

A Message from the President...



Dear Colleagues,

I don't know about the rest of you, but I loved Bend, central Oregon and our 2015 annual meeting. In many ways, it reminded me of the ASP meetings I attended years ago. It was comfortable, relaxed, and friendly, with a large cadre of students and both new and veteran members.

Matt Novak and his outstanding Central Oregon Community College crew did a fantastic job putting it together. I have learned during my first year as president that, regardless of the nature of the setting, the committees of the Society must accomplish an enormous amount of work in a few days. I have been impressed by the thoroughness and care of the committee chairs and members that pore over student and research funding requests, draft policy statements, create media opportunities for the Society, and nominate distinguished members to honor. Depending on the committee, some or much of the business of the year could be conducted in a few days. To me, it was a relief to be able to interact with people personally after nearly 9 months of emails!

One of the exceptional features of ASP meetings is the custom of having featured speakers present their research to the entire assemblage. This year in Bend, we heard full-length presentations by **Louise Barrett, Julienne Rutherford, Chuck Snowdon, and Doree Fragaszy** on topics ranging from behavioral variation in response to environmental cues and ontogeny of fetal brains, to the interrelationship between captive research and conservation, and variation in the expression of tool

use in primates. The interdisciplinary symposium is another great ASP tradition. **Brenda McCowan** organized the symposium (and a workshop) this year and invited researchers who gave great papers on the topic of social and biological networks in primates. The President's Forum provided a new format to explore complex issues facing the Society. I am grateful to **John Capitanio, Allyson Bennett, and Justin McNulty** for providing informed perspectives on primate use in biomedicine during this year's Forum.

Accessibility of students to senior researchers and our tradition of highlighting student research took on a new format this year. **Amanda Dettmer** and **Karen Hambright** nominated eight students to participate in a data blitz, drawing attention to their research projects and upcoming presentations. We will try to implement this entertaining and informative event next year in Chicago.

The Chicago joint meeting with the International Primatological Society will be on a scale that we have not seen for years. **Steve Ross** and his colleagues at Lincoln Park Zoo's Lester Fisher Center for the Study and Conservation of Apes have been working on local arrangements for at least three years already (see the meeting website at <http://www.ipschicago.org/>). ASP will take the lead in developing the program (see more inside this bulletin). The deadline for symposium, workshop and roundtable abstracts is about a month away (1 October 2015), with the deadline for all abstracts by 1 December 2015. These firm deadlines will provide **Karen Bales** and the program committee with time needed to review abstracts and develop the program.

Please contact committee chairs if you would like to join a committee. All ASP full and student members
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are welcome to apply for standing and ad hoc committees. I particularly want to note that the ASP Student Committee has new leadership – **Brett Frye** and **Morgan Chaney**. They will be working to build student membership and enhance the student experience at annual meetings.

On the administrative front...since the ASP Board of Directors submitted a formal comment to the USDA on a petition to revise the Animal Welfare Act.

Mollie Bloomsmith and the Primate Care committee drafted the text for the document, which was shared with the membership for a comment period in July-August and submitted to the USDA last week. Thanks to all who provided input at various stages of preparing the document.

We also collaborated with **John Hasenau**, president of the Association of Primate Veterinarians, on the development of definitions for the USDA comment. Finally, we were one of 48 organizational members of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) to sign a letter to Congress recommending increased funding to the NSF and continuing support of basic research, and affirming the value of the peer-review process. This document and the USDA comment are available on the ASP homepage.

Don't forget the critical deadlines coming up for ASP/IPS 2016, and remember to renew your membership!

- Marilyn

Committee Update: Conservation Committee

The Conservation Committee would like to thank all who contributed to the ASP 2015 conservation silent auction and raffle. We are particularly grateful to **Cory Ross**, **Steve Shapiro**, **Matthew Novak** and the local arrangements committee, and past Conservation Committee Chair **Erin Riley** for all of their help. It was a very successful year, and we raised over \$4,500 between the raffle and auction! This success would not have been possible without the extremely kind donations of original art by **Dao Van Hoang** for our raffle. His gorgeous art can be viewed here:

<https://www.behance.net/daovanhoang>. It can also be viewed and purchased at <http://www.daovanhoang.com>.

In 2015, the Committee raised some additional funds by selling Primate Connections calendars. The Conservation Committee is also working on helping to spread the word about ASP and raise funds using video vignettes. Committee members **Krista Milich** and **Emma Canceleire** are collecting and editing videos describing past grant winners and their research.

Next year will be the largest ASP/IPS meeting and we would like to remind all ASP members to begin collecting auction items for our next meeting early! In addition, we are seeking art pieces for the raffle and auction. If you have connections with primate artists,

please help us by requesting a donation or putting the Chairs of the Conservation Committee in touch with the artist.

Please don't forget to use the ASP Amazon link (on the ASP homepage: www.asp.org) for all purchases. We raise quite a bit of funds through this link, which go directly to Conservation Grants and Awards. Please contact **Stacey Tecot** and/or **Michelle Bezanson** if you have fund raising ideas or fundraising connections.

All of the funds that the committee raises are distributed to recipients of the Conservation Award and Conservation Grants. **Mamy Razafitsalama**, the Madagascar Country Director and Operations Manager of Planet Madagascar earned this year's award. Mamy will receive a plaque and a \$750 award to continue his work with primate conservation and education. We will have more information about Mamy and his work in an upcoming ASP Bulletin. We would like to encourage all members to nominate primate conservationists for the 2016 award. Please see the ASP website for deadlines and instructions.

- **Michelle Bezanson** and **Stacey Tecot**,
Co-Chairs

Joint Meeting of
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August 21-27, 2016



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The American Society of Primatologists and the International Primatological Society will hold a joint meeting in Chicago, Illinois, from August 21-27, 2016. We encourage preparation of proposals for symposia and abstracts for paper and poster sessions.

Deadlines for Abstract Submission

September 1, 2015: Abstract submission opens online at <http://www.ipschicago.org/>.

October 1, 2015: Preliminary abstracts for symposia, workshops, and round-tables are due (see the call for symposia).

December 1, 2015: Final abstracts for symposia, workshops, oral presentations, and poster presentations are due.

We are very excited about the meeting, as it promises to be of the highest scientific quality. The meeting will feature contributed paper and poster presentations as well as symposia that address widespread interests in primatology. We are pleased to announce our featured speakers including:

2014 IPS Lifetime Achievement Award
Jeanne Altmann, Ph.D.
Princeton University

IPS President's Address
Tetsuro Matsuzawa, Ph.D.
Primate Research Institute, Kyoto University

2015 ASP Distinguished Primatologist
Frans de Waal, Ph.D.
Emory University

2014 ASP Early Career Award Winner's Address
Katie Hinde, Ph.D.
Arizona State University

www.IPSChicago.org

Instructions for Preparation of Abstracts

Titles and Affiliations

Titles should be concise, with a clear statement of the variables (independent and dependent), species, housing/condition (corral-living, zoo living, free-ranging, etc.), and for field studies, location of the study. The design should be clear from the wording of the title; for non-experimental research, avoid words that imply causation.

