemper, feline panleukopenia toxoplasmosis, and leptospirosis from non-native animals (Cuarón et al. 2009; McFadden et al. 2005; Mena 2007; Sotomayor 2009); and,

WHEREAS, Cozumel Island is recurrently affected by hurricanes, which are predicted to increase as a result of climate change (Cuarón 2009; Martínez-Morales 1996; Webster et al. 2005), and because hurricanes can reduce or alter habitat thereby having major negative effects on endemic mammals of Cozumel (Copa 2007; Cuarón et al. 2009; Martínez-Morales et al. 2009; Perdomo 2006; and,

WHEREAS, the *Ley General de Vida Silvestre* (LGVS) provides complete legal protection to mangrove ecosystems in Mexico, while the NOM-022-SEMARNAT-2004 provides the legal opportunity for reforesting mangrove areas as a mitigating practice for projects that destroy mangrove areas, contravening the *Ley General del Equilibrio Ecológico y Protección al Ambiente* (LGEEPA) and the *Ley General de Vida Silvestre*; and,

WHEREAS, scientists, experts, and citizens participating in the *Encuentro Nacional para la Conservación y el Desarrollo Sustentable de las Islas de México* (National Meeting for the Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mexican Islands) held 23–26 June 2009 in Ensenada, Mexico, issued the Ensenada Declaration calling on Mexican Legislative Chambers, Municipal, State and Federal governments to undertake a series of critical and priority actions for the conservation and sustainable development of Mexican islands, including the establishment of new protected areas on Cozumel Island and new regulations for the eradication and control of exotic species on islands; and,

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Zero Extinction – México (AZE-México) met 8–11 June 2010 on Cozumel Island, Mexico, and issued the Cozumel Declaration urging Cozumel Municipal, Quintana Roo State, and Mexican Federal governments to expand and reinforce conservation efforts to protect the unique biota of Cozumel Island, also calling for the establishment of new protected areas and control of exotic species on the island; and,

WHEREAS, the Mexican Society for the Study of Mammals (AMMAC) will meet 21–24 September 2010 in Guanajuato, Mexico, and intends to address the issue of the conservation of endemic mammals on Cozumel Island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Society of Mammalogists, meeting at its 90th Annual Meeting at the University Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, 11–15 June 2010; 1) urges the continued development of conservation plans and actions for the conservation of endemic mammals on Cozumel Island to ensure their long-term survival, 2) endorses the establishment of new protected areas, particularly on the terrestrial portion of Cozumel, and encourages municipal, state and federal governments, as well as other involved stakeholders, to complete the necessary work for the establishment of these protected areas as soon as possible, 3) supports the maintenance and strengthening of *Ley General de Vida Silvestre* to protect and conserve mangrove areas in Mexico, 4) congratulates the Mexican Federal Legislative Chambers for passing this important law, and 5) encourages that the Cozumel Municipal, Quintana Roo State, and Mexican Federal governments to expand their efforts in promoting sustainable development on Cozumel Island based on the protection and conservation of its unique mammalian fauna and other natural resources, to control and eradicate introduced species, and to support the efforts of academic and non-governmental organizations, and the people of Cozumel at large, to achieve this important goal.

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Host Resolution American Society of Mammalogists Annual Meeting

WHEREAS, the 90th annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists was held at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, 11–15 June, 2010; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival, President Sue McLaren promptly rented a full-sized Chevy Silverado in order to fit in better around campus, but was immediately pulled over by the Laramie police for driving a pick-up without a gun rack; and

WHEREAS, we congratulate President McLaren for presiding over the first Board meeting that has been given its own place on the Geologic Time Scale; and

WHEREAS, the ominous rumbling that pervaded the Board meeting was not an approaching tornado, just Hugh Genoways snoring in the back row; and

WHEREAS, we lost Jackson Award winner Michael Dixon to the Deepwater Horizon clean-up effort, but we applaud BP for their foresighted back-up plan to protect the many walruses in the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the hail, rain, and threat of snow in June had many mammalogists reminiscing about warmer venues...like Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in her welcoming comments, Merav Ben-David appointed Winston Smith official punching bag of the 2010 ASM meeting, and we feel this should hereafter be an annually elected position; and

