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## A Message from the President...



The past few weeks have seen devastating hurricanes and earthquakes affecting many parts of the Caribbean, southern United States, and Mexico. Our hearts go out to all of our friends and colleagues impacted by these events in Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Texas, and Florida. I encourage our ASP members to help in the recovery efforts as you are able. I am aware of efforts to assist in Punta Santiago and Cayo Santiago. Two GoFundme accounts have been set up, one for the employees of the [Caribbean Primate Research Center](#) and one for the [field station](#).

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society was held August 24 – 27 in Washington, DC, hosted by **Amanda Dettmer**. Amanda and **Erin Kinnally**, Chair of the Program Committee, put together a successful and exciting meeting – thank you for your dedicated efforts! As announced during the business meeting, **Karen Bales** will become the next Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Primatology*. I am grateful to the efforts of the search committee, chaired by Matthew Novak, for conducting this important search.

The leadership of the Society, including the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and a few long-term members, met for a strategic planning session before the ASP meeting began. Guided by our consultant, Kathy Joyce, we reviewed the summary data collected from the member and lapsed member surveys. I will highlight three key findings from that survey:

- 1) a majority of members are satisfied with the Society and believe ASP is a worthwhile organization to belong to,
- 2) most individuals join because of the encouragement of a Professor, and
- 3) the majority of members believe any dichotomy between field and laboratory primate researchers in ASP can be successfully addressed. [In fact, many individuals commented they didn't think such a dichotomy existed.]

During the session we focused on crafting Mission and Vision statements, as well as articulating guiding principles for the Society. We are finalizing these statements and will be providing them to the membership soon for comment.

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A comprehensive summary of the member survey is also being finalized and will be available shortly. A survey is being finalized to gather information regarding your experiences with the Society journal, the *American Journal of Primatology*. We expect to send that out in the next few weeks. Your responses will be important in guiding the future of the journal.

Block your calendars now for ASP 2018 in San Antonio, August 8 - 11, held at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk. Registration will open January 6. The deadline for symposia proposals will be February 3, and the deadline for oral & poster presentation abstracts will be March 17. Additional information, including registration fees, local attractions, etc. will be available shortly.

I wish you a productive fall.

~Kimberley Phillips  
President, ASP

Thank you, Paul...



L to R, in front: Paul-Andre Genest (Wiley/AJP representative), Paul Garber, Kim Phillips. Back: ASP membership celebrating Paul!

Thank you, Wiley and *AJP*, for sponsoring the reception honoring Paul Garber's 10 years as *AJP*'s Editor-in-Chief.

Thank you for your many years of service, Paul, and for all you have done for ASP and *AJP*!

...Welcome, Karen!



Paul-Andre Genest (Wiley/AJP representative) welcomes Karen Bales as *AJP*'s new Editor-in-Chief at the ASP Business Meeting.

Karen Bales is *AJP*'s new Editor-in-Chief! After serving many years on *AJP*'s Editorial Board, we are eager to have Karen at the helm.

Congratulations, Karen!

Now that #ASPDC2017 is a fond memory...

## Save the Date! ASP 2018

August 8 - 11, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency  
San Antonio, TX

Hosted by Dr. Kimberley Phillips

Registration opens **Jan 6, 2018**  
Symposia/Workshop abstracts due **Feb 3, 2018**  
Oral & Poster abstracts due **March 17, 2018**  
**#ASPSATX2018**



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## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Awards & Recognition

With the approval of the ASP Board of Directors, the Awards and Recognition Committee (**Linda Fedigan, Lynne Isbell, Andreas Koenig, Justin McNulty, and Leanne Nash**) presented three awards in August at the annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

**The Special Recognition/Achievement Award was given to Mr. Dao Van Hoang.** This award is for exceptional service to the Society on a one-time or short-term basis. Hoang has created and donated his beautiful primate paintings to our Conservation Fund auction and raffle for the past three years. With this award we recognize his very kind and generous service to the ASP.



**The Early Career Achievement Award was given to Dr. Amanda Melin.** This award acknowledges exceptional work by a beginning scientist. The award is given to someone who is less than seven years beyond the Ph.D. for work that has been carried out independently of the advisor, and is independent of the recipient's doctoral work. Dr. Melin earned the Ph.D. in 2011. To date, she has 42 journal papers and five book chapters focusing on primate sensory ecology, foraging behavior, genetics, and questions in primate evolution.

To investigate primate sensory ecology both for how it can inform us about modern and extinct primates, she conducts both observational fieldwork and labwork in molecular genetics and stable isotope analyses. Her approach involves rigorous testing of hypotheses, some of which are very long-standing but have been difficult to address until now. For example, Dr. Melin has used a molecular approach to examine hypotheses about 1) the selective advantages of polymorphic color vision in capuchins, 2) the origin of color vision in Euarchontans (including treeshrews and colugos as well as primates), and 3) the origin of diurnality in haplorrhine primates, the latter by investigating color vision in tarsiers. Her stable isotope research examines ratios of calcium and carbon that reveal broad dietary categories of fossil primates, such as insectivory and frugivory. This is very promising and will be important in reconstructing diets of extinct primates in the absence of teeth. Dr. Melin is currently an assistant professor at the University of Calgary.



The Awards and Recognition Committee is pleased to honor **Dr. Amanda Melin** with the Early Career Achievement Award.

**The Distinguished Primatologist Award for career achievement in primatology was given to Dr. Paul Garber.** This award honors a primatologist who has had an outstanding career and has made significant scientific contributions to our field.



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The contributions of Dr. Garber started with his dissertation, which was on the locomotor behavior and foraging ecology of the Panamanian tamarins. In 1980, the same year he submitted his dissertation, he became a faculty member at the University of Illinois and stayed there until he retired in 2014. His research interests are very broad, and include the behavior and ecology of New World primates; cognition, spatial memory, and foraging strategies; sociality and the evolution of cooperation; functional morphology and positional behavior; diet and nutrition; reproductive biology, mating systems, and infant caregiving, and; primate ontogeny and evolution.

He has also contributed methodologically by developing experimental field approaches for the study of sensory cues used in the decision-making of free-ranging primates. He has authored/coauthored 14 edited volumes and special issues of journals, over 100 journal articles, and 40 book chapters, including invited encyclopedia entries on callitrichines and primate behavioral ecology, another confirmation of his professional standing.



During his academic career, he served as advisor for 13 Ph.D. students, several of whom came from habitat countries. Among other professional services, he co-founded the Midwest Primate Interest Group and was AJP Executive Editor for 10 years.

The Awards and Recognition Committee is pleased to present **Dr. Paul Garber** with the ASP 2017 **Distinguished Primatologist Award**.

## Call for Nominations

The Awards and Recognition Committee strongly encourages nominations to honor those who are deserving. 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? Do you admire someone for their many important contributions to primatology? We have no shortage of worthy candidates but they need to be nominated, and it doesn't take a huge amount of time. Please see <https://asp.org/grants/awards/index.cfm> for details on the nomination process. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2018 for the following awards.