The full mailing address of the first author should be given; provide institutional affiliations for co-authors only if different from that of the first author.

Body of the Abstract (225 Word Limit)

Below are recommendations for what should be included in an abstract. Remember that not all of these recommended elements apply to all types of studies (and abstracts). Please include all relevant and appropriate components. Results may be qualified as preliminary.

- The first 1-2 sentences of the abstract form should indicate the theoretical rationale or practical purpose for the work.
- The common and scientific name for the species studied should appear in the title or body of the abstract, and the scientific name should be italicized or underlined.
- The hypotheses being tested, whether phrased as predictions, research questions, or research problems, should be stated clearly; these can be incorporated into the stated purpose.
- Include in Methods section:
 1. basic design of the study
 2. sample sizes
 3. data collection and/or sampling techniques
 4. size of the data set (number of hours of observation, duration of study, number of observations, number of samples, etc.)
- Include in Results section:
 1. explicit statements of results relevant to the stated hypotheses and purpose, including some indication of the statistical strategy used
 2. level of significance (alpha level)
 3. the size and direction of effect or relationship
 4. size of the data set (number of hours of observation, duration of study, number of observations, number of samples, etc.)
- End abstracts with conclusions or implications of the results, linking the interpretations with the purpose, whether theoretical or applied. Do not state that “Results will be discussed.”
- Acknowledgement of funding sources may be included if so desired and if space allows.

Please prepare a complete summary of your work that can be understood without any supporting or additional information. Please (1) check spelling and grammar carefully, (2) use metric units of measurement, and (3) define all acronyms and nonstandard abbreviations.

Two complete abstracts are reprinted as examples on the ASP website (<https://asp.org/education/abstractexamples.cfm>). While these abstracts might not contain all the recommended elements mentioned above, most elements are included.

For more information, see: <https://asp.org/education/abstractinstructions.cfm>

Committee Update: Education Committee

The committee extends its sincere appreciation to all the student contestants and the judges of the 2015 ASP Student Research Competition for all their hard work in preparation for and during the meeting in Bend. The committee is proud to report that the quality of submissions has improved and judging has become more challenging. We recognize the following students for their exemplary work:

Outstanding Oral Presentation Award

Jonathan Clayton ([Abstract](#))

“Associations between diet, gut microbial communities, and health in red-shanked doucs (*Pygathrix nemaeus*): A model for the subfamily Colobinae”

Honorable Mention Oral Presentation Award

Stephanie Fox ([Abstract](#))

“Affiliation, tolerance, and proximity between males and infants in wild *Colobus vellerosus* in Ghana is not explained by genetic sireship”

Honorable Mention Poster Presentation Award

Lauren Wooddell ([Abstract](#))

“Elo-Rating as a tool to measure rank changes and dominance stability in semi-free ranging Rhesus macaques (*Macaca mulatta*)”

The committee also extends their appreciation to the competition finalists who participated in the Data Blitz following the opening meeting in Bend. We received rave reviews for the event and it worked well to increase overall interest in the student competition and in their research.

The committee held its Education Committee Pre-Conference Workshop at the conference site in Bend for K-12 professionals and other interested parties. Three slide presentations from the workshop have been posted to the ASP Website for those of you who missed it.

- *Primates: The Ideal Taxon for Teaching the Next Generation Science Standards in K-12*, by **Karen Hambright**, Professor of Psychology,

College of Coastal Georgia

- *Nonhuman Primates in Research* by **Annika Paukner**, Staff Scientist, NICHD
- *Teaching Primate Behavioral Ecology & Conservation* by **Francisca Vidal-Garcia**, Institute of Ecology INECOL, Veracruz

The committee has the opportunity to make its most sizable outreach impact at the bi-annual USA Science and Engineering Festival that will be held 16-17 April 2016 in Washington, DC. ASP can literally reach thousands of individuals with our booth of children’s activities. Favorites include “Are you smarter than a monkey?” themed activities: the finger puzzle activity using an enrichment apparatus, the simulated termite fishing mound, and the bead sorting task demonstrating the advantages of tri-chromatic color vision. We are planning to revise and add some new activities for the 2016 Festival, and ask that you all consider submitting ideas for activities, staffing or recruiting folks to staff the ASP booth, or just dropping by to show your support. The festival is a terrific public relations/outreach venue for the ASP; for students and young professionals, participating will enhance your curriculum vitae; and for all involved, we have a blast interacting with the public! Please let us know if you can offer any assistance and be advised that there is some nominal funding available for (student?) travel/lodging.

In anticipation of the 2016 Joint Congress, the Co-Chairs have been working in collaboration with the IPS Education Director, **Elizabeth Lonsdorf** and the respective society boards of directors to plan for a Joint Student Research Competition. We are under very tight deadlines, and encourage students to get their abstracts and competition applications in by the single deadline of December 1, 2015. For more information on submission procedures for the competition see <http://www.ipschicago.org/student-awards/>.

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Contestants must belong to either ASP or IPS to participate. Finalists in the oral and poster presentation categories will be selected prior to the conference by a panel of judges from both ASP and IPS Education committees. These authors will get the conference off to an exciting start by hyping their research in the Data Blitz following the opening of the meeting. Joint ASP/IPS Awards will be available to first and second place, and possibly honorable mention in both the oral and poster presentation categories. We encourage student researchers to participate in this phenomenal opportunity to launch your careers with national and international impact.

Details on preconference outreach with co-hosts from the Lincoln Park Zoo will be announced as they develop. As always, the committee welcomes volunteer participants and ideas.

ASP Education Committee Members 2016

Eliza Bliss-Moreau, Katie Chun, Anje Deppe, Amanda Dettmer (Co-Chair), Karen Hambricht (Co-Chair), Allison Howard, Lynne Miller, Matthew Novak, Annika Paukner, Corinna Ross, Jessica Vandeleest, Francisca Vidal-Garcia, Tamara Weinstein, Kathy West

- **Amanda Dettmer and Karen Hambricht,**
Co-Chairs

2015 Small Research Grant Awardees

This year the Research & Development Committee reviewed 35 applications. This year's winners are:

Brett Frye, Clemson University: Prenatal androgen exposure in captive female callitrichine primates: immediate and prolonged effects on morphology, physiology, and behavior.

Efstathia Robakis, Washington University in St. Louis: Vocal sexual signals and reproductive isolation in sympatric tamarins.

Sandra Winters, New York University: Guenon face patterns and the maintenance of primate reproductive isolation.

Erica Dunayer, SUNY at Buffalo: Grooming exchange: Modes of cooperation among rhesus macaques (*Macaca mulatta*) on Cayo Santiago.

Cassandra Mitchell, Washington University at St. Louis: Allele frequencies and chimerism in the polymorphic opsin alleles in saddle-back tamarins (*Saguinus fuscicollis*) and emperor tamarins (*Saguinus imperator*).

