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## A Message from the President...



Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year Primatologists! Let's hope that 2019 will include important discoveries about primates, a deepening appreciation of primates, and meaningful progress toward their conservation.

I am honored to begin my term as President of ASP, and am anticipating a busy couple of years as I work to continue the advancement of our Society. I'll be working closely with other members of ASP's leadership. Our outgoing President, Kim Phillips, has earned all of our thanks for her dedicated guidance over the past two years. Kim will continue to serve as Past-President for the next two years. Although Cory Ross completed her term as our Treasurer, she has come back for more, and is now serving as Secretary. Lynne Isbell has joined the Board of Directors (BOD) as our President Elect. Many thanks also to Marilyn Norconk (Past President) and Amanda Dettmer (Secretary) who have completed their terms of service on the BOD.

I'd like to thank each of the committee chairs for the 2016-2018 term: Lynne Isbell (Awards and Recognition); Michelle Bezanson and Stacy Tecot (Conservation); Chris Schmitt (Media and Public Engagement); Karen Hambright and Mike Reid (Education); Cory Ross (Finance and Membership); Susan Lambeth and Kris Coleman (Primate Care); Erin Kinnally (Program); Matthew Novak (Publications); Larry Williams (Research and Development) and Brett Frye (Student). We couldn't do what we did without each of you!

You'll notice a few recurring names in this list of current committee chairs for the 2018-2020 term: Justin McNulty (Awards and Recognition); Marilyn Norconk (Conservation); Erin Kane (Media and Public Engagement); Mike Reid and Lauren Robinson (Education); Erin Riley (Finance and Membership); Kris Coleman and Susan Lambeth (Primate Care); Corrine Lutz and Doree Fragaszy (Program); John Capitanio (Publications); Daniel Gottlieb (Research and Development) and Colin Brand and Katie Gerstner (Student). Thanks to each of you for your enthusiasm in serving ASP.

Our annual conference this last August 2018 was wonderfully successful. As always, attending our meeting and hanging out for a few days with primatologists was informative, inspiring and fun! The San Antonio, TX venue

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was beautiful and convenient. Another big thanks to Kim Phillips and her group for hosting the meeting. Much appreciated! Erin Kinnally (Chair) and members of the Program Committee put together a fantastic program which is so important to the value of our meeting. Thanks also to Justin McNulty, who serves the role of ASP's conference coordinator doing lots of "behind the scenes" work to make our meetings function.

One of my favorite parts of our meeting is honoring some of our outstanding members with ASP small grants and other awards. The small grants conferred by the Conservation Committee and by the Research and Development Committee provide critical funding for students, newly independent scientists, and more established scientists. Gabriele Lubach was presented with the President's Award for her many years of service as the ASP Historian. Our Distinguished Primatologist award went to Dorothy Fragaszy of the University of Georgia, and I know we all look forward to hearing more about her work at our up-coming meeting. Congratulations to all!

In looking ahead over this next year, it is clear that ASP needs the involvement of its members more than ever. As you might remember, we have a new strategic plan. The plan gives us a long list of objectives to accomplish over the next several years and I'm grateful for that roadmap. The BOD has carefully reviewed the strategic plan, and has chosen to focus our current efforts on these initiatives:

STRATEGY 1: Foster an inclusive and diverse community of people studying primates

GOAL 1.1: Recruit and retain diverse membership

GOAL 1.2: Ensure stable membership levels

STRATEGY 3: Ensure the welfare and conservation of primates

GOAL 3.1: Support and engage primate habitat countries and primatologists

GOAL 3.2 Enhance ASP's role as a conservation advocate

GOAL 3.3 Enhance ASP's role as a leading organization in primate welfare

STRATEGY 5: Ensure that ASP endures and thrives

Goal 5.1: Develop strategic partnerships that will benefit ASP

In general, these goals revolve around recruiting more members to our Society, through a variety of avenues. The entire BOD and many of our committee Chairs and committee members will be working in concert to achieve these objectives, and we need your assistance as well. Please respond if you are contacted about helping in this important endeavor. If you have ideas about the strategic plan, please do let me know.

It is never too early to start thinking about what you might want to present at our next conference in Madison, Wisconsin, August 21-24, 2019. The abstract deadlines will be upon us soon.

