

Animal Care and Use Committee

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Mission:

The ACUC serves as a resource for issues concerning the use of animals in research. The committee maintains information on the ASM website regarding animal use and compliance, and regularly publishes revised guidelines. The committee responds to inquiries from Society members, IACUC staff, government, and other agencies regarding appropriate use of wild mammals in research. We provide comments on proposed changes to animal use regulations, and work to facilitate appropriate oversight of the use of wild mammals in research. Over the past 15 years the ACUC has become increasingly recognized for its proactive educational efforts aimed at improving understanding of oversight and regulatory personnel regarding the unique aspects of research with wild mammals.

Information Items – July 2022 to date:

1) The various iterations of the ASM guidelines continue to serve as the standard for oversight of research involving wild mammals.

Specific activities by committee members:

2) ASM ACUC member John Bryan serves as the ASM Delegate to AAALAC International.

3) ASM ACUC member John Bryan serves on the Public Responsibility In Medicine & Research (PRIM&R) Annual IACUC Conference Content/Planning Committee.

4) ASM ACUC member John Bryan continues to serve as faculty with the Interagency Collaborative Animal Research Education (ICARE) Project; an effort that is part of the National Institutes of Health, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare.

5) ASM ACUC member John Bryan continues to serve as faculty with the IACUC 101; a non-profit organization that promotes educational programs concerning animal welfare.

6) As Vice-President of the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (AAWV), John Bryan is currently revising and updating the AAWV Position Statement on the use of wildlife in research.

7) ACUC committee member Robert Sikes continues to serve on AAALAC International's Council on Accreditation. Inclusion in this organization provides a critical additional voice within AAALAC International for field-oriented use of mammals in research and teaching.

8) ACUC member Robert Sikes continues to serve as a member of the Standing Committee on the Care and Use of Animals in Research of the National Academy of Sciences.

9) ACUC member Robert Sikes and ASM past president Douglas Kelt presented multiple talks at a conference on oversight challenges with Wildlife at Javeriana University, Bogota, Colombia in August 2023.

11) ACUC members John Bryan and Robert Sikes each provided multiple presentations at the December 2022 virtual meeting of PRIM&R on IACUC activities involving wildlife.

12) ACUC member Robert Sikes made two presentations regarding IACUC activities and wildlife at the SCAW annual meeting in San Antonio, TX in December of 2022.

13) ACUC member Robert Sikes presented multiple talks and served as a consultant to organizations in Colombia on issues concerning ethical oversight of wildlife research in March 2023.

14) The ACUC guideline revision is in the works to incorporate recent changes in the animal care and use environment, advances in capture and handling techniques, insights gained from the 2022 ILAR wildlife workshop, and upcoming wildlife-focused ILAR listening sessions on revisions of the *ILAR Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*.

Action Items:

NONE

Budget Request

AAALAC International

\$ 1,800.00 Travel to AAALAC Board of Trustees/Delegates Meeting (transportation and lodging, 3 nights)

\$ 1,800.00

Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW)

\$ 1,000.00 SCAW (Institutional membership)

\$ 1,800.00 Transportation and lodging, 3 nights

\$ 2,800.00

PRIM&R (Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research)

\$ 500.00 Registration, Annual Meeting

\$ 3,850.00 Transportation and lodging will fund 2 members for 3 nights.

NOTE—funds for second ACUC member to be used only if both serve as PRIM&R faculty

\$ 4,350.00

TOTAL REQUEST

\$ 8,950.00

Respectfully submitted,

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