Congratulations to all those who received funding!
- **Larry Williams**, Chair

Get Social With #IPSASP16

Are you on the twitter? What about the facebook? Be sure to connect with ASP, IPS, and the upcoming meeting!

[@IPS_2016](#) | [@ASPVoice](#)

Remember, ASP members can join the private ASP members only Facebook page via the members only section of www.ASP.org.

The ASP Nominations Committee is soliciting nominations for the positions of President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. Please email **Karen Bales** at klbales@ucdavis.edu to suggest persons you believe would be good for these positions. *Self-nominations are welcome.*

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Call for Symposia, Roundtable Discussions, and Workshops

Deadline for symposium/roundtable proposals: October 1, 2015

Deadline for individual abstracts: December 1, 2015

Please remember that all registrants are limited to one first-author oral presentation. So, if you are the organizer for a symposium, roundtable, or workshop, that is your only oral presentation.

Symposia: Symposia may include up to 14 papers of 15 minutes each, and a 15 minute presentation by a discussant(s). A discussant is optional. Podium symposia proposals are recommended to conform to a half-day (14 presentations + discussant) or quarter-day (8 presentations + discussant) symposium.

Given the complexity of program scheduling, preferences for symposia format are not guaranteed. Acceptance of the symposium proposal does not guarantee acceptance of the individual abstracts; individual abstracts are subject to the same review and submission deadlines as are all other abstracts.

Roundtable Discussion: In an effort to facilitate dialogue among our diverse memberships, the program will include roundtable discussion formats of 60-90 minutes. The roundtable format—which can be used for the discussion of professional concerns—offers short contributions from panelists around a common theme, and ample time for discussion with the audience facilitated by a roundtable moderator.

Workshops: Workshops are also less formal than symposia, can be theoretical or applied, involve audience participation/discussion, and address a defined goal. The program will include workshop formats of 60-90 minutes. There are no scheduled contributions from panelists, but moderators will identify at least two additional discussion facilitators who will attend and help lead the workshop in productive directions.

PRIORITIES:

The Program Committee is particularly interested in proposals that include diverse representation along multiple dimensions of both content and presenter. In terms of content, the program committee anticipates prioritizing proposals that include captive-setting and wild-living subjects, taxonomic diversity and/or methodological diversity (physiological, observational, experimental, etc). Organizers are strongly encouraged to include a diversity of presenters in terms of gender, nationality, race, career stage, and society membership (IPS, ASP), as this is a consideration in the selection of symposia by the Program Committee. After proposal selection, if your proposal is conditionally accepted for inclusion in the meeting program, the Program Committee may suggest ways to modify the composition of the session to ensure greater diversity among presenters. Our societies represent diverse and interdisciplinary members and we seek for our symposia and roundtable discussions to demonstrate those strengths.

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Joint Meeting of ASP and IPS Call for Symposia, Roundtable Discussions, and Workshops (continued)

Instructions for preparing symposia, round-table, and workshop proposals:

SYNOPSIS: Provide a clear, succinct synopsis of your proposed session (up to 1,500 characters, including spaces) as it would appear in the meeting program. Avoid the use of report or book references, abbreviations, or overly technical jargon. Describe the subject, highlighting the scientific issues, innovations, or research to be addressed. Do not name or reference presenters or the titles of their presentations in the synopsis. Presenters are listed separately along with their presentation titles and descriptions. Indicate if you are requesting a symposium, a workshop, or a round-table.

ROLES:

Organizer/Chair: Name, Affiliation

Co-Organizer/Co-Chair (optional): Name, Affiliation

Presenters: Name, Affiliation, Contact, Status: Invited or Confirmed (“Invited” means that you have contacted the speaker, and your invitation is under consideration. “Confirmed” means that the presenter has responded to your invitation and confirmed that she/he is both available during the dates of the meeting and will participate if the proposal is accepted).

For each presenter (including organizers & co-organizers if presenting), include a tentative presentation **title** (up to 85 characters, including spaces). Also, describe the **proposed content** or perspective of the presentation in a few sentences (up to 500 characters, including spaces). This is crucial to the reviewers’ understanding of why you are proposing a particular presenter. Please do not submit CVs, provide biographical information, or submit abstracts. A request to submit an abstract will be made **AFTER** the Program Committee has made its program selections. While recognizing that some changes will occur, the committee reserves the right to reconsider sessions if speaker substitutions after acceptance shift the focus away from the original proposal.

If the proposal is accepted, organizers will be notified in early November 2015. Organizers should communicate to their participants to submit their individual abstracts and register online at <http://www.ipschicago.org/>. This should be done only after their proposal has been formally accepted, but no later than December 1, 2015. If the proposal is accepted, the session abstracts and other materials are due at the same time as all other abstracts (December 1, 2015) and **the submitting author should choose the appropriate named session from the drop-down menu**. It is the responsibility of the organizer to ensure that all authors submit abstracts by the deadline. Registration fee for the proposal organizer for symposia, roundtables, and workshop proposals are due at the time of proposal submission.

Fees are only refundable (less a small administrative charge) if the session is not accepted. We will entertain requests for fee deferrals until the abstract submission deadline (December 1, 2015) on an individual basis.

Registration fees for individual abstracts are due at the time of abstract submission (December 1, 2015). The date for abstract submissions is a firm deadline.

Committee Update: Primate Care Committee

Our committee advocates for the appropriate care and welfare of nonhuman primates in all settings. We want to welcome several new members to our committee including **Lydia Hopper, Dawn Abney, Mary Catherine Mareno, Allyson Bennett, Tim Hobbs, Eric Hutchinson, Darcy Hannibal, and Grace Fuller**. We have members working in university, laboratory and zoo settings, and would love to add members working in primate sanctuaries.

One way ASP demonstrates its commitment to improving the welfare of nonhuman primates, is to recognize and reward high quality research on this topic. At the 2015 ASP conference, the “Primate Welfare Award” was given to **Dawn Abney** for her poster, “Strategies for successfully social housing incompatible *Cynomolgus* macaque triads”. Dawn is from the Charles River Laboratories facility in Reno, Nevada. Congratulations Dawn!

Members of the Primate Care Committee have worked with members of the Board of Directors to write ASP’s response to a petition that has been submitted to the USDA requesting an amendment to the Animal Welfare Act to require “ethologically

appropriate environments” for laboratory primates. The initial draft of our response was posted for ASP members and we want to thank those of you who read and commented on that draft. We have revised our response based on your comments, and have submitted it to the USDA. It is wonderful that ASP is bringing a scientific perspective to such important issues involving the welfare of primates.

The committee is also working on additional information to be posted on the ASP website that will focus on environmental enrichment and on other material that we believe will interest members of the general public.