Mollie Bloomsmith  
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## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Awards & Recognition Committee

#### Call for Nominations

The Awards and Recognition Committee encourages nominations to recognize those who have contributed in different ways to primatology or to the ASP. Please consider nominating someone who has devoted substantial time and energy over the years to the ASP for the Distinguished Service Award. We also have the Early Career Award for someone who has made an exceptional contribution to primatology at the beginning of their professional career and the Distinguished Primatologist Award for someone who has made exceptional contributions throughout the course of their professional career. The nomination deadline is **May 1, 2019**. For details on the nomination process for these awards and others, all summarized below, please see <https://asp.org/grants/awards/index.cfm>:

- 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 ASP
- Special Recognition/Achievement Award for exceptional one-time or short-term service to the ASP

-Justin McNulty, Chair Awards and Recognition Committee

### Conservation Committee

The Conservation Committee had a very successful 2018 thanks to the commitment and ingenuity of committee co-chairs, **Michelle Bezanson** and **Stacey Tecot** and 20 committee members. Michelle and Stacey retired as co-chairs. I am pleased that they agreed to continue to serve on the committee. On a monetary note, the Conservation Committee collected \$1,835 from the raffle of Michelle Bezanson's paintings and \$1,913 from the silent auction. Many thanks to everyone for their generous support of the committee and particularly to Michelle for her donations.

We reviewed six impressive nominations for the Conservationist award. **Mariani Ramli** from Malaysia is the 2018 winner. Mariani has worked as a wildlife ranger Malaysia's Department of Wildlife and National Parks for nine years, founded the Gibbon Protection Society of Malaysia in 2016 and is running a primate rehabilitation center. We wish her success as she both works to educate people about the tragic outcomes of the illegal primate pet trade, and rescues and rehabilitates gibbons. The committee is very grateful to those who took the time to nominate individuals who are making a difference in primate conservation worldwide.

There were many innovative proposals among the 30 applications received for Conservation Small Grants. The committee selected five projects to fund for a total of almost \$9,000 in 2018. The winners (and the countries where they live and or work) were **Yvan Andriamaheary** (Madagascar), **Aparna**

**Chandrashekar** (Madagascar), **Sayantana Das** (India), **Holly Torres** (Ecuador), and **Kathy West** (Madagascar). Their project titles are posted on the ASP website. We wish all the applicants success with their projects and look forward reviewing applications from a robust pool of applicants in 2019.

On-line grant submission for 2019 Conservation Small Grants opened 1 January 2019 and will close on 31 January 2019. Please see the ASP website for detailed instructions on how to submit an application. Be sure that your application is compliant so that it can be reviewed. If you are seeking to receive complimentary ASP membership, please start that process soon so that you are approved and ready to submit your proposal in early January.

Many thanks to **Krista Milich** for preparing conservation videos for release to the website. Look for a new one in the near future and if you have video expertise and would like to participate in this great project, please let me know. **Sylvia Atsalis** is helping me to prepare final reports for publication in the bulletin. We are editing them to two pages to enable us to publish more per bulletin and recognize the significant conservation research and training that ASP has supported.

Current Conservation Committee members: Marilyn Norconk (chair), Stacey Tecot and Michelle Bezanson (past chairs), Sylvia Atsalis, Andrea Baden, Thad Bartlett, Cathy Cooke, Herbert Covert, Andrea Eller, Wendy Erb, Tremaine Gregory, Susan Lappan, Krista Milich, Kristen Morrow, Christopher Shaffer, Montse Fraquesa Soler (student member), Raymond Vagell (student member). Thank you all and if I missed naming anyone, please let me know!

- Marilyn A. Norconk, Chair, Conservation Committee ([mnorconk@kent.edu](mailto:mnorconk@kent.edu))

## Education Committee

We here at the ASP Education Committee wish you a happy and healthy end to 2018 and a great holiday season. As 2018 ends, we wanted to update the ASP membership on a few things on the go for the Education Committee in 2019, and beyond!

The first thing I would like to do is thank my outgoing Co-Chair Dr. Karen Hambright. Karen has been a great friend and mentor helping me (Mike) get my feet wet as an Education Committee Co-Chair. Karen has also agreed to stay on the Education Committee as a member to continue to support us. For those of you who were not able to attend ASP 2018 in San Antonio 1) You missed a great conference; and 2) You haven't met the new ASP Education Co-Chair. It's with great pleasure that I welcome my new Co-Chair Dr. Lauren Robinson to the team. We are both very excited for what the next two years will bring!

At ASP San Antonio, the Education Committee had the pleasure of adjudicating some excellent student papers and posters. We had a difficult time as all the finalists did an excellent job, but one paper and one poster stood out. Congratulations to.....

**Outstanding Oral Presentation Award  
ASP's 2018 Recipient is  
Allison McNamara**

**Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin**

**“Meeting a challenge: Quadrupedal gait kinematics and substrate disruptions in wild *Saimiri sciureus*.”**

**Outstanding Poster Presentation Award  
ASP's 2018 Recipient is:  
Dominique Bertrand  
University of Buffalo**

**“Effects of crop guarding on the behavior of wild, habituated groups of *Macaca nigra*”**

These awards recognize high-quality first-authored student presentations. Typically, each winner receives:

1. Cash prize
2. One-year membership to ASP with electronic access to AJP
3. AJP publisher Wiley will give a substantial bonus offer and make this manuscript freely available to download (Open-Access) for a period of one-year post-publication, if accepted following submission to AJP.