- 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.
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## Ruppenthal Student Travel Awards

A new task for the Awards and Recognition Committee this year was to evaluate applications for student travel awards to the ASP meetings. All current student members of ASP or IPS are eligible for \$500 awards to offset the cost of attending ASP meetings. The awards are designed to help students who would otherwise not be able to attend the meeting. One award is earmarked for a student coming from a Latin American country.

The committee evaluated 14 applications for the Washington, D.C. meeting and sent their rankings to the Board of Directors for a decision on funding. As a result of a very generous anonymous donation in Gerry Ruppenthal's memory, the ASP was able to offset the costs for eight students this year, double the number from last year.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

**Alexander Baxter**, Brigham Young University

**Tara Brown**, Clemson University

**Brett Frye**, Clemson University

**Julie Linden**, UC Davis

**Caitlin O'Connell**, Boston University

**Emily Rothwell**, UC Davis

**Kristin Sabbi**, University of New Mexico

**Eve Smeltzer**, University of Toronto

~Lynne Isbell, Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee

## Conservation

**Conservationist Award** All of the funds that the Conservation Committee raises are distributed to recipients of the Conservation Award and Conservation Grants. This year's award was earned by **Busobozi Richard**, who will receive a plaque and a \$750 award to continue his work with primate conservation and education. Please see below for a description of this year's winner and his excellent work. And don't forget to nominate deserving primatologists for next year's award!

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**Auction and Raffle** The Conservation Committee would like to thank all who contributed to the ASP 2017 conservation silent auction and raffle at this year's meeting in D.C. We are particularly grateful to **Cory Ross, Steve Shapiro, and Amanda Dettmer** for their help. It was a successful year, and we raised \$3,517 through the auction and \$2,070 through the raffle! This would not have been possible without the extremely kind donations of original art by **Dao Van Hoang, Charity Oetgen, and Kathy West** for our raffle and auction, as well as the apes from the National Zoo, and all of the members who shopped the world, including their closets, with us in mind. Thanks also to **Luisa Vidalibre and committee members Andrea Baden, Bert Covert, Andrea Eller, Tremie Gregory, and Erin Riley**, who helped run the auction.

**Conservation Videos** The Conservation Committee has developed video vignettes describing past Conservation Grant winners and their research! You can view the [first video](#) of Dr. Abigail Ross on the ASP conservation web page, and additional videos will be released every two months. Next up: Dr. Jill Pruetz! The committee is very grateful to the talent and sustained work of **Dr. Krista Milich and Emma Cancellaire**, who have led this effort.

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

**Membership** The Co-Chairs of the Conservation Committee would like to thank our dedicated members: **Sylvia Atsalis, Andrea Baden, Bert Covert, Andrea Eller, Wendy Erb, David Fernandez, Alex Georgiev, Susan Lappan, Grainne McCabe, Krista Milich, Erin Riley, Juan Carlos Serio Silva, and Chris Shaffer**. We'd also like to welcome **Tremaine Gregory** to the committee!

~Michelle Bezanson and Stacey Tecot, Co-Chairs, Conservation Committee

### **Busobozi Richard**

Busobozi Richard has been a research assistant in Kibale National Park, Uganda, since 2007, and stood out from the beginning as someone who cared a great deal for the wildlife in the park. One of his nominators wrote "He is an extremely talented field assistant with a superb knowledge of the forest and its animals. He has dedicated his career thus far to studying endangered primate species and has contributed to the successful management of these species in the wild. His experience working at several field sites in Kibale National Park and with multiple species of primates makes him a knowledgeable advocate for primate conservation within the local community."

In 2013, Richard's commitment to primate conservation and his desire to improve the human-wildlife conflict in his local community spurred his desire to establish a community-based conservation project with a fellow field assistant, Kugonza Moses. Together, they developed a project to reduce the rate of crop-raiding by animals from the park into the surrounding agricultural fields. With support from an ASP Conservation Grant in 2014, Richard and Moses interviewed community members living along the border of the park to generate ideas for reducing human-wildlife conflict. They later

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initiated creative interventions that include working with the Uganda Wildlife Authority to improve trenches around the park, initiating a tea planting effort on participants' land, placing bee boxes strategically along the border of the park, and instituting a garlic-as-cash-crop program. Their goal is to foster a positive relationship between protected areas and their surrounding communities.

Richard put himself through Wildlife and Tourism school by saving his earnings as a research assistant. He earned a Certificate in Tourism this summer so that he can contribute to ecotourism, one of the main conservation initiatives in Kibale National Park. He will continue on for a Diploma in Tourism and Wildlife, which will make him eligible for positions with the Uganda Wildlife Authority.

As his nominators wrote: "Richard is a highly motivated, dedicated, talented, trustworthy, and intelligent person. Like his fellow community members, Richard comes from a family of subsistence farmers. He has worked diligently to pursue his education and to learn about the forest and its animals. He truly loves the environment and his dedication is inspirational to those around him. He is an enormous asset to primate conservation in Uganda, a role model for others in his community, and a very deserving nominee for the ASP Conservation Award."

The ASP Conservation Committee couldn't agree more, and we are very proud to present this year's ASP Conservationist Award to Richard "Stod" Busobozi.

## Education

### Student Competition Report

The ASP Education Committee (ASPEC) had a very successful competition at this year's meeting in Washington, DC (#ASPDC2017)! The committee members extend their sincere gratitude to those who entered this year and we strongly encourage **all student members** and others eligible to **submit their best work for next year #ASPSATX2018**. We are pleased to announce this year's award recipients.

- Please join us in congratulating **Eve Smeltzer**, the recipient of the **ASP Outstanding Oral Paper Award** sponsored by AJP for her oral presentation:

**E. Smeltzer & J. Teichroeb. (2017).** The finder's advantage does not trump high-rank when wild vervet monkeys (*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*) compete for small, dispersed resources during a foraging experiment at Lake Nabugabo, Uganda.

Eve received a certificate, a cash prize, and a one-year membership to ASP, with electronic access to the *American Journal of Primatology* (AJP). AJP publisher Wiley gave a substantial bonus offer to make this manuscript freely available to download for a period of one year post-publication, if accepted following submission to AJP!



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- Please join us in congratulating **Gina Vaira**, the recipient of **ASP Honorable Mention Poster Paper Award sponsored by AJP** for her poster presentation:

**G. Vaira & P. Nealan (2017).** The forgotten ape: Exploring the cognitive abilities of *Symphalangus syndactylus*.

Gina received a certificate, a cash prize, and Wiley generously extended their offer to make this manuscript freely available to download for a period of one year post-publication in the case it is accepted for publication in the AJP!



In further support of the professional development of both award recipients, Biomed Central (BMC) has encouraged submission of high quality research that is better suited to periodicals other than the AJP, for which BMC will offer a one-time fee waiver on publication in one of their journals.