Committee members are: **Melinda Novak, Julie Worlein, Kate Baker, Andrea Clay, Corrine Lutz, Kris Coleman, Jaine Perlman, Jim Weed, Melissa Truelove, Greg Wilkerson, Lisa Reamer, Peter Pierre, Stefanie Nelson, Lydia Hopper, Dawn Abney, Mary Catherine Mareno, Allyson Bennett, Tim Hobbs, Eric Hutchinson, Darcy Hannibal, and Grace Fuller**.

- **Mollie Bloomsmith**, Chair

Committee Update: Student Committee (*ad hoc*)

The ASP Student Committee is looking to expand the membership. The purpose of this committee is to enhance student membership of the ASP by providing the following services to student members: offering resources for professional development, representing the interests of students to the ASP Executive Committee, promoting the research of our members, and organizing student-oriented programming.

We have been brainstorming about the best ways to fulfill our mission. Over the next year, we hope to establish a substantial web presence via an ASP Student website and social media platforms.

Finally, we will be busy planning student-oriented programming for the 2016 ASP/IPS meeting in Chicago, IL.

If you are interested in joining, please contact either **Morgan Chaney** (mchaney1@kent.edu) or **Brett Frye** (bfrye@g.clemson.edu). Committee members include: **Ashley Edes, Drew Altschul, Caroline Jones, Chloe Karaskiewicz, and Alexander Greig**.

- **Brett Frye and Morgan Chaney**,
Co-Chairs

Committee Update: Awards and Recognition Committee

The Awards and Recognition Committee (**Linda Fedigan, Lynne Isbell, Peter Judge, Andreas Koenig, and Leanne Nash**) presented two awards in June at the annual meeting in Bend, Oregon. **The Distinguished Primatologist Award for career achievement in primatology was given to Dr. Frans de Waal.**

Dr. de Waal earned his Ph.D. in 1977 from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. He published his first peer-reviewed paper in 1975 in the *Netherlands Journal of Zoology*, and has continued to be prolific since then, with over 165 papers in such journals as *Science*, *PNAS*, and our own *American Journal of Primatology*, and many more book chapters, commentaries, and opinion pieces. He wrote most of these while he was at the Wisconsin National Primate Research Center or at the Yerkes Research Center/Emory University to which he moved in 1991. He is most known for his fundamental research on topics we did not think possible to study before he started doing it: empathy, consolation, cooperation, reciprocity, and fairness, and he has worked on these topics most with capuchins and chimpanzees.

We add this award to his long list of scientific honors spanning multiple countries. Among other accolades, he is an elected member of the US National Academy of Sciences and the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Japan Society for the Promotion of the Sciences.

Dr. de Waal is also well known for bringing primatology to the general public. He has written 10 popular books and all have been very well received. His first book, *Chimpanzee Politics*, even reached politicians. In 1994 the then Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, included it in his top 25 recommended books for new Republican congressional leaders. In 2007 *Time* magazine listed him as one of “100 Most Influential People Today,” and in 2011 *Discover* magazine counted him as one

of “47 All-time Great Minds in Science”. His TED talk on the Internet has been viewed over 2 million times (<http://on.ted.com/deWaal>).

The Awards and Recognition Committee is pleased to award **Dr. Frans de Waal** with the Distinguished Primatologist Award. Dr. de Waal will be speaking at the ASP/IPS Joint Meeting in August, 2016.

Susan Lambeth was presented with the **Senior Research Award**. This award is for outstanding contributions to research by those who have not received the highest degree offered in their field. Ms. Lambeth has worked at the Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center for 28 years. She started out as a volunteer in the chimpanzee area in 1987 and has risen through the ranks over the years to her current position as the Animal Facility Operations Manager.

Ms. Lambeth is involved in both primate research and practical primate care. She supports research, especially cognitive and behavioral research, by actively engaging with researchers, offering ideas and suggestions for experimental procedures, data analysis, and writing while also overseeing and advising students conducting their own research. Ms. Lambeth has co-authored over 80 publications and given numerous oral and poster presentations, particularly at ASP meetings. Many of these are about captive management, husbandry, enrichment, and animal training. As one supporter wrote, Ms. Lambeth “is the “new breed” of primate manager”—conducting research, supporting research, and also supporting the needs of the animals and their welfare throughout the research process.

The Awards and Recognition Committee is pleased to honor **Ms. Susan Lambeth** with the **Senior Research Award**.

- **Lynne Isbell**, Chair

Bits-N-Pieces: News and Notes of Interest

The Board of Directors (BOD) would like to thank **Mollie Bloomsmith** and members of the Primate Care Committee for drafting the ASP response to the recent Petition to the USDA to revise the Animal Welfare Act. In addition to the BOD's input, we received helpful comments from eleven members. We thank all of you for helping us craft a letter that is both thorough and informative. Our final response has been posted on the ASP website.



“Become an ASP Member” Poster. As a reminder “Join ASP” posters can be downloaded from members only section of the ASP website. Please consider posting these posters in your department and around your organization.

AIBS, 48 Member Organizations Send Letter to Senate on Future of NSF. ASP was one of 49 organizations that signed a letter to the Senate Commerce Committee regarding the future of the NSF. The letter was drafted by the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) of which we are a member. Specifically, the letter reaffirms the role of NSF in providing funding for basic research, recommends increased multi-year funding for NSF, and advocates maintaining the peer-review process for granting funding. A copy of the letter has been posted on the ASP homepage and is also available on the AIBS website: http://www.aibs.org/public-policy/news/aibs_letter_on_future_of_nsf.html

ASP BOD approves monetary donation for Nepal earthquake relief efforts. The April 2015 Nepal Earthquake (also known as the Gorkha earthquake) killed more than 9,000 people and injured more than 23,000. Langtang National Park, where **Dr. Mukesh Chalise** (a Nepalese ASP member) and **Dr. Randy Kyes** have conducted research and training in conservation biology and global health since 2002, was completely destroyed. Our donation will assist in the rebuilding and recovery efforts. Randy plans to attempt a visit to Langtang in October 2015.

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American Society
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40th Annual Meeting

Washington, DC
August 25-28, 2017
Historic Washington Plaza Hotel
#ASPDC17

From top left: Zanzibar red colobus (Procolobus ehi), Credit: Robert Seng; Red-capped langur (Dactylopsila phorata), Credit: Lou Casullo-Rhingo; Red ruffed lemurs (Varecia rubra), Credit: Pavel Vukob; "The Red Ape" (Pongo pygmaeus), Credit: Helen Buckland; Puna red howler monkey (Alouatta palliata), Credit: D. Gordon E. Robertson; Red ulaki (Cacajao calvus rubicundus), Credit: Matthias Klum; Red-shanked douglangur (Pygathrix annamita), Credit: Martin Harvey.

The Black Lion Tamarin Conservation Program Won a Brazilian Award that Recognizes Outstanding Initiatives for the Conservation of Brazil's Biodiversity. The black lion tamarin, *Leontopithecus chrysopygus*, endemic to the Atlantic forest of the state of São Paulo, was considered extinct for over 60 years. Fourteen years after its rediscovery in a forest remnant in the far west of the state, in 1984 Claudio and Suzana Padua began a program focusing on research and environmental education in attempt to better understand the species and stop its decline. Diversifying the program, in 1992 they created the NGO IPÊ – Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas (Institute for Ecological Research), responsible to this day for implementing measures for its conservation and management.