In addition to these prizes, this year Wiley generously added a bonus for both winners. Allison McNamara received Wiley Blackwell's 3 Vol International Encyclopedia of Primatology, while Dominique Bertrand received Wiley Blackwell's Encyclopedia of Human Evolution

As we start to creep closer to ASP 2019 in Madison Wisconsin, Lauren and I would like to encourage students to enter the ASP Education Committee Student Oral Presentation and Poster Presentation when they submit their abstracts. It gives us the chance to get to know students and their work while also giving us an excuse to share it with the broader community. We are so proud of the wonderful work coming from the next generation of primatologists and we look forward to their involvement in next year's conference.

### **2019 and Beyond**

We have already begun planning our work for ASP 2019 in Madison Wisconsin with the help of local host, Dr. Toni Ziegler and Wisconsin National Primate Research Center staff member Jordana Lenon to host a pre-conference workshop for local elementary or high school teachers. We are currently batting around ideas and themes for the workshop. If you would like to help and/or participate and think you might be in Madison a day or two before the official start of ASP 2019 we would love to hear from you.

Lauren and I also are beginning to prepare for the 2020 USA Science & Engineering Festival. This is an important opportunity for outreach and to encourage children to explore careers in STEM.

Committee member Kathy West helped develop a bilingual coloring book on lemurs in Malagasy and English that has begun being distributed to school aged children in Madagascar. Kathy has offered to help the ASP Education Committee develop similar books on Careers in Primatology, Primates Aren't Pets, and Conservation with bilingual English/Spanish editions.

With all these amazing and exciting activities planned for 2019 and beyond, Lauren and I will need help on the education committee. If you would like to serve on a great committee, please don't hesitate to contact Lauren or myself. We would love to have you. If you are a past student competition winner, we ask you strongly consider joining!

~ Mike Reid and Lauren Robinson, Co-Chairs, Education Committee (mj.reid@utoronto.ca; drlmrobinson@gmail.com)

## Media and Public Engagement Committee

We continue to highlight early career researchers (undergraduates, graduate students, postdocs, nontenured faculty, field assistants, volunteers, etc) on our twitter and facebook. If you would like to be featured, or you have mentees and trainees you would like featured, please fill out this google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/vWP0JiatMyoQRFkD3>

We are also regularly sharing primate art, and photos on twitter and facebook. If you would like your primate art and photography featured, you can submit it at this google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/Md3xXa9G2HS3soxn1>

If you would like to join this committee, please contact Erin Kane ([erinkane@bu.edu](mailto:erinkane@bu.edu)).

-Erin Kane, Chair Media and Public Engagement

## Primate Care Committee

The Primate Care Committee (PCC) had a productive meeting in San Antonio. Our mission is to advocate for the appropriate care and welfare of nonhuman primates in *all* settings. While membership is diverse, we currently have no representatives who work in the field or in sanctuaries. If you work in one of these areas and want to join the PCC, let us know!

One role of the PCC is to administer the Primate Welfare Award. We are pleased to announce that this year's winner was Sarah Neal Webb, for her poster entitled "Captive chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) behavior as a function of group size and composition". Congratulations Sarah! 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!

The PCC sponsored a full day workshop at this year's meeting entitled "Positive reinforcement training for primate veterinary care". Thanks to Jaine Perlman and the instructors for their work putting this together. The workshop was well received and had over 20 participants from a variety of backgrounds. Due to the success of this workshop, we are already planning the next one, to be held in conjunction with ASP 2019. Stay tuned for more information.

We were once again able to offer RACE (Registry of Approved Continuing Education) credits to veterinarians and veterinarian technicians at the 2018 meeting. There were a total of 8 RACE credits from certified talks this year, and another 3.5 from the workshop. Let your favorite veterinarians know

that they can get these CEUs at ASP- they don't have to go to vet-specific meetings! We are hoping to make the process easier next year.

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, welfare of gorillas in the DRC, and slow loris welfare and conservation. 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). Melissa Truelove, Grace Fuller and Ashley Edes have done an outstanding job with these interviews. Grace will be stepping down at the end of the year. Many thanks to her and the others for their hard work!

If you have any questions or want more information about the committee, please contact us.  
~Susan Pavonetti and Kris Coleman, Co-Chairs, Primate Care Committee

## Program Committee

The Program Committee invites you to submit your best scientific work in any area of primatology for inclusion in this year's program. Papers and posters presented at annual meetings of the ASP are to be based on high quality research that has generated interesting data relevant to current scientific issues in primatology. Abstracts of these presentations are published in the American Journal of Primatology. Abstracts will undergo peer-review by the Program Committee and submitting authors will be notified by email of the status of the abstract. Accepted abstracts will be organized into sessions based on topic area and type of presentation. Available presentation types include oral presentations, poster presentations, symposia and workshops.