The Society depends on the hard work of volunteer reviewers to make this a successful event. Please join us in **thanking first and second round judges Katie Chun, Anje Depp, Francisca Vidal-Garcia, Justin McNulty, Matt Novak, Annika Paukner, Ben Regan, Cory Ross, Jessica Vandeleest, and Kathy West.**

### Other Committee News

The ASPEC conceived the idea for the Kyes Award for Excellence in Educational Outreach at ASP in 2015, and proudly presented the inaugural award to its namesake, Randy Kyes, at #ASPDC2017 for his decades of outreach in Asia and Indonesia.



The ASPEC Student Luncheon Workshop *From Backpack to Briefcase: Making the Transition from Graduate School to the Workplace* at #ASPDC2017 was a lot of fun and a successful outreach event. We had approximately 40 undergraduates, graduates, post docs, and others in attendance. **Karen Hambright** provided some Do's and Don'ts for applying, interviewing, and keeping a job from the perspective of a college administrator/faculty search committee member. **Eliza Bliss-Moreau** and **Ben Regan** gave overviews of their experiences at tier-one research universities and described innovative opportunities for funding. Ben also highlighted the job skills that students have, but may not be aware of, and described how they can be useful in obtaining funding and when seeking opportunities in less traditional types of employment. The audience was very engaged, asked a lot of questions, and we received great anecdotal feedback and requests for copies of the Powerpoint slides. These will be posted on the Education page of the ASP Website as the ASPEC updates it for the coming year.

This past year individual ASPEC members conducted **additional outreach events** to the following audiences: approximately 150 local public school students at the Sisters Oregon Science Fair; 109 public school 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Muarabinuangan, Banten Indonesia; and 150 audience members (undergraduate and graduate students, government wildlife staff, university faculty and students,

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and NGO staff) at the International Symposium hosted by Indonesian Primate Center & Bogor Agricultural University, Bogor, West Java.

### Upcoming Year for the ASPEC

The ASPEC has a big year ahead with a lot of work to do, and as customary, we are soliciting for new volunteer members to the committee, particularly former competition award recipients and former EC committee members familiar with our work (even those who are unable to attend the meetings).

We have a major event to prepare for: the [USA Science and Engineering Festival](#), 6-8 April 2018 in Washington, DC. Using information from the outcomes of the Strategic Planning and Needs Assessment conducted by Kathy Joyce, the ASPEC plans to design this year's booth to emphasize Society branding with revisions of signage, and a "one world" theme with new and re-tooled educational activities that promote interest in primatology and in conservation efforts informed by research and field work.



The ASPEC encourages all members to offer suggestions and contributions toward this goal of providing table-top educational demonstrations for participants of all ages. We especially welcome **graduate and undergraduate students to enrich their CV** with evidence of **committee or community service** by volunteering to staff the booth or by developing activities that we can use at the festival, on the webpage and/or for other outreach events. We will need both local and member volunteers to staff the booth and help conduct this fantastic outreach event attended by thousands of families and children. Note there is a very limited travel fund for participants.

~Karen Hambright and Mike Reid, Co-chairs, Education Committee

## Membership & Finance

The fiscal year report for 2016 -2017 was given at the ASP meeting in Washington, DC. At the end of the fiscal year, the general fund had \$110,626 in the cash account and \$48,775 in savings. The Legacy fund had \$17,097; the conservation fund \$57,596, and the Deborah Moore Memorial Fund had \$6439. The total renewed members for 2017 in May (end of fiscal year) was 382, an increase from 2016. The current total number of renewed members is 427. We hope that everyone continues to encourage friends and colleagues to renew or become members of ASP.

~Cory Ross, Chair, Membership & Finance Committee

## Primate Care

The Primate Care Committee (PCC) had a productive meeting in Washington DC, and welcomed some new members including **Sarah Neal, David Seelig, and Ashley Edes**. Our membership is

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diverse, and includes researchers, students and veterinarians working with NHPs in a variety of environments. Our mission is to advocate for the appropriate care and welfare of nonhuman primates in all settings, to cooperate with other organizations regarding issues of appropriate primate care, to serve as a resource on research findings and methods relating to primate care, and to encourage scientific investigation of appropriate primate care.

As part of this mission, one role of the PCC is to administer the Primate Welfare Award. Unfortunately, this year we did not receive enough applications to sufficiently and fairly judge them, and so we did not give out the award this year. However, it did prompt us to make the application process a bit easier and more streamlined. The Welfare Award is an excellent way to showcase your research, so if you study issues surrounding welfare- in any environment- consider applying next year!

An exciting new addition to the ASP meeting was the ability to offer RACE (Registry of Approved Continuing Education) credits to veterinarians and veterinarian technicians for continuing education. We had a total of 9 RACE credits from certified talks this year, and hope to have more in the future. Let your favorite veterinarians know that they can get these CEUs at ASP- they don't have to go to vet-specific meetings! A very special thanks to **Greg Wilkerson** and **Mollie Bloomsmith** for all of their hard work getting this program up and going!!

Please check out "[Hot Topics](#)" under the Welfare tab on the ASP website for the quarterly featured primate welfare topic! Topics thus far have included temperament, coprophagy, allostatic load, and welfare of gorillas in the DRC. Our aim is to have diversity in these articles, and to include work from the zoo, laboratory, field, and the Welfare Award winner (when appropriate). Many thanks to **Melissa Truelove** and **Grace Fuller** for putting these together.



Grauer's gorillas (*Gorilla beringei graueri*),  
courtesy of Gorilla Rehabilitation and  
Conservation Education Center ([GRACE](#))

Speaking of websites, we will be updating the information on our website, and hope to put more on soon, including some educational materials that could be useful in training new staff. Stay tuned!

Committee members are: **Susan Pavonetti (Chair)**, **Kris Coleman (Co-Chair)**, **Melinda Novak**, **Julie Worlein**, **Kate Baker**, **Andrea Clay**, **Corrine Lutz**, **Jaine Perlman**, **Jim Weed**, **Melissa Truelove**, **Greg Wilkerson**, **Lisa Reamer**, **Peter Pierre**, **Lydia Hopper**, **Dawn Abney**, **Eric Hutchinson**, **Darcy Hannibal**, **Grace Fuller**, **Sarah Neal**, **Liz Magden**, **Rachel Haller**, **Ashley Edes**, and **Daryl Minier**.

~Susan Lambeth and Kris Coleman, Co-Chairs, Primate Care Committee

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## Program

The Program Committee thanks ASP 2017 participants for a great program! A reminder that abstracts for symposia for ASP 2018 are due **February 3, 2018**. Start thinking about topics you'd like to see covered at our next meeting. In particular, our **Interdisciplinary Symposium** is a centerpiece of the meeting. Send us your best ideas!

