

Nomenclature Committee Annual Report—2023-2024

Committee Members:

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Mission:

Established in 1928, the Nomenclature Committee provides advice to Society members on problems regarding taxonomy and nomenclature.

Responsibilities:

- Acts in an advisory role and provides support to the American Association of Zoological Nomenclature.
- Provides advice and guidance to Society members regarding questions on taxonomy and nomenclature.
- Informs membership of rulings of the International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN), which affect mammalian nomenclature.
- Provides an opinion on the effect of rulings by the ICZN on taxonomic practices when requested.

Information Items:

- (1) The Committee has assisted the Editor of the Journal of Mammalogy with manuscripts involving descriptions of new species as well as those containing extensive taxonomic revisions.
- (2) The Committee also has reviewed synonymies and nomenclature for Mammalian Species.
- (3) The Committee has fielded questions from ASM members at large as well as non-members, in questions related to mammalian taxonomy.
- (4) A manuscript was submitted to the Journal of Mammalogy based in part on the discussions held at a workshop during the 2022 meeting in Tucson titled “Describing a new species of mammal and constructing a synonymy.” This effort is being spearheaded by past committee chair Norris, past ASM President Timm, and current committee chair Ruedas. A final editorial decision remains outstanding as of this writing, but reviews were addressed and the manuscript resubmitted.
- (5) The Committee continues to field requests for information from the Publications Committee and via the ASM website.

Respectfully submitted,
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