We would like to add a new element to the scientific program for the 2019 meeting: A poster symposium. In this format, posters on a related theme are mounted in one room or one area of the poster room. Each poster is summarized orally to the audience in a 3 to 5 minute synopsis. Then, following a break during which all the posters can be viewed and discussed one on one, in the normal way, a group discussion ensues, so that questions can be posed to the group of presenters and discussed by all. If you have an idea for a poster symposium, please contact us to discuss how it might be organized.

### Submission deadlines

**Symposia and Workshop abstracts: March 1, 2019**

**All presentation abstracts: March 31, 2019**

~Doree Fragaszy and Corrine Lutz, Co-Chairs, Program Committee

## IN MEMORIAM: Dorothy L. Cheney

(August 24, 1950-November 9, 2018)



Primateology lost a giant on November 9, 2018 when Dorothy Cheney died at age 68 after several years of agonistic interactions with the breast cancer beast. Luckily for us, Dorothy discovered primatology when she found and married Robert Seyfarth, and in 1972 tagged along with him to conduct a field study of chacma baboons in South Africa. That experience caused her to abandon thoughts of law school and by 1977 she had earned her Ph.D. under the supervision of Robert Hinde at Cambridge University. A postdoctoral position with Peter Marler began what was to turn into a 13-year field study of vervet monkeys in Kenya, during which time she also accepted faculty positions at UCLA and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1992, she circled back around to chacma baboons for another long-term field study, this time for 16 years in Botswana.

As Dorothy and Robert carried out their research at those field sites, they became known for their ingenious field experiments and recognized as leaders in expanding the edges of our collective knowledge of primate vocal communication, cognition, and social behavior. They pioneered the playback experiment to examine vocal communication, and through this approach they shed light on the semantic properties and adaptive significance of various vocalizations, including alarm, intragroup, and intergroup calls. Their analysis of vervet alarm calls is well established in animal behavior textbooks as a classic example of primates engaging in referential communication. Their playback experiments also allowed them to explore kin recognition and reciprocity. They used vocalizations and detailed, long-term, individual-based observations of social interactions to investigate the adaptive value of social relationships, and in the process, their hard-earned records of births, deaths, immigrations, and emigrations also provided us with life histories of two long-lived primate species.

Starting in 1977 when her first paper was published in *Nature*, Dorothy collaborated with Robert repeatedly to publish high-quality journal papers and chapters. Another one of their papers, titled "Contingent cooperation between wild female baboons", received the 2010 Cozzarelli Prize for best article published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* in the area of behavioral and social sciences. In addition, they wrote two books, *How Monkeys See the World*, which won the 1990 W.W. Howells Book Award from the Biological Anthropology Section of the American Anthropological Association, and *Baboon Metaphysics*, the runner-up for the 2009 Diagram Prize for Oddest Book Title of the Year. They also co-edited the wildly successful *Primate Societies*.

In recognition of her far-reaching influence in primatology and animal behavior, Dorothy was elected a Fellow of the Animal Behavior Society in 1997 and of the American Academy of Arts and

Sciences in 1999. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland in 2013, elected into the National Academy of Sciences in 2015, and received the Distinguished Animal Behaviorist award from the Animal Behavior Society in 2016. Also in 2016 but much closer to home, in recognition of their highly intertwined long-term collaboration, Dorothy and Robert were jointly given the Distinguished Primatologist Award from the ASP, an award otherwise given to only one person in a year for an outstanding career.

In addition to Dorothy's sharp intellect and many accomplishments, those who knew her will always fondly remember her sardonic humor and straightforward honesty. She leaves behind her immediate family, Robert and their two daughters, Keena and Lucy, and her large academic family of colleagues and former students who called her their friend and miss her terribly.

More information about Dorothy's life can be found in the following links:

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<https://www.bio.upenn.edu/people/dorothy-cheney>

<https://www.the-scientist.com/news-opinion/dorothy-cheney--pioneer-in-social-cognition--dies-65110>

- Lynne A. Isbell

## CONSERVATION GRANT REPORT

### **A Comparison of Health Parameters of Endangered, Wild Ring-Tailed Lemurs (*Lemur catta*) across Two Habitats with Varied Levels of Human Disturbance at the Beza Mahafaly Special Reserve, Madagascar** Cora L. Singleton,<sup>a,b</sup> Aimee M. Norris,<sup>a</sup> Michelle L. Sauther,<sup>c</sup> Frank P. Cuzzo,<sup>d</sup> & Ibrahim Antho Jacky Youssouf.<sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, Columbia, South Carolina, USA; <sup>b</sup>San Diego Zoo, San Diego, California, USA; <sup>c</sup>Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, USA; <sup>d</sup>Department of Anthropology, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA; <sup>e</sup>Laboratoire de Biologie Animale et Ecologie Terrestre, Faculté des Sciences, Université de Toliara, Toliara, Madagascar.