Symposium ideas from members:

- Integration and application of technology to maximize management and welfare research of primates
- Application of field techniques in the captive environment and vice versa to achieve research goals
- Advances in translation of primate research to human health

Email proposals in abstract form by February 3, 2018 to: [elkinnally@ucdavis.edu](mailto:elkinnally@ucdavis.edu)

We will also continue offering **RACE credits for continuing education for veterinary professionals**. ASP 2017 was a very successful inaugural year, as we presented 9.5 hours of credits to attendees. A reminder to email Greg Wilkerson ([GKWilkerson@mdanderson.org](mailto:GKWilkerson@mdanderson.org)) if you attended ASP 2017 and are waiting for your RACE certification.

See you in San Antonio in 2018!

~Erin Kinnally, Chair, Program Committee

## Publications

Wow! What a wonderful conference! The Publication Committee would like to thank Amanda Dettmer, her team, the Program Committee, the Board of Directors and all the people involved in staging our annual conference. It is often easy to forget that we are a society of volunteers, and the dedication of those who serve on standing and/or ad hoc committees, or those who serve just because of their dedication to our society. Thank you for your service.

In the year leading up to #ASPDC2017, the Publications Committee, the Program Committee, the Board of Directors, the Local Host committee and Paul-Andre Genest, our Wiley Representative, worked together to bring the AJP Editorial Board Luncheon back to the ASP Conference. The Publications Committee would like to thank everyone for the efforts on behalf of this important event.

### Conference Meeting

Attended by: **Matthew Novak, John Capitanio, Nancy Capitanio, Paul-Andre Genest, Karen Bales**

#### ASP 2018 Submission Deadlines

Jan 6, 2018

Registration opens

Feb 3, 2018

Symposia/Workshop abstracts due

March 17, 2018

Oral & Poster abstracts due



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Unable to attend: **Joyce Parga, Carrie Veilleux and Entang Iskandar, Paul Garber**

We discussed:

In the past year, the Publication Committee led a search to find a new AJP Editor-in-Chief to replace **Paul Garber**, who is retiring. A subcommittee we formed consisting of **Matthew Novak**, the Chair of the Publications Committee; a second voting member of the Publications Committee, **Entang Iskandar; John Capitanio**, ASP Past President and *ex officio* member of the Publications Committee, and **Marilyn Norconk**, current ASP Past President and member of the Board of Directors. Wiley representative Paul-Andre Genest also participated in search activities and discussions, in an advisory and nonvoting role. I would personally like to thank everyone involved in the search process, including the candidates for their time, their expertise and their willingness to serve in support of our journal and our society.

Next we discussed the state of AJP, focusing on welcoming the new Editor and upcoming transition.

We also discussed Paul's departure. Several different honors were planned for later in the conference that would thank Paul for his service to AJP and to ASP. Thank you Paul.

Karen Bales went through handouts/PowerPoint from Paul Garber about journal, submissions, impact factor and acceptance/rejection rates.

We summarized Joyce Parga's efforts to update the ASP Website. Thank you to Joyce and ASP committee chairs that participated in that work.

We summarized Carrie Veilleux's efforts to work with the Media & Information Committee. During the past year the Publications Committee and the Media & Information Committee have been discussing the value and potential risks behind merging our two committees, which would require a change to the ASP constitution and a vote by the membership. Currently, both committees have agreed to work together more closely rather than completely merge. The ASP Executive Secretary is an *ex officio* member of both committees and can help with this effort. In addition, the chairs of both committees (or their appointees) will begin to serve (*ex officio*) on each other's committees in order to coordinate efforts more seamlessly. The Publications committee would like to thank Carrie and the Media & Information Committee for their efforts in this endeavor.

Moving forward toward 2018, the Publications Committee is participating in conversations with various stakeholders within the society to transform ASP Publications into 21<sup>st</sup> century media. This discussion includes but is not limited to 1) what does/should a scientific journal look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? 2) how we can make our website and/or bulletin more interactive? 3) transforming AJP by encouraging and perhaps eventually requiring data sharing for published manuscripts, and 4) supporting the Media & Information Committee in ASP's development of social media resources.

The ASP Publications Committee invites input on these and other publications related issues from the membership. Please just email Matthew Novak with questions or comments ([mnovak@cocc.edu](mailto:mnovak@cocc.edu)). And of course, consider joining the Publications Committee.

~ Matthew Novak, Chair, Publications Committee

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## Research & Development

### ASP Small Grant Awards

ASP small grants are for \$1500 and are reviewed for scientific merit by the research committee. Application is open to all ASP members. This year we received a total of 25 applications: 9 captive & 16 field based applications. Eleven focused on New World primates, eight on Old World, and six on Apes.

The 2017 winners are

1. **Alexander Pritchard**, Rutgers University, Anthropology; Variation in stress coping: Influence on social complexity.
2. **Edward McLester**, Liverpool John Moores University, School of Natural Sciences and Psychology; A comparison of intergroup strategies of movement coordination in savanna-mosaic and forest-dwelling red-tailed monkeys.
3. **Emperatriz Gamero**, Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas, Venezuela; Understanding the origins of the Maragarita Capuchin in the context of rapidly changing Capuchin systematics.
4. **Katherine Cronin**, Lincoln Park Zoo; Predictors of wounding in zoo-housed Japanese macaques: A multi-institutional study.
5. **Logan Savidge**, UC Davis, CNPRC and Psychology; Validating a stop signal task in a novel nonhuman primate model, the titi monkey.
6. **Sydney Chertoff**, Canisius College, Anthropology; How gorillas see the world.

### Debra Moore Early Career Award

A new award for 2017 is the Dr. Deb Moore Grant for Early Career Primatologists. This award is in memory of Deborah and her passion for primate research and conservation. Deborah completed her graduate and doctoral studies at the University of Texas, San Antonio, following a community of unhabituated chimps in Tanzania, often travelling alone, under harsh circumstances, as the chimps fled from human contact. She continued her early career carrying out biological research on bonobos in the rain forests of the Democratic Republic of the Congo working with the Bonobo Conservation Initiative. All of her studies were completed in the face of her own repeated battles with breast cancer that was first diagnosed in the field in Tanzania. But her commitment to continue in the field never wavered, as she continued to deliver original findings and publish her work.

This grant is open to exceptional **early career researchers** who can demonstrate their passion and dedication for extending knowledge through original research of primates in their natural environment. Applicants should be five years or less from their PhD, currently conducting field based research, and not in a tenured or tenure-track position at the time of application.

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For this inaugural year three awards will be made, each for \$2000. We hope to be able to continue the award, one per year, and are accepting donations to the Debra Moore Memorial Fund.

This year there were a total of 7 applications; one focused on New World primates, two on Old World, 3 on Apes, and one on Prosimians.