During the last 30 years, the Black Lion Tamarin Conservation Program has developed an integrated model of measures that includes research on the species' biology and ecology, population management, environmental education, community involvement and sustainable development, habitat restoration and landscape conservation, and involvement in public policies. Their efforts resulted in the conservation status of the black lion tamarin being upgraded on IUCN's Red List from "Critically Endangered (CR)" to "Endangered (EN)." These results qualified the initiative to compete for the

National Award for Biodiversity, created by the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment in 2015 for the best conservation programs in the country. IPÊ was classified as a finalist among more than 800 other initiatives in six categories, and its Black Lion Tamarin Conservation Program received the award in the category "NGO." The Ceremony was held during the International Day for Biological Diversity, on May 22nd, 2015.

IPÊ thanks all the partners and donors that have supported the program so diligently over the last 30 years.



Society Awards and Honors: Call for Nominations

The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2016.

The Awards and Recognition Committee strongly encourages nominations to honor those who are deserving of the awards described below. Do you admire someone for their many important contributions to primatology? Do you appreciate someone who has worked hard for the ASP? Is there someone at the beginning of their career whom you would like to see recognized for an amazing start? We have no shortage of worthy candidates but they need to be nominated, and it doesn't take a huge amount of time.

- **Distinguished Primatologist Award** for career achievement in primatology.
- **Senior Research Award** for research achievement by one who has not received the highest academic degree in his/her field.
- **Early Career Award** for exceptional contributions by a primatologist who is less than seven years past receiving the Ph.D.
- **Distinguished Service Award** for long-term contributions to the Society.
- **Special Recognition/Achievement Award** for exceptional one-time or short-term service to the Society.

Please see <https://asp.org/grants/awards/index.cfm> for details on the nomination process.

Fourth Understanding Chimpanzees symposium: Chimpanzees in Context

August 18-20, 2016



**Chimpanzees
in context**
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Over the course of three days in August 2016, Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago will host **Chimpanzees in Context**, a symposium showcasing 40 invited presenters, and an open-call ePoster session, for discussions of all that is *Pan!* The meeting will immediately precede the Joint Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists (ASP) and the International Primatological Society (IPS) held at Navy Pier in Chicago.

In 1986, Dr. **Jane Goodall** and **Paul Heltne** organized an unprecedented conference, entitled ‘Understanding Chimpanzees,’ to bring together field biologists from the different chimpanzee study sites across Africa, along with researchers studying captive chimpanzees, to discuss contemporary research findings and expand their knowledge of chimpanzee behavior and ecology. Given the success of this meeting, two subsequent conferences have been held in Chicago, in 1991 and 2007. The synthesis of the research covered at these meetings has been published in three important volumes: *Understanding Chimpanzees*, *Chimpanzee Cultures* and *The Mind of the Chimpanzee*.

To continue this important tradition, Lincoln Park Zoo’s Lester E. Fisher Center for the Study and Conservation of Apes, will host the fourth symposium in the series. Chimpanzees in Context is being organized by **Steve Ross**, Ph.D., **Lydia Hopper**, Ph.D., and **Dave Morgan**, Ph.D., along with a team of expert primatologists and will be held at Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, between 18th – 20th August 2016, which marks the thirty year anniversary since the first ‘Understanding Chimpanzees’ meeting.

To help inform our understanding of chimpanzee behavior and cognition, as well as the conservation and welfare issues that impact the lives of chimpanzees, primatologists must engage in dialogue and collaboration with researchers working with other taxa and from different disciplines. The title of this meeting, Chimpanzees in Context, reflects the symposium organizers’ aim to promote interdisciplinary discussions. Therefore, the invited speakers will each frame their research in a comparative manner, relating chimpanzees to other species. Talks will be given in eight themed sessions and the eight eminent primatologists who will host each of these sessions are:

- **Mollie Bloomsmith**
- **Frans de Waal**
- **Tetsuro Matsuzawa**
- **William McGrew**
- **John Mitani**
- **Anne Pusey**
- **Andrew Whiten**
- **Richard Wrangham**

For more information, please visit the conference website <http://www.chimpsymposium.org/>, which will go live soon, or email conference organizers at chimpsymposium@lpzoo.org. The conference website will provide information about the program and invited speakers, information on how to register and submit an abstract for the ePoster session, and details about our travel scholarship which will provide funds for range country nationals to fly to Chicago for the meeting.

You can also get Chimpanzees in Context updates on social media via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/chimpanzeesincontext>) and Twitter ([@ChimpSymp2016](https://twitter.com/ChimpSymp2016)).

Recipient of ASP's Second Legacy Award: Dr. Amanda Dettmer

Dr. **Amanda Dettmer** was awarded the second Legacy prize on June 20, 2015, at the ASP meeting in Bend, Oregon. Dr. Dettmer trained in behavioral endocrinology. Her work to date has focused on the theme of “risk and resilience.” She has shown that certain environmental or intrinsic conditions put particular individuals at risk for greater long-term activation of the HPA axis. In turn, this makes them susceptible to various maladaptive outcomes, such as delayed cognitive development, the expression of anxious behavior, and reproductive failure. She will utilize the ASP Legacy Award to spend a period training with Dr. Michael Bailey, a member of the Center for Microbial Interface Biology at Ohio State University, where she will learn techniques to assess the quantity and diversity of intestinal microbiota. She will use these techniques to study the associations between gut microbiota integrity and HPA axis activity in rhesus monkeys across the first year of life. Her study will, for the first time, link the gut-brain axis with chronic HPA axis activity and anxious behavior longitudinally in any species, and will aid in understanding how individuals become susceptible to physical and mental health disorders. We will hear from Amanda at the 2017 meeting in Washington, D.C. about her training experience.



*ASP's Legacy Award is given to an early-career primatologist to support training in a field other than his/her field of training, with the goal of broadening the interdisciplinary character of the membership of the society. Dr. **Julienne Rutherford**, recipient of the first Legacy Award in 2013, gave an exciting lecture at the 2015 meeting detailing her project on the study of placentas in primates. A short written description of Dr. Rutherford's work appears here: <https://www.asp.org/grants/legacy/recipients.cfm>.*

- **Doree Fragaszy**, Chair, Legacy Award Search Committee

Committee Update: Treasurer's Report and Membership & Finance Committee

The final accounting for the 2014 ASP meeting in Decatur, Georgia was a profit of \$8,036. The meeting at Bend, Oregon was extremely successful with 270 registrants. While the calculations are still preliminary it looks like the 2015 meeting resulted in a profit of close to \$20,000 for the society. We are extremely thankful to **Matthew Novak** for his excellent planning of this meeting! This successful meeting will help ensure the financial stability of the society in the future and allows the society to continue its efforts to fund research and conservation efforts.