The lemurs of Madagascar face probable extinction within the next half-century if adequate conservation programs are not developed. Despite this imminent threat, and although research has been done on the effect of habitat fragmentation, the effect of varying levels of anthropogenic disturbance on the health of wild lemurs, including ring-tailed lemurs (*Lemur catta*), remains largely unknown. Under the umbrella of The Beza Mahafaly Lemur Biology Project, which focuses on the effect of geographic and anthropogenic factors on lemur behavior, demography, health, and genetics, the present ASP-funded project investigated effects of habitat variation and degradation on the health of ring-tailed lemurs at Beza Mahafaly.

Beza Mahafaly Special Reserve (BMSR) in southwestern Madagascar has been the focus of socio-ecological studies of ring-tailed lemurs since 1987. The present study focused on two habitats within the reserve: an intact riverine gallery forest (P1) and a degraded mixed dry and spiny forest (P2). P1 is home to nine troops of ring-tailed lemurs that have been studied intensively for the past decade. Human impact is greater in P2 than in P1. P2 contains numerous



*Lemur catta* in P1, a fenced riverine gallery forest with low level of human disturbance. The understory plant community is complete with few large gaps in treetops.

understudied lemur troops even though it exhibits dramatic deforestation and evidence of widespread livestock grazing.



P2 is a disturbed an *Alluaudia*-dominated dry spiny forest, the understory damaged by cattle grazing and resource harvesting and large trees destroyed to feed cattle.

Thirty-six lemurs were captured using Telazol<sup>®</sup> administered via blow dart. Blood and urine were collected, hematology profiles performed and blood biochemistry profiles obtained; tests took place at the BMSR field laboratory.

As in previous studies, results indicated that females in the reserve gallery forest had significantly higher percentages of monocytes and eosinophils than males. While the underlying

cause of the difference remains unknown, common causes of eosinophilia include allergies and parasitism. Future determination of endo/ecto-parasite loads and assessing sex differences in resource use could be informative.

Results also showed that compared with lemurs from P1, lemurs from P2 had significantly higher mean packed cell volume, hematocrit, hemoglobin, total protein, blood urea nitrogen, chloride, ionized calcium and urine specific gravity. These findings may reflect lower hydration levels in P2 lemurs compared to P1 populations, suggesting that environmental degradation has identifiable impacts on the physiology and health of wild ring-tailed lemurs.



Health examinations begin immediately after capture, and continue after transporting lemurs to the Beza Mahafaly Special Reserve.

Long-term medical evaluations of wild lemur populations within higher quality protected reserves provide baseline normal health values, while results from this study add to our understanding of how values change with anthropogenic alterations. **Improved understanding of factors impacting the physiology, energetic status, and health of lemur species is important for their protection and for the development of feasible conservation initiatives.** Thus, given evidence of human impact in the spiny forest habitat, a pattern seen throughout southern Madagascar, biomedical markers suggestive of decreased hydration can provide empirical data to inform new conservation policies facilitating long-term survival of this lemur community.

Because ring-tailed lemurs are known to migrate as far as 20 km from their natal troops, the health and successful survival of lemur groups in both high-quality and more challenging environments will influence their ability to cope under future habitat alteration. With P2 ring-tailed lemurs living only 5-10 km from P1 troops, their genetic diversity and survival are critical for the overall maintenance of a healthy, viable lemur population. Thus, long-term survival of spiny forest lemurs is essential to maintain the health of the entire region's ring-tailed lemurs. These new health and biomedical data can prove vital for conservation efforts at the reserve.

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## CONSERVATION GRANT REPORT

**Exploring the Role of Conservation Education and Environmental Communication in Human Wildlife Conflict Resolution.** Julie Sherman, Executive Director, Pan African Sanctuaries Alliance.

**BACKGROUND** Africa's great apes and monkeys are among the most iconic species on earth, yet many of them are in peril due to human-wildlife conflict, habitat destruction, the bushmeat and pet trades, and emerging infectious diseases. Human-wildlife conflict is a well-known phenomenon across Africa. According to the IUCN Primate Specialist Group, conflicts between humans and great apes have been intensifying, often due to competition over resources such as food and water or attacks on humans by the apes (Hockings and Humle, 2009). As human populations continue to grow, encroaching on the primates' remaining forest habitat, these types of conflicts are inevitable. It is therefore essential to have a plan for mitigating these conflicts to minimize the impacts on both humans and nonhuman primates.

The Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) was established in 2000. It is the only network of wildlife sanctuaries, global experts and local communities working across Africa to protect endangered primates and their habitats. There are currently 22 PASA member sanctuaries in 12 countries stretching from Gambia in the west to Kenya in the east.

A key component of our work is providing professional development opportunities for African nationals working in wildlife conservation, education, and the primate healthcare field. PASA's 2013 Education Workshop was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon and was hosted by Ape Action Africa. The workshop was the first step in a three-year project on Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution.

**METHODS** The PASA 2013 Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution (HWC) workshop was attended by 25 conservation educators from PASA member sanctuaries across Africa. Facilitators and trainers came from Africa, Canada and the United States. Attendees identified and explored the sources of conflict about primates and natural resources in their communities, and challenged each other to develop methods to address these issues. Communication methods were highlighted and attendees were able to practice their new skills through group exercises and participation. They also worked on programs that teach local communities about the value of protecting native forests and wildlife and about halting the bushmeat and pet trades.



*PASA 2013 Conservation Education Workshop*

Goals of the workshop were:

1. To build the capacity of local sanctuary staff members to increase education and communication program efficiency that promotes awareness and protection of primates and their habitats.
2. To improve the ability of PASA education staff to assess and address human wildlife conflict in conservation projects.
3. To incorporate concepts of mitigating human wildlife conflict resolution including communication, facilitation and education into sanctuary programs.



*Africa Education Coordinator Jeta James and Executive Director Julie Sherman present at the workshop*

**RESULTS** The effectiveness of the workshop was evaluated by pre-post surveys. Some highlights of the results include:

- After the workshop, 40% of workshop attendees felt that they gained knowledge in communication techniques, 27% learned about conflict resolution, and 20% learned about education techniques.
- When asked what they would take back to their respective locations, 50% of workshop attendees mentioned types of education techniques, 14% mentioned communication skills, 7% mentioned conflict resolution skills, and 29% mentioned other skills they had learned.
- When asked to share conservation stories, 36% of workshop attendees shared a story about how their programs had led the community to inform them of injured wildlife that they then assisted, 36% of attendees shared a story about how their education programs had changed views or shaped the way of life of a local community (cleaning up the environment, etc.), and 27% of attendees shared a story about how hunting rates have been reduced in an area because of their programs.



*Educators Severin Bipan, Patricia Poaty and Irene Erdem test educational teaching tools.*

PASA sanctuary community conservation programs have resulted in measurable success in 28 communities (see Birungi, 2012; Bettinger et al., 2012; Fawoh, 2012; Lehnhardt et al., 2010). A survey of PASA sanctuaries showed that staff engages more than 500,000 people each year, and almost half the sanctuaries felt that community development and relations activities have the most significant impact on conservation. Workshop participants shared stories about the impact of their community conservation education programs.

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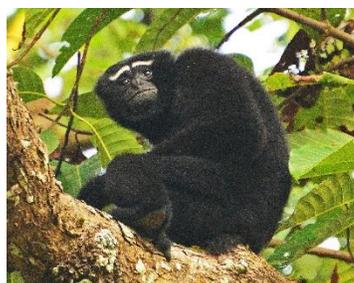
## CONSERVATION GRANT REPORT

**Field Course in Conservation Biology & Global Health at the Gibbon Conservation Centre, Assam, India** Dilip Chetry, Executive Director, Gibbon Conservation Centre at Aaranyak, Assam, India and Randall C. Kyes, Head, Division of Global Programs, Washington National Primate Research Center, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Although significant progress has been made in Assam, India to promote the conservation of primates, there remains an on-going need for education and training. **The primary aim of this project was to continue providing basic education and field training focusing on primate conservation biology for local university students and wildlife professionals in India.** The field course was conducted over one week in December 2013 at the Gibbon Conservation Centre located at the Hollongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary in Mariani, Assam, India. The sanctuary, managed by the forestry department, is an approximately 21 km<sup>2</sup> protected area with seven species of primates. Hosting the Hoolock gibbon, Assamese macaque, pig-tailed macaque, stump-tailed macaque, rhesus macaque, capped langur, and slow loris, it is among the most unique primate biodiversity hotspots in India.