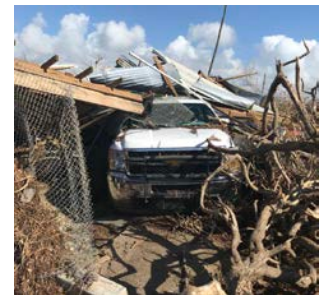
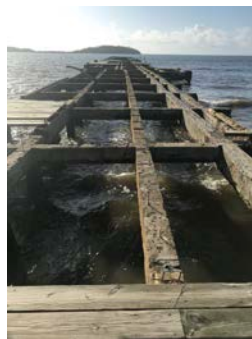
The 2017 winners are

1. **Amanda Tan**, Dartmouth College, Anthropology; Using stable isotopes to measure the nutritional advantage of stone-tool use by coastal foraging long-tailed macaques.
2. **Krista Millich**, University of Texas, Austin, Anthropology; Red colobus monkey reproduction and conservation.
3. **Lydia Light**, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Anthropology; Inter-annual variation in fruit availability for white-handed gibbons living in suboptimal habitat in western Thailand.

~Larry Williams, Chair, Research & Development Committee

## Hurricane Maria Devastates Caribbean Primate Research Center

On September 20, Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico as a Category 4 storm – the tenth strongest storm on record in the Atlantic. In its path lay the Caribbean Primate Research Center (CPRC), including the field stations at Sabana Seca and Cayo Santiago. The photos below, taken by CPRC staff and researchers, show the devastation Maria caused. Several CPRC lost their homes, and the infrastructure at the field sites is destroyed. Fortunately, we can help: there are several fundraising sites you can donate to, including a [GoFundMe](#) to support CPRC staff and their families, another [GoFundMe](#) to support rebuilding CPRC infrastructure, and a campaign by the [Better Research Better Life Foundation](#) (BRBLF) to re-establish communications and provide support for CPRC staff, their families, and its infrastructure. Please donate as you are able to support these invaluable resources.



Clockwise, from top left: SOS message in Punta Santiago (Photo: A. Ruiz-Lambides); the dock at Punta Santiago (J. Higham), infrastructure damage on Cayo (J. Higham), the submerged isthmus on Cayo (J. Higham), and destruction on Cayo (J. Higham).



## IN MEMORIAM: Gene P. “Jim” Sackett

Gene P. Sackett (Jim), renowned scientist and professor emeritus of Psychology at the University of Washington, Seattle WA died September 8, 2017, in Edmonds Washington. He was 80 years old.

**BACKGROUND** Jim was born in Los Angeles, California, in 1937 and received his B.A. in Psychology in 1959 from the University of California Riverside. He subsequently earned a M.A in 1961 and a Ph.D. in 1963 in Psychology from Claremont Graduate School. From there, he moved to the University of Wisconsin, where he conducted postdoctoral research in what is now known as the Harlow Primate Lab. He became an Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department in 1965 and was quickly promoted to Associate Professor in 1967. In 1968, he became the Unit Chief of the Developmental Psychology Center of the Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center located adjacent to the Harlow Primate Lab. In 1970, Jim was recruited by the University of Washington and hired jointly as a Full Professor in the Psychology Department and as Core Staff Scientist at the Washington National Primate Research Center. Early in his career at Washington, Jim established the [Infant Primate Research Laboratory](#) (IPRL) which was to become internationally recognized for identifying the causes of abnormal development in macaque monkeys and applying these insights into the origins and treatment of childhood neurodevelopmental disabilities. He also served as the Associate Director of the Human Development and Disability Center. Jim retired as an Emeritus Professor in 2002, but remained affiliated with the [Washington National Primate Research Center](#) where he continued to collaborate with other scientists on many different research projects until his death.

**RESEARCH** During his career, Jim produced over 140 publications and edited books and made significant contributions in three distinct areas of research: 1) early experience and its effects on development and reproduction, 2) prenatal development and its impact on behavior and reproduction, and 3) data acquisition systems and new methods to characterize and statistically analyze behavioral data. In a widely cited *Science* paper, Jim was the first to disentangle the contribution of early social vs. visual experience in the development of normal behavior in rhesus monkeys. He subsequently showed that continuous peer rearing adversely impacted development significantly more than brief daily exposure to peers.

His contributions to prenatal development began with infants that entered the IPRL as a result of birth complications. Through the “infant save” program, many new procedures were developed to



Jim Sackett holding an infant long-tailed macaque (*M. fascicularis*) (Photo: WaNPRC)



Jim Sackett and Gerry Ruppenthal viewing remotely monitored pigtailed macaque (*M. nemestrina*) in the 1980s (Photo: WaNPRC)



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ensure the viability of premature and maternally rejected infants, making the IPRL internationally recognized for nursery care of macaques and resulting in two books on this topic. Jim was instrumental in expanding our view of adverse prenatal development beyond that of premature birth typically associated with low birth weight, to include low birth weight with normal gestational length. He also advanced the concept that growth retardation might occur in certain trimesters but be masked by an apparently normal outcome.

Most importantly, he argued that primate centers should continue to breed females with abnormal reproductive outcomes so that these naturally occurring populations could be advanced as important animal models for prematurity and low birth weight outcomes in humans. Many of his important experiments involved the administration of substances either likely to or purported to affect behavioral and physiological development. Jim's recent work included an important study, recently published in [Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences](#), related to the safety of vaccines. Using a rigorous methodological approach, he demonstrated that vaccines did not alter neural or cognitive development or lead to autism spectrum-like disorders in rhesus monkeys.



Gene Sackett, Washington National Primate Research Center, was awarded the Distinguished Primatologist Award at the banquet. Gene has been with the Society from day 1. Gene's response: "A man of few words, I really thank you".

(Photo: ASP Bulletin June 2004)

During much of his career, Jim was the creator of a variety of innovative equipment and apparatuses. Of great import to the field of primatology, was the development of hand held [data acquisition systems](#) (BOSS and MORE) with [Fortran](#) software in the 1970s, many years prior to the advent of personal computers. He also introduced the field of primatology to sophisticated data analytic techniques including lag sequential analysis and hierarchical regression analysis as detailed in an edited volume titled "[Observing Behavior](#)".

Jim was an active member of the American Society of Primatologists and received the ASP Distinguished Primatologist award in 2004.

**MENTORSHIP** What set Jim apart from many other scientists was his support and mentorship of graduate and undergraduate students. The term mentoring did not come into vogue until the 1990s, but Jim was clearly ahead of his time, serving as a role model for generations of researchers. Jim's mentoring was not limited to his official students, but extended generously and naturally to many junior colleagues and visiting scholars throughout his entire career. He was incredibly creative and supportive. He was exciting to work with because of his amazing ability to think about problems in new ways, always with remarkably contagious enthusiasm. He provided strength and support both when things worked or didn't and clearly valued the success of his students. Those of us who had the good fortune to work with him learned not only about science and how to do it but also how to think about science. In the fifty plus years in which Jim Sackett was professionally active, he left an amazing legacy: his impact on his students. Although Jim Sackett was officially retired, he continued his research, scientific writings, and student mentoring for the rest of his life. He will be greatly missed by his friends, colleagues, and students.

