

## **Animal Care and Use Committee**

**Committee Members:** J. A. Bryan, II, B. Danielson, L. Dolan, W. L. Gannon, B. R. Jesmer, E. A. Lacey (Co-Chair), S. C. Loeb, D. K. Odell, L. E. Olson, R. S. Sikes (Co-Chair), R. D. Stevens, R. M. Timm

### **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 publishes revised guidelines regularly. 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 2020 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) ACUC Co-Chair 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.

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

(4) ACUC member Tracy Thompson served on the PRIM&R planning committee up to and through the 2021 PRIM&R meeting. Her representation on this committee as a voice for wildlife in planning the annual PRIM&R IACUC conferences will be missed.

(5) ACUC Co-Chair Robert Sikes presented a session on the oversight of wildlife studies to veterinarians preparing for ACAW Board Exams in April 2020.

(6) ACUC member John A. Bryan, II presented *IACUC Basics for the Use of Wildlife in Research and Education* for PRIM&R, June 2020.

(7) ACUC Co-Chair Robert Sikes was selected as a member of the newly formed Standing Committee on the Care and Use of Animals in Research of the National Academy of Sciences.

**Action Items:** None

**Budget Request**

AAALAC International

\$ 1,500.00 Travel to AAALAC Board of Trustees/Delegates Meeting (transportation and lodging, 3 nights)

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**\$ 1,500.00**

Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW)

\$ 1,000.00 SCAW (Institutional membership)

\$ 1,500.00 Transportation and lodging, 3 nights

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**\$ 2,500.00**

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

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**\$ 4,350.00**

**TOTAL REQUEST**

**\$ 8,350.00**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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