WHEREAS, Tom Giarla revealed that when it comes to expanding your range, what's in your genes explains a lot; Jonathan Reichard showed us that hot bats = cool science, and led many mammalogists to start flapping their arms when the temperature in meeting rooms soared; Brandi Coyner taught us that when your data don't uncover a clear phylogeny, go back and re-identify your samples; and Jonathan Pauli discovered the hard way that Macs are smarter than PCs: they freeze up when you attempt to discuss models with a $\Delta AIC > 6.9$; and

WHEREAS, Star Wars fans on the local committee thought that waving a toy light saber would intimidate a rambling speaker more than a scowling moderator; and

WHEREAS, Felisa Smith revealed that we shouldn't fear climate change from anthropogenic CO₂ emissions, they are just compensating for all those missing mammoth and bison burps; and

WHEREAS, Merav Ben-David supplied voodoo poster boards that, if you stick a pin in them, will cause Liz Flaherty to suffer a pain in the wallet; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming solved the perennial problem of too-small bath towels in the dorms...by not providing any; and

WHEREAS, dorm residents needed a key card to get into the bathrooms. Luckily, they worked quickly; and

WHEREAS, getting into the spirit of the World Cup, urinals in the Student Union men's rooms were equipped with tiny soccer goals, prompting many loud shouts of "GOOOOOAAAAAL!;" and

WHEREAS, the ASM officers were safely protected from the rowdy crowds at the Members' Meeting by a deep pitfall trap, which almost captured Hugh Genoways. Good thing it was "almost," as we could only archive a paper copy; and

WHEREAS, the Run for Research was patrolled by ambulances to pick up the victims of hypoxia and hypothermia; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Wyoming's bucking bronco, a new fund-raising event will be held at future meetings: Bull Riding for Research; and

WHEREAS, mammalogists were relieved to see that the bus ride to the Wyoming Territorial Prison really was round-trip; and

WHEREAS, the sun came out for the picnic, but the beer went away, leaving mammalogists dreaming of "Beervana;" and

WHEREAS, the picnic was hosted by a local microbrewery that was so proud of their beer, they served us lemonade; and

WHEREAS, while in downtown Laramie, mammalogists discovered yet another reason to conduct research in "The Library;" and

WHEREAS, Grinnell Award winner Dave Armstrong informed us that "liberal arts" is not the opposite of "conservative arts," but given the current state of education funding, it might be expedient to at least call it "center-right arts;" and

WHEREAS, Helene Marsh showed us the cultural benefits of traditional hunting, attendees at next year's ASM meeting will be

issued a Sherman trap and asked to provide their own banquet entrée; and

WHEREAS, Merriam Award winner Rick Ostfeld opted to keep the bronze bison instead of swapping for the alternative prize of a free post-conference quail hunting trip with Wyoming resident and philanthropist, Dick Cheney; and

WHEREAS, the local committee neglected to allocate 6 speaker slots for the 2nd plenary session: 3 for the speakers and 3 for Mike Mares; and

WHEREAS, the group photo involved herding mammalogists into an extreme clumped distribution, which temporarily became the most densely populated area in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, graffiti on the Biological Sciences Bldg alerted ASM members to the possible presence of a mongoose on the quad, delaying the start of several committee meetings as members rushed to prepare their live traps and hair snares; and,

WHEREAS, speakers at the stable isotope symposium showed us that you are what you eat...sometimes, for a while, if you are one of "those things with feathers;" and

WHEREAS, University President Dr. Thomas Buchanan informed us that Wyoming still has its full complement of native mammals, we wonder if the local committee was trying to pad the list by using a bonneted bat, manatee, and jaguar on their t-shirts and program; and

WHEREAS, it's probably just a coincidence, but the clouds parted and foul weather cleared up shortly after the society elected God wanna-be Ed Heske to President-elect; and

WHEREAS, family and friends gathered to remember the warmth, selflessness, humor, and plain good sense of Trustee and Honorary Member Jerry Choate, who we will sorely miss; and

WHEREAS, we welcome Vi Choate as our newest Trustee, and hope she will be practicing "the look" to help keep any profligate Board Members in line;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Society of Mammalogists meeting at their 90th annual meeting at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, 11–15 June 2010, heartily thank Merav Ben-David, Liz Fleharty, the local committee, and the Brown and Gold for putting on a solid gold, gold-medal worthy annual meeting that was so nearly perfect the Resolutions Committee nearly abandoned the idea of a Host Resolution (but we rose to the occasion).