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L to R: Jim Sackett, Joyce Siriani, and Carolyn Crockett at IPS in Japan in 1974.  
(Photo: C. Crockett)



Jim Sackett at Washington (then) RPRC retreat at Pack Forest, WA, 1974  
(Photo: C. Crockett)



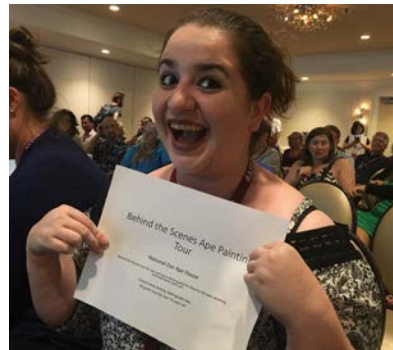
Jim Sackett mentoring then-graduate student Virginia Gunderson in the 1980s  
(Photo: WaNPRC)

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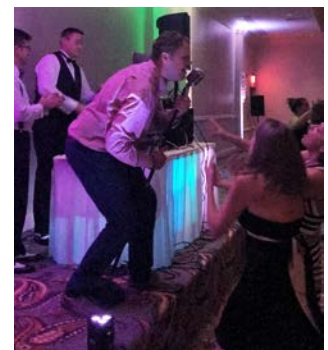
## Photos from the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting of ASP in Washington, DC



ASP Trivia Night!



Ashley Murphy wins the Behind the Scenes Ape House Tour!



Justin McNulty on a Journey



The ASP Business Meeting!



The Dapper DJs gave us a great closing banquet

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## Job & Meeting Announcements

Postdoctoral Fellow  
(Microbiology/Immunology)  
at Tulane National Primate  
Research Center

Application due **April 8, 2018**



The Midwest Primate Interest Group (MPIG) 2017 Meeting will be held **October 20-21** on the beautiful campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

Hosted by Drs. Liz Mallott & Katie Amato.

Check [MPIG's Facebook page](#) for more info!

Assistant/ Associate Professor at  
Emory University &  
Yerkes National Primate  
Research Center  
(NHP Behavioral Neuroscience)

Application due **November 1, 2017**



Senior Veterinarian at  
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Assistant Scientist (Scientific  
Protocol Implementation Unit)  
at Wisconsin National Primate  
Research Center

Application due **November 2, 2017**



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**Minutes of the 2017 Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Washington, DC**

The members of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the American Society of Primatologists convened twice in the Lapidus Suite, Room 220, of the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Cir NW, Washington, DC 20005. The first meeting was on Friday, August 25, 2017 from 3-5pm, and the second meeting was on Monday, August 28, 2017 from 7-9am.

Meeting #1: Friday, August 25, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Mollie Bloomsmith  
Amanda Dettmer  
Marilyn Norconk  
Kimberley Phillips  
Cory Ross

Members Absent

No members absent.

Guest(s) Present

None

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

The first order of business the BOD discussed was ASP Committees:

- The BOD discussed the merger of Publications & Media committees, which the committee chairs proposed at the 2016 annual meeting. Chairs serve an *ex-officio* position on each other's committees. What was the conclusion of this discussion? My recollection is that the chairs are now backing away from that proposal.
- Membership & Finance is discussing option of auto-renewal for membership (will they approach Nancy about the logistics of this?)
- Education Committee will revamp USASEF (please spell this out) materials, given results of vision/mission from the strategic planning session.

The BOD discussed and established the following monetary awards and travel reimbursements for invited speakers to the annual meeting:

- Early Career Award: according to the website, there is no honorarium. Proposed: Instead of open-ended paid meeting expenses, offer a maximum of \$1500 for expenses to travel to/attend meeting, including registration.
- Distinguished Primatologist: Currently there is a \$500 honorarium and open-ended meeting costs. Proposed: Maximum \$1000 cap on meeting expenses.
- Interdisciplinary Symposium: Proposed: \$1500 cap to use at coordinator's discretion.
- Keynote Speaker: Currently there is a \$500 honorarium, and hotel & registration costs are covered. Proposed: Keep the same. Discussion amongst the BOD resulted in a revised proposal of \$1000 maximum to offset travel expenses.
- Past President's Address: Currently, conference registration & hotel expenses are covered. Proposed: Keep the same. Discussion amongst the BOD resulted in a revised proposal of \$1000 maximum to offset travel expenses.
- The President emphasized that a statement is needed to clarify that ASP will not just comp registration fees across the board for all invited speakers (e.g., panelists in a symposium).



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- Cory moved to approve these proposed funding amounts for invited speakers; Marilyn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The BOD briefly discussed the search for the AJP Editor-in-Chief

- There is no signed contract at this time; therefore, the society cannot announce the new Editor-in-Chief. The President anticipates the contract will be finalized in time to announce at the Business Meeting.

The BOD discussed the future of the Legacy Award

- Donald Lindburg and The Primate Foundation of Arizona were the original contributors of this award. The BOD discussed reconsidering how the funds for this award are spent. Completing Strategic Planning may enlighten this decision.
- Kim made a motion to suspend the Legacy Competition for 2018 while the BOD continues to assess the Award's efficacy. Mollie seconded. Passed unopposed. Note: The Executive Secretary recused herself from this vote, as she was the 2015 recipient of the Legacy Award.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Twitter account: The BOD is in agreement that the Twitter account (including original tweets and retweets) must be alignment with the vision of the Society and tweets must concern science-based study, conservation, or welfare of primates. If the tweet does not concern one of these, then it should not be sent from the official ASP account.
- Membership: The Treasurer will ask Nancy Capitanio to remove the option of member's being able to opt out of society emails. This will ensure that members receive notifications to renew their membership.
- Encouragement for students to join standing committees: Karen Hambright will announce during morning announcements, opportunities for students to serve on committees and the need for them, especially on Media & Public Engagement.
- Legacy Award: The BOD will send the major donors of Legacy Award an update on the award's activities.

The first BOD meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.

#### Meeting #2: Monday, August 28, 2017

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Members Present

Mollie Bloomsmith  
Amanda Dettmer  
Marilyn Norconk  
Kimberley Phillips  
Cory Ross

##### Members Absent

No members absent.

##### Guest(s) Present

Justin McNulty  
Paul-Andre Genest  
Brett Frye  
Chris Schmitt

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:01am.

The BOD addressed issues brought forth during the Executive Committee meeting:

1. The Conservation Committee requested approval for the Conservationist Award to go to Richard Busobozi, Kibale National Park, Uganda. Moved by Mollie, seconded by Cory. Unanimous approval.
2. Kim moved to approve R&D awards, Mollie seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. Discussion: Should ASP promote artists' work on our website? The problem with this is where the Society will draw the line for promoting other ventures? But, tweeting out work and items available for purchase prior to each

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meeting should be encouraged. The Society may share links on Facebook. But there will be no permanent home for vendors on the ASP website.