The membership numbers for 2015 continue to be low in comparison to previous years with 394 total members (230 full, 10 retired, 114 student, 11 comp).

Encourage your friends, colleagues and students to join and to renew their membership.

A reduced membership registration rate for the joint ASP/IPS meeting next year in Chicago will be available for members of ASP. This meeting will be the largest primatology meeting of all time—so don't miss out.

As a reminder the Membership and Finance Committee last year created “Join ASP” posters that can be downloaded from the ASP website. Please consider posting these posters in your department or organization.

- **Cory Ross**, Chair and Treasurer

**Minutes of the 2015 Meeting of the Executive Committee
Bend, Oregon**

The members of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Primatologists convened at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015, in the Boardroom at the Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center, 3075 US 97 Business, Bend, Oregon, with the following participation:

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Karen Bales
Mollie Bloomsmith
Amanda Dettmer
Karen Hambright
Katie Hinde
Lynne Isbell
Randy Kyes
Justin McNulty
Marilyn Norconk
Cory Ross
Julienne Rutherford
Christopher Schmidt
Stacey Tecot
Larry Williams

Members Absent

Michelle Bezanson
Kimberley Phillips

Guest(s) Present

No guests in attendance.

President Norconk called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and requested reports by the chairs of the ASP committees, with discussion by the Executive Committee. In alphabetical order:

Awards & Recognition Committee

Lynne Isbell, Chair

The Chair reported the receipt of eight applications for the Maderas Rainforest Conservancy Scholarship for Education and Training in Field Primatology. The committee recommended two of these for funding.

Of the slate of awards offered by the Society, there were no new nominations this year. Therefore, the committee used nominations received last year. The committee recommended selections for the Distinguished Primatologist Award and the Senior Research Award and these recommendations were emailed to the Board of Directors and approved. The Senior Research Award will go to Susan Lambeth and the Distinguished Primatologist Award winner will be announced at the banquet.

The Chair commented that there are no rules or guidelines on how to solicit nominations and the committee will work over the next year to encourage people to take the time to submit nominations.

Conservation Committee
Stacey Tecot, Co-Chair

The Co-Chair reported that committee membership has dropped from 16 members to 12. Recruitment efforts are being made to increase the membership of the committee as well as ensure a diverse geographic representation of the committee.

The committee received 25 applications for the Conservation Small Grants and recommended funding six of those applications. The total award amount recommended and approved was \$8,393. For the Conservationist Award, the committee received four applications and recommended to the BOD that the recipient be Mamy Razafitsalama, Madagascar Country Director and Operations Manager, Planet Madagascar. Last year's winner, Mr. Chanthalaphone Nanthavong, was presented with the award by the US embassy in Vietnam. No subscription awards were recommended for award.

In the fundraising area, the committee has several thoughts. In the last year, the committee partnered with Primate Connections in selling calendars. Based on the time spent marketing and the amount of money raised, the committee will most likely not partner with Primate Connections on this project next year unless the earnings are distributed differently. For example, many organizations partnered on this project and found themselves competing for sales. Instead of competing, the committee thought all parties could work together for calendar sales and evenly split the proceeds. One committee member suggested that ASP could produce its own calendar, but that idea was quickly declined. Some money was earned via the Amazon Smile link program over the past year. The committee made efforts to promote the silent auction by posting photos of donated items to the ASP Facebook page. Last year's raffle of Steve Nash's framed illustration of a proboscis monkey was quite successful so another raffle is being held this year. Artist Dao Van Hoang has graciously offered to donate 10% of the sales of his paintings from the meeting this year.

Regarding new projects, the committee is working with previous grantees to produce videos describing the work that was conducted due to the grant award from the society. As these are completed, they will be posted to the recipient section of the ASP website.

The Chair proposed that for the next application year, ASP membership should be required for applying. This could potentially increase or diversify membership. A concern was expressed that this may negatively impact researchers from habitat countries, however, it was pointed out that complimentary membership is offered. If ASP membership is required to apply for a conservation grant, then the grant guidelines should be updated to remind habitat country applicants that membership is free and can take up to a week to process. If a second ASP member is needed as a sponsor, the Treasurer agreed to be the second sponsor in these circumstances.

Finally, the Co-Chair commented that the current maximum award for a conservation grant is \$1500. The Committee is considering increasing the maximum value of the award and reducing the number of grants awarded each year.

The proposed membership requirement was submitted to the BOD for consideration as an action item at their upcoming meeting.

Education Committee

Amanda Dettmer and Karen Hambright, Co-Chairs.

The Co-Chair reported that membership on the committee is 14 members strong, including two students that were recent winners of the student competition.

It was reported that the past year was a fabulous year for outreach. Many of the activities have been described in detail in the last several ASP Bulletins and included outreach activities conducted by Matt Novak and Amanda Dettmer. It is estimated that over 1,000 people were included in these activities. The Co-Chair reported that ASP will again participate in the 4th annual USA Science and Engineering Festival to be held in Washington, D.C. April 16 & 17, 2016. ASP has already paid a deposit for the 2016 festival. It was pointed out that the National Primate Research Centers will have a booth at the festival and the committee is looking into whether ASP can team up with them. The committee is planning to join forces with the IPS education committee to conduct outreach activities in conjunction with the joint ASP/IPS meeting in Chicago. Finally, the committee is considering developing an ASP coloring book that can highlight careers in primatology, why primates do not make good pets, conservation, etc., and post on the Education section of the ASP website for download.

The Co-Chair discussed the student competition. Since 2013, the number of applications for the competition has declined. In 2013, the number of applications relative to the number of student abstracts was 19.6%. This ratio has declined to 11% and 9% in 2014 and 2015, respectively. A suggestion was made that the competition guidelines be revised to make it clear that trainees are also eligible to compete and not just students. Also, it seems that students see a disconnect between the time of abstract submission and the student competition deadline. The committee continues to brainstorm ideas on how to increase student participation.

Finally, the 2016 student competition will be held in conjunction with the IPS student competition. The two committees will work together to establish deadlines, judging criteria, etc.

Media & Public Engagement Committee

Christopher Schmidt and Julienne Rutherford, Co-Chairs

The Co-Chair noted that this was a good year for the Media & Public Engagement (MPE) committee. As of 3:45 this afternoon, the #ASP15OR hashtag was included in over 700 tweets with a combined reach of ~44,000 people. The use of social media for transparent and immediate communication using the @ASPvoice handle and meeting hashtag seems to have been very successful. Many cross-disciplinary boundaries have been reached by retweets by outside organizations.

Regarding new projects, the committee is evaluating ways to schedule tweets so the Co-Chairs can set aside some time to set-up a stream of tweets. The committee will be creating a list of trusted twitter users including ASP members, zoos, natural history organizations, etc. to link to and foster reciprocal reach. Also, the committee will connect with the equivalent committee from IPS to cross-promote the 2016 joint meeting. The Co-Chair discussed the concept of "Ask Me Anything" (AMA) and the committee would like to ask various ASP members to participate. This could make ASP more accessible, particularly to younger generations. The Co-Chair also discussed creating a podcast series.