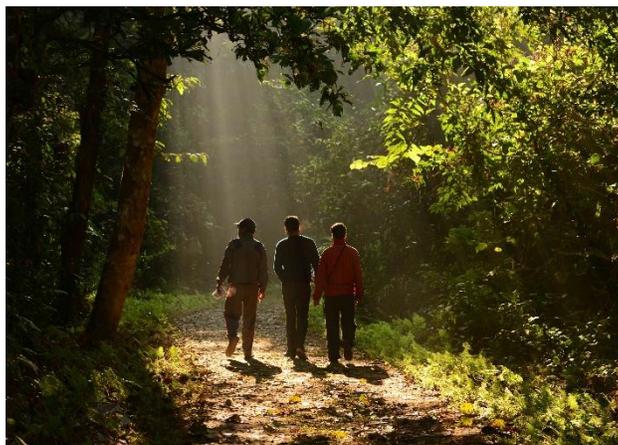
A total of 12 participants attended the field course with undergraduate and graduate students representing 6 universities throughout the Northeast India, zoo staff, and university lecturers.

The course consisted of daily lectures, field training exercises, and an outreach education program. Lectures covered conservation biology, primate behavior, ecology, management & conservation strategies, field study techniques, population sampling methods,



Hoolock gibbon at Hollongpar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary.

and issues in global health (reflecting the human-animal-environment interface). Hands-on experience was achieved through training in field methods that included behavioral sampling, line-transect sampling, GPS, radio telemetry, camera trapping, and aerial drones. Additionally, participants hosted an outreach education program for 46 children at a local primary school located at the sanctuary's boundary.



Field course participants practicing line-transect sampling during field exercise.

Concluding with a fun reception and an art contest promoting conservation awareness, the outreach program encouraged environmental awareness, understanding of the relationship with global health, and a sense of commitment to the region's biodiversity.



Outreach education group photo.



Field course group photo.

The long-term success of conservation programs depends on the ability of local people to take leading roles in their implementation. From its beginning in 2010, 8 annual field courses with 116 participants, and 8 outreach programs for 423 children have been successfully completed. Through this outreach, the program has helped reach the goal of establishing a body of well-trained, regional experts, capable of implementing future programs needed to ensure survival of India's nonhuman primates and the conservation of biodiversity.



Field course participant helping school children during outreach education program.



Dr. Dilip Chetry giving field course lecture.

# PHOTOS from the 41<sup>st</sup> ASP Meeting in San Antonio



ASP 2018 Final Banquet



ASP Volunteers



Suzette Tardif and her many trainees



Fun Run to the Alamo

**Minutes of the 2018 Meeting of the Executive Committee  
San Antonio, TX**

The members of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Primatologists convened at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2018, from 5-7pm in the Chula Vista Room of the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk, 123 Losoya St, San Antonio, TX 78205, with the following participation:

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

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Kimberley Phillips  
Amanda Dettmer  
Erin Kinnally  
Cory Ross  
Mollie Bloomsmith  
Marilyn Norconk  
Lynne Isbell  
Brett Frye  
Colin Brand  
Kris Coleman  
Susan Lambeth Pavonetti  
Larry Williams  
Karen Hambright  
Mike Reid

**Members Absent**

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Michelle Bezanson  
Stacey Tecot  
Matthew Novak  
Chris Schmitt

**Guest(s) Present**

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None

President Phillips called meeting to order at 5:05pm. The meeting opened with announcements from the President:

1. SOPs

The President reiterated her request from last year's meeting for committee chairs to submit their SOPs.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

Committee Chairs will give reports. President requests that chairs send her any Powerpoint slides no later than 12pm on Saturday to incorporate into one presentation.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

President noted the very real likelihood of members having conflicts of interest and the necessity to declare those. COIs may be perceived or real - but it is important to be aware and let everyone know.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN

- BOD voted to approve Strategic Plan, pending minor edits, and will identify first major priorities to work on with committee assistance.

**Standing Committee Reports**

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

- Lynne reported that there were six Maderas Scholarship applications; Renee Russell was selected to receive the scholarship (posted on ASP website already).

- 24 applications for the Ruppenthal Student Travel Awards; able to give out 4 -. The following students received Travel awards this year: Maura Tyrrell, Renee Russell, Rais Moreira, and Montserrat Marquesa-Soler
- The President's Award will be announced during the Business Meeting; the Distinguished Primatologist will be announced at the closing banquet.
- Chair reports there have been a number of "light" years in terms of nominations for awards.
- Incoming chair will be Justin McNulty.

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

- Marilyn Norconk presenting on behalf of Stacey Tecot and Michelle Bezanson. The chairs thanked everyone for their support and hope to stay on the committee although they will not be chairs.
- Thirty grant proposals were received, and 26 reviewed due to not following instructions, for Conservations Grant Awards; selected five awardees for a total of \$8,955.46. Winners were posted on the website in the spring.
- The committee has 20 members, many of whom are unable to attend ASP meetings. All are field primatologists and/or have academic appointments; the recent timing of August meetings has made it very difficult for them to attend. This year, only three members of the committee are in attendance. The committee hopes ASP will consider other times of the year. **ACTION ITEM:** Marilyn will ask the committee if they have recommendations for times of year.
- Committee activities included reviewing conservation grant & conservationist award applications, ranking candidates and creating award videos for outreach and fundraising. The committee will work with program committee in the future to recruit conservation-themed abstract submissions.
- There were six nominees for the Conservationist Award, higher than past years. The winner will be announced at the banquet.
- President asked how the Silent Auction was doing in terms of revenue and interest/activity. Marilyn reported there are a lot of items and much interest; Michelle Bezanson also donated two pieces of art for the raffle.
- Marilyn Norconk will be new Chair.