4. Discussion: Affiliate members – If we add this member category, should we call them Friends of Primates? They would have access to the monthly email blast, the quarterly bulletin, perhaps a certificate. The Society needs to develop better ideas for what affiliate members would receive for their contributions. Right now the information in the Society's communications aren't very public-friendly. The Society needs to explore other societies that do the same thing.
5. Discussion: The BOD continued its discussion of the ASP Twitter account. The pinned tweet needs to be updated as should we update the list of followers. Perhaps, just ASP members or other primate societies? There should be selective following of other groups and individuals. Christopher Schmitt, as head of Media and Public Engagement, will follow up on verified Twitter status.
6. Discussion: Recording and live-streaming of sessions, and posting plenary talks. At this time, it is cost prohibitive to do this and provide high-quality recordings. We cannot afford to pay for the necessary bandwidth. It also requires a different level of website development. However, we should talk about putting archived talks for the public on the ASP website eventually. We charged the Media & Public Engagement committee with the task of researching costs.

The BOD then welcomed guests to discuss several important issues:

1. Invited guest, Justin McNulty, discussed ASP 2018 planning and logistics. He and the Local Host, Kimberley Phillips, will visit the hotel to finalize meeting space and to discuss the room reservation system. There will be 4 keynote speakers: Distinguished Primatologist (Paul Garber), Early Career Award (Amanda Melin), Legacy Award (Amanda Dettmer), plus one additional. Kim will ask the zoo and/or Primate Center about tours.

ASP 2019 will be held in Madison, WI, and Toni Ziegler will host. The meeting location is right off campus, at the Wisconsin-Madison Extension with very low rates for hotel rooms. Meeting dates are 8/20/19 - 8/24/19.

Possible future sites for 2020 and beyond were discussed.

2. Invited guest, Paul-Andre Genest, Senior Editor from Wiley, presented the BOD with the Wiley Publisher's Report for 2017 for *AJP*. The BOD shared concerns and frustrations with Dr. Genest about the production process. Future modifications to the contract were discussed. Dr. Genest and the BOD discussed the new Student Award: ASP Honorable Mention Poster Paper Award sponsored by *AJP* (or ASP Outstanding Oral Presentation Award sponsored by *AJP*). As part of this award, Wiley will make freely available for 1 year the student's publication, should it be accepted for publication by *AJP*. Wiley will provide funding for this award. The group also discussed data sharing, and proposed Junior Review Editors comprised of outstanding graduate students & postdocs. The BOD acknowledged that his presence at this meeting was noticed by membership and appreciated.
3. Invited guest, Brett Frye, from the ad hoc Student Committee gave the BOD an update. The Student Committee has 14 members, but no members attended the committee meeting on the first day of this annual meeting. We discussed ways of advertising the committee meeting, and its importance. This year's major contribution by the Student Committee was the Science Policy Roundtable which was a success and was very well attended. The BOD discussed having students as Junior Review Editors, as discussed with Dr. Genest. The group also discussed ways to enhance the student experience at ASP.
4. Chris Schmitt, Chair of Media & Information, was the final guest. He suggested recruiting student Twitter representatives to tweet out sessions at meetings. He asked for clarifications re: the tweeting policy. E.g., What if the topic is a study on species other than primates? The BOD answered, no, unless it can be directly linked to primates in the tweet, e.g., prairie voles similar to monogamous primates. General discussions of issues relevant to primates, e.g., NIH primate research, are acceptable and encouraged.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

- The BOD is to make membership fees publicly available and transparent on our website.
- The Executive Secretary will send Dr. Genest the link for instructions to access AJP online – there have been many comments about how difficult it is for many members to log into the Journal.
- Chris Schmitt is to follow up on “verified” Twitter status.
- Media & Information Committee will be tasked with researching costs of recording & live-streaming talks at ASP meetings, and of placing archived talks on the ASP website.

The second BOD meeting adjourned at 8:42am

Submitted by:  
Amanda M. Dettmer  
Executive Secretary 2016-2018

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## Minutes of the 2017 Meeting of the Executive Committee

### Washington, DC

The members of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Primatologists convened at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2017, from 5-7pm in the State Room of the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Cir NW, Washington, DC 20005, with the following participation:

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Members Present

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Kimberley Phillips  
 Amanda Dettmer  
 Erin Kinnally  
 Cory Ross  
 Chris Schmitt  
 Mollie Bloomsmith  
 Marilyn Norconk  
 Lynne Isbell  
 Matthew Novak  
 Kris Coleman  
 Susan Lambeth Pavonetti  
 Larry Williams  
 Stacey Tecot  
 Mike Reid

##### Members Absent

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Michelle Bezanson  
 Student Committee chairs Brett Frye and Morgan Chaney, but Kim will invite Morgan and Brett to come to BOD meeting on Monday 8/28/17

##### Guest(s) Present

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None

President Phillips called meeting to order at 5:15pm. The meeting opened by soliciting feedback about the Strategic Planning session held on the first day of the meeting. The session was viewed positively. President Phillips noted that the question about splitting up the society, or merging with another one, caused some anxiety. It's very positive that ASP is beloved by the membership, but there is much work to do.

President Phillips gave two action items to all Committee Chairs: 1) Write a committee SOP document that can be passed onto future chairs. Submit a draft to the President and Executive Secretary by December 1, 2017. These SOPs will be placed on the Members Only section of website. 2) In order to fulfill duties to maintain communication within the society (and as requested from feedback from the survey), all committee chairs must submit a report for the Fall and Spring bulletins at a minimum. All committees are still encouraged to submit to monthly news blasts and to other quarterly bulletins (Winter and Summer).

#### Standing Committee Reports

##### **Awards & Recognition, Lynne Isbell, Chair**

Lynne reported that the A&R committee reviewed ASP Student Travel Awards for the first time this year. There were 14 applicants, and 8 were funded due to a generous gift from an anonymous donor in memory of Gerry Ruppenthal.



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The A&R committee also reviewed Maderas Scholarship applications. There were 7 applicants, and the committee was asked to pick one winner because of limited funds provided by the field school. The winner of the 2017 Maderas Scholarship is Natalia Roberts Buceta from USC in Los Angeles.

There will be winners announced at the closing banquet for Special Recognition, Early Career Award, and Distinguished Primatologist. All recipients were previously approved by the BOD.

#### **Conservation, Stacey Tecot, Co-Chair**

Stacey passed along Michelle Bezanson's regrets for not being able to attend this year's meeting. Several members stepped down from the committee, but new committee members include Andrea Baden and Tremie Gregory, and Marilyn Norconk volunteered to serve on the committee. A new tactic for the committee is to send an opt-in, stay-on-committee email.

The committee received 24 applications for Conservation Small Grants and reviewed 18; 6 were non-compliant with application requirements. There were three nominations for the Young Conservationist Award and the committee would like approval to give the 2017 award to Richard Busobozi from Kibale National Park, Uganda.

The committee chair noted that there is concern about turnout and interest in ASP meetings by primatologists doing conservation work. The committee will put out a call for abstracts and symposia that are conservation-specific, and the committee would like help in pushing the fact that ASP welcomes conservationists.