There was a brief discussion regarding how to engage with social media at the meeting. Many people are not involved with social media and may not know social media may impact them. The committee

suggested that the online registration process could be updated to remind submitters about the use of social media at the meeting. It was suggested that for future meetings, best-practice guidelines could be developed and included in the meeting pamphlet or check-in packet. Further, reminding speakers to announce during their talks if something should not be included in social media. The MPE committee will review the media policy of other scientific societies and develop a set of guidelines for approval by the BOD.

Membership and Finance Committee **Cory Ross, Chair and Treasurer**

The Treasurer reviewed the Financial Statements of the Society for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2015. The period began with \$95,431 in the General Fund; post expenses the May 31, 2015 balance was \$115,005 (up 17%). A significant donation was made to the Society from the Nacey Maggioncalda Foundation, in honor of Robert Sapolsky's contributions to primate physiology and behavior in the amount of \$10,000. There was no change in the Legacy Fund; the May 31, 2015 balance was \$26,997. For the Conservation Fund, the period began with \$69,968; the May 31, 2015 balance was \$64,464 (down 7.9%). This May 31, 2015 balance reflects expenditures over the last year of \$13,418 (including award of the 2014 and 2015 Conservation Small Grants (\$5,900 and \$5,893, respectively), and revenues of \$7,914, generated primarily through the silent auction (\$4,008), raffle tickets (\$1,706), and amazon.com sales (\$1,010). The 2014 meeting in Decatur, Georgia generated \$94,616 in revenue and expended \$86,580, resulting in a profit of \$8,036. The Summer 2015 Bulletin incorrectly reported these numbers and an update will be provided in the Fall 2015 Bulletin.

Regarding the donation from the Nacey Maggioncalda Foundation, the Treasurer will ensure that a letter will be sent thanking them for the donation and outline what ASP has done with the money.

The total number of ASP members at the end of 2014 was 480 (458 paying members). The 2014 membership year showed a slight decrease in both total and paying members from 2013, by 6.25% and 6.15%, respectively. As of May 31, 2015, membership totaled 376 members. A membership increase is expected due to the joint meeting of ASP and IPS as abstract submission for the 2016 joint meeting will begin this fall. The Treasurer expressed concerns about the membership loss and how finances will be handled for the joint meeting. President Norconk will ask an IPS representative to join the BOD meeting tomorrow.

The Membership & Finance (M&F) Committee brainstormed ways to encourage lapsed members to rejoin the Society. The idea of providing a lifetime membership was suggested, however that most likely will not work since the cost of the journal is tied to membership.

The Treasurer suggested that the BOD evaluate whether the annual meeting dates should be stabilized so as a way to provide a consistent meeting year after year.

Finally, the M&F committee is brainstorming ways to raise revenue without continuing to ask the membership for money. An idea of crowd-source funding initiatives will be explored as well as non-traditional grants that could be pursued.

Primate Care Committee
Mollie Bloomsmith, Chair

The Chair reported that the “Primate Welfare Award” received twenty applications, twelve of which completed the full process to be eligible for the award. The winners will be announced at the banquet.

The committee is working on a Special Topics volume in the *American Journal of Primatology*. Amanda Dettmer and Kate Baker are co-editing this volume.

The Chair reported that the committee continues to update the “Welfare” section of the ASP website. Over the past year, information on enrichment was added. The committee is looking to add more information for the general public as well as potentially profiling primatologists in welfare.

The committee is working to encourage more primate veterinarians to become involved with ASP and join the society. An idea of working the continuing education “RACE” program to certify some or all of the meeting for continuing education credits may help entice more veterinarians to attend.

Finally, the committee, in conjunction with the BOD, is working on a response to the USDA regarding a petition submitted in May by three organizations to revise the Animal Welfare Act.

Program Committee
Katie Hinde and Karen Bales, Co-Chairs

The current meeting generated ~220 abstract submissions; roughly a third needed to be returned for edits. Review times were greatly reduced this year, mostly due to the BOD’s 2014 decision to allow for a single reviewer, at the discretion of the Program Committee Co-Chairs. The current meeting also saw a large increase in symposia submissions. The committee is currently proofreading and formatting the abstracts for the supplemental meeting issue of the *American Journal of Primatology*.

The upcoming joint ASP/IPS meeting in 2016 will involve a shared leadership between ASP and IPS. The committee will develop the program guidelines and then submit them to the BOD for approval. Preliminary thoughts include:

- The Program team will include the two ASP Program Committee Co-Chairs, an IPS delegate, and an IPS affiliate. Abstract review would be divided into fourths. An expert review panel, composed of equal ASP and IPS representatives, will commit to timely review responses. There will be at least one person responsible for English-language guidance.
- October 1 will be the symposia abstract submission deadline. Program Committee leadership will make symposia decisions by November 1 and list them on the conference website. December 1 will be the abstract submission deadline. Submitters may only be the first author on one abstract. Abstract acceptance will be made by February 1, 2016. March 1, 2016 is the target deadline for posting the conference schedule online.
- There will be seven concurrent sessions and five plenary/keynote talks; most of the keynotes have already been selected.
- The committee will in all attempts to give preference for ensuring a diversity of presenters and topics, e.g., captive setting, field setting, methodological diversity, etc.

Publications Committee

Randy Kyes, Chair

The Chair reported on the publications aspects of the Society: *AJP*, *ASP Bulletin*, and ASP.org. The Chair recognized the increase in publication activities since September, notably the publication of quarterly Bulletins as well as the new monthly *Society News* email digests. It was suggested that the *ASP Bulletin* be attached to the email versus needing to be downloaded from a website to assist members in habitat countries who may have slow Internet connections.

The website continues to see an increase in usage and is receiving over 140,000 hits per month on average. The abstract display page is the most frequently visited. The committee will be working to link the Conservation Small Grants and the Research Grant final reports to the website as they are currently buried in the Bulletin PDFs.

Regarding the *American Journal of Primatology* news, only good things to report. The impact factor for the journal was just released and is at the highest ever at 2.435 (up 14%). *AJP* has the highest impact factor and ranking of all the primate journals and is 17th of the 153 scientific journals listed under the category of zoology (up seven spots).

Research and Development Committee

Larry Williams, Chair

The committee reviewed 35 Small Research Grant applications. The committee is recommended a total of five awards at a total award of \$5,500. The budget set by the BOD is \$5,000 and the committee is requesting an additional \$500 to award a well written application that was submitted by an undergraduate student.

Echoing the request made earlier in the meeting by the Conservation Committee, the Chair proposed that for the next application year, ASP membership should be required for applying. In addition, the committee will be reworking the application to make it look more like a real grant application.

The Chair also raised the issue that Small Grant Recipients have not been required to provide feedback back to the Society. It was suggested that some sort of report be required as a condition of award.