The committee formed two subcommittees for first time last year: the video subcommittee and the grants report subcommittee. The goal for this year is to create a template for the report, as well as encourage a tweetable sentence. The social media subcommittee will work better with Media & Public Engagement this year. Vietnamese artist, Dao van Hoang, asked whether ASP could promote his art on its website. This topic will be discussed by the BOD in its meeting. Hoang would also like to leave art in the US to sell at meetings in subsequent years to save on shipping costs.

#### **Education, Karen Hambright and Mike Reid, Co-chairs**

Karen and Mike reported that the committee has many tasks ahead: revise education materials on the ASP web page, revamp materials for the USA Science and Engineering Festival in 2018, put informational coloring pages on the ASP website that educate about the dangers of the primate pet trade. The committee would like to encourage more student applicants of high quality. Several posters at poster night would have been very competitive, but students did not enter the competition. The numbers of applicants also could be higher.

The committee will present the first ASP Award for Excellence in Outreach at this year's closing banquet. AJP is willing to make the student paper, if published in AJP, open access for 1 year to Student Award Winners, in exchange for renaming the Award to include AJP or adding a "sponsored by" statement. A separate offer was made by an editor from BioMed for permanent open access paper to a student awardee. These proposals will be discussed by the BOD in its meeting.

#### **Membership & Finance, Cory Ross, Chair & ASP Treasurer**

Cory reviewed the Financial Statements for fiscal year ending May 31, 2017. As of the end of the fiscal year (May 31, 2017), the society had \$110,626 in the General Fund (increase of 72% from previous year), \$17,097 in the Legacy Fund (increase in 1%), \$57,596 in the Conservation Fund (decrease of 11%), and \$6,439 in the Deborah Moore Memorial Fund (first year for this fund). The increase of 72% in General Fund does not include the payouts that were given for the 2017 meeting, which have since been completed. ASP started the fiscal year with \$92,473, and ended with \$159,401. Three meetings were in play this year, including some payout for miscellaneous items for 2016, some payout for 2017, and \$42 for advertisement cards for 2018.

Credit card fees were \$5,380, but voluntary offset was only \$646. The Treasurer said this is because universities are paying and they can't pay the offset. The President proposed to approach IPS to calculate fees for the 2016 conference and split the credit card offset fees with IPS.

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There was no change to the Legacy Fund. The Conservation Fund was reviewed; it appears to be down, but there were two major payouts in same fiscal year. The Deborah Moore Fund will have a payout of \$6,000 when awards are given this year.

Membership took an expected hit of 30% in 2016; we believe this was due to folks who, given a choice, joined IPS for the meeting since their membership fee is lower. 2017 saw a 8.9% increase from last year as of May 31; as of August 9, 2017, total membership is 415.

The Treasurer shared estimated expenses & revenue for 2017 meeting and noted that some numbers are expected to change.

The committee will be actively recruiting new members.

The following items will be discussed at the BOD meeting: affiliate members – if ASP decides to accept these types of members, would they be Friends of the ASP? Would high school students be allowed?

### **Media & Information, Chris Schmitt, Chair**

Chris reported ~2,000 followers on Twitter and strong meeting engagement with #ASPDC2017. The committee had many ambitious plans last year, which they are still attempting to fulfill. Chris discussed branding & messaging on the Twitter account. The BOD is working out a policy for what can be shared on ASP's social media accounts (specifically Twitter). The Society journal, AJP, has lost their Twitter representative, so the committee will take on those responsibilities. Chris said that the committee may be able to share responsibilities for advertising new publications with authors. The committee will discuss with the Secretary how to streamline and merge information in the Bulletin, and will coordinate with other committees to send out deadlines, etc.

Chris set up a Google Doc for a repository for Tweets (including photos) that the committee can push out. The committee will work out getting the Google Doc on the ASP website, permissions, access, etc.

The committee also wants to announce award winners – committee chairs, please send the committee Tweets and FB posts! The committee plans to target local institutions at future meetings to advertise the annual meeting. It would like to coordinate better with Education Committee, get Twitter information ahead of time to tweet out regarding the Student Competition and other events.

It was suggested that next year's Local Host, Dr. Phillips, put Twitter handles on name badges.

### **Primate Care Committee, Susan Pavonetti and Kris Coleman, Co-Chairs**

Susan and Kris reported that 6 individuals expressed interest in the Primate Welfare Award. There was one applicant, but the committee did not give an award this year. The committee discussed the application process, noting that it may be too cumbersome. Proposed idea: applicants could instead answer a questionnaire when they submit their abstract. The committee will send a draft questionnaire to the BOD for approval.

The committee recommended that RACE coordination should go through the Program Committee, perhaps as a subcommittee, rather than Primate Care. The committee is concerned about sustainability of the program if Greg Wilkerson no longer continues as RACE liaison. The committee would like to reach out to local vet professionals ahead of local ASP meetings.

The quarterly Hot Topics in Welfare web post has been successful. Ideally, the committee will post one each on field, zoo, lab, and the award winner each year. The committee has updates for the Resources section of Welfare web page, and would like to link to welfare training opportunities, or develop its own videos, and possibly offer CE credits. Susan will attend the AALAC meeting and report back after the meeting in September.

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**Program, Erin Kinnally, Chair**

Erin reported a strong program for 2017. RACE has been very successful in drawing additional attendance (and membership). The published program in AJP is forthcoming. She asked for guidelines for inviting speakers for next year. Erin asked that the BOD discuss recording and live-streaming or posting talks on the ASP site that could be accessed for a fee.

**Publications, Matthew Novak, Chair**

Matt reported that in the past year, the committee worked on 3 major goals: 1) revised the web page on the ASP site; 2) conducted a search for the new Editor-in-Chief of AJP; 3) contemplated merging with Media & Public Engagement. In lieu of the latter, the two committees will try to work more closely and see how it goes and what else is needed before merging. Matt noted that the Executive Secretary is an *ex officio* member of both committees. Media & Publications chairs will attend each other's meetings. The committee recommended including "Publishing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in the contract with Wiley. The current contract, which contains certain limits, was signed in a very different world. What constitutes a scientific journal in 21<sup>st</sup> century? What do we want all of our publications to look like? (not just the journal) Do we want the Bulletin to be more interactive? The current product by Wiley feels very 20<sup>th</sup> century. Another important consideration is implementing data sharing.

**Research & Development, Larry Williams, Chair**

Larry reviewed the committee's two primary tasks: 1) review small grant applications. There were 25 valid applications; 9 captive, 16 field; 2) review Deborah Moore Grant applications. Awardees were forwarded to the BOD for review/approval.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Each committee is to review/revise its relevant web page(s) on the ASP website.
- Each committee is to submit a report for the Fall and Spring Bulletins at a minimum.
- ASP and the Awards & Recognition Committee need to advertise that one Student Travel Award is earmarked for a Latin American student.
- The Treasurer is to approach IPS to calculate fees for conference and split the credit card offset fees with IPS.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Submitted by:  
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