President Norconk thanked the committee chairs for the reports and service to the Society. She asked that, based on member feedback, when providing their reports at the business meeting that they try to engage those present by being interactive and ask for input.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, President Norconk adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Executive Secretary 2014-2016

**Minutes of the 2015 Meeting of the Board of Directors
Bend, Oregon**

The members of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the American Society of Primatologists convened at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2015, in the Room 153 at the Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center, 3075 US 97 Business, Bend, Oregon, with the following participation:

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Karen Bales
Justin McNulty
Marilyn Norconk
Kimberley Phillips
Cory Ross

Members Absent

No members absent.

Guest(s) Present

Dorothy Fragaszy
Steven Schapiro

President Norconk called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

The first item of business was a presentation to the BOD by Steve Schapiro, serving as ASP meeting coordinator, on the development and planning for the joint ASP/IPS meeting to be held August 21-27, 2016 in Chicago. The joint meeting will be hosted by the Lester Fisher Center for the Study and Conservation of Apes of the Lincoln Park Zoo and the meeting venue will be Chicago's Navy Pier. There will be two official hotels: the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers and the Hyatt Regency Chicago. In addition to the traditional paper, poster, symposia, workshop, and plenary presentations, several primate art exhibits will occur in conjunction with the meeting. The list of plenary speakers has yet to be finalized, but there are already several confirmed speakers:

- Jeanne Altmann, the 2014 IPS Lifetime Achievement Award winner
- the 2016 IPS Lifetime Achievement Award winner, yet to be announced
- the 2015 ASP Distinguished Primatologist, yet to be announced
- Tetsuro Matsuzawa, the outgoing IPS President

Over 1,400 participants are anticipated for the joint meeting. In order to accommodate as many of the expected scientific contributions as possible, there are plans to:

- have seven concurrent sessions most of the time
- have three (or more) large, evening poster sessions
- limit presenting authors to a single oral presentation, with no guarantee that requests for oral presentations will be satisfied (no anticipated limit on the number of poster presentations)

What this means is that if sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m., with an hour for lunch and 15-minute breaks in the morning and afternoon, a maximum of 1089 oral presentations will fit into the program.

There was a bit of discussion regarding scientific program logistics, as the meeting format the IPS utilizes is a bit different than ASP. For example, IPS typically utilizes symposia of various lengths; unlike ASP, which tends to have solid presentation blocks of set time periods. Another point that needs to be considered is that there will be at least six unopposed presentation blocks (the plenary speakers and the interdisciplinary symposium).

A brief discussion was had regarding the registration rates. For example, will registrants need to be members of both ASP and IPS in order to qualify for the membership rate or just a member of one society? Dr. Schapiro commented that it was anticipated that in order to receive the membership rate, registrants must be members of IPS. Concern was expressed that the IPS membership rate is so low that folks may be disincentivized to renew the more expensive ASP membership. Additionally, other concerns were raised regarding requiring an ASP member to join IPS. Dr. Schapiro agreed with the concerns of the Board and agreed to rethink the membership registration logistics. The last thing that is wanted is for the joint meeting to adversely affect ASP membership rates. There was also a brief discussion about offering daily registration rates, however, the logistics of monitoring this seem to make this prohibitive.

Finishing the conversation, Dr. Bales outlined the program committee's plans for the joint meeting, particularly forming a small group of equal ASP and IPS representatives to serve as the Program Committee Co-Chairs. The Board also discussed whether a special meeting program could be published in the *American Journal of Primatology*, however, it is expected that the contract with the publisher may not allow for this to happen.

The next item of business was a presentation to the Board by Dorothy Fragaszy, serving as Chair of the Legacy Committee. Dr. Fragaszy updated the board regarding the status of the Fund and the activities of the committee. The first award winner, Dr. Julienne Rutherford, gave her talk this morning and a brief video of her research was produced and posted on the ASP website several months ago. In an effort to raise donations and/or bequests, the committee plans to draft a letter to past members asking for donations to the Legacy Fund. Their goal is to highlight the overarching purpose of the Legacy Fund, which is to promote an interdisciplinary appreciation for primatology. It was suggested that perhaps donation levels could be suggested and different levels would have different benefits. Dr. Fragaszy will contact Gabe Lubach for help locating old membership lists.

Finally, Dr. Fragaszy suggested that the award be offered ever two years. The BOD agreed to consider this proposal as an action item later in the meeting.

After Dr. Fragaszy and Dr. Schapiro departed, the BOD considered the following recommendations from the Executive Committee:

Recommendation: Approval of Frans de Waal for the Distinguished Primatologist Award, as recommended by the Awards & Recognition Committee. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: Approval of Susan Lambeth for the Senior Research Award, as recommended by the Awards & Recognition Committee. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: Approval of Amanda Dettmer for the Legacy Award, as recommended by the ad hoc Legacy Award Search Committee. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: Approval of Mamy Razafitsalama for the 2015 Conservationist Award, as recommended by the Conservation Committee. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: Approval of funding of five Small Research Grants totaling \$5,500, as recommended by the Research and Development Committee. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: Approval of requiring current membership in the Society to apply for Conservation Small Grants, as recommended by the Conservation Committee. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: Approval of requiring current membership in the Society to apply for Small Research Grants, as recommended by the Research and Development Committee. **Action:** Approved.

Recommendation: Approval of the establishment of a new Education and Outreach Award, as recommended by the Education Committee. **Action:** Not approved. This requires a change in the by-laws of the Society.

The BOD discussed the following items:

- The BOD considered whether the Society should institute a requirement that meeting attendees agree to the goals of the Society during the meeting registration process (a similar requirement when applying to becoming a member of ASP). It was agreed that this would be a good idea. Mr. McNulty will coordinate with the Media and Public Engagement Committee leadership regarding language to be added to the meeting registration process. The new language may not be instituted until registration for the 2017 meeting since the 2016 meeting will be held jointly with IPS.
- It was suggested that the Society's logo be updated/changed. It was agreed that the logo and website look nice, but the social media branding should be consistent. Mr. McNulty will reach out to the Media and Public Engagement Committee leadership regarding this issue. It was suggested that ASP member Kathy West could be contacted for producing artwork for the social media accounts.
- During the Executive Committee meeting, Dr. Williams, the Chair of the Research and Development Committee, reported that the Small Research Grant application would be revised in the coming months. The BOD was supportive of this action. The BOD discussed whether a template should be developed for use by Small Grant Awardees and Conservation Small Grant Awardees to use when reporting project results. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Mr. McNulty will work with both Research and Development and Conservation Committees on this project.
- The Conservation Committee Co-Chair commented during the Executive Committee meeting that the Committee would be considering increasing the maximum value of the Small Conservation Grant Award to \$2,000 and reducing the number of awards offered. The BOD was supportive of this decision.
- Dr. Fragaszy commented earlier in the meeting about offering the Legacy Award every two years instead of annually. The BOD was supportive of this decision.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, President Norconk adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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