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

- The committee has lost several members for a variety of reasons, but gained recently three new members.
- The co-chairs both had significant and prolonged family crises that prevented them from organizing a booth at the USA Science & Engineering Festival in 2018. Will aim for a strong presence in 2020. The BOD donated the registration fee to the NPRCs so they could expand their presence.
- First round judging for student competitions was completed before the meeting and the Data Blitz was a success. Outcome of student competition will be announced at closing banquet. In addition to the publicized prizes, Paul-Andre' Genest (Wiley) has provided a copy of the 3 vol. Wiley Blackwell International Encyclopedia of Primatology for the outstanding oral presentation and a copy of the Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Human Evolution for the outstanding poster.
- Outreach:
  - Mike Reid contributed to the book, "Does it Fart?", a two-time NYT Best-Seller.
  - Kathy West developed a lemur coloring book both in English and Malagasy, available via open source and printable at cost (link on her website). KW has also offered to make similar book for individual ASP investigators upon request. One request already. Malagasy Public school teachers have used it with more than 250 children already. ASPEC will post link on ASPEC Webpage and Facebook.
  - ASPEC also plans to develop with Kathy West additional books on *Careers In Primatology, Monkeys and Apes Are Wild Animals and Not Pets!*, and *Conservation* with English/Spanish editions.
- ASPEC collaborating with Student Committee on Friday's workshop on Science Communication and Writing
- Committee will finalize SOP by including information on the Kyes Award.
- Committee will update instructions for Student Competition submissions & presentation, in particular, *How to give a good scientific presentation*.
- Prep for outreach at ASP 2019 will begin immediately, as will prep for USASEF 2020.
- New Chair/Co-chairs will be announced at the Business meeting

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

- No representation. The EC is frustrated at the lack of communication from the Media Committee
- New Chair will be Erin Kane, who plans to be at ASP the next 2 years. She is very active online.

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

- Discussions ensued about attendance of field researchers at ASP, which influences membership. Many field researchers choose to attend AAPA.
- There is a need to publicize that ASP does not just represent biomedical research.
- Committee is brainstorming ideas for increasing membership and attendance at meetings, including programming that pairs mentors with potential or current students, and targeting retired members.
- Changes in fund summaries for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2018 are as follows: General Fund -9%; Legacy Fund -48%; Conservation Fund +7.4%; Deborah Moore Memorial Fund -59%.
- At end of fiscal year (May 31, 2018), membership was down 15% from 2017 (a total of 399 members), at a total of 326 members. As of August 1, 2018, the total membership had increased to 353. Discussions ensued about membership rates; e.g., there are no reduced rates for fresh graduates, post-docs, technicians, zookeepers, and others who do not make a lot of money.
- Final income for the 2017 ASP meeting was reported as +\$565, but Cory Ross and Amanda Dettmer are revisiting and reconciling records.
- Erin Riley is incoming Treasurer/Chair.

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

- Committee drafted response to calls for public comments by the NIH Working Group on Chimps. BOD had suggested edits, will submit by deadline of August 10.
- Committee hosted a pre-conference workshop Positive Reinforcement Training for Veterinary Procedures at SNPRC, which was well-received and well-attended. SNPRC also donated buses to shuttle people to workshop. Committee is looking into doing this again next year, but a day earlier so as not to interfere with committee meetings. This workshop provided 3.5 RACE credits.
- Planning to update Committee web page.
- Committee proposed idea of ASP-certified online training course; something that only members could access. Would also look into RACE accreditation for these. Committee will send BOD a formal proposal.
- Committee had four applications for Primate Welfare Award; winner will be announced at closing banquet.
- Greg Wilkerson will report back on attendance/sign-ups for RACE credits. BOD approved providing RACE credits for four years to evaluate continuing in the future.
- Kris Coleman and Susan Pavonetti will remain co-chairs.

### **Program, Erin Kinnally, Chair**

- Erin reported 121 abstract submissions, about half posters. Fewer symposia applications than in previous years. The society could and should focus on emphasizing submissions for symposia in subsequent years. No submissions for Interdisciplinary Symposium.
- Need more targeted outreach to previous attendees to come back.
- Dates for 2019 submissions are not set yet.
- Last year's program should be sent to Wiley within next few weeks.
- The Spanish-language Symposium went very well and was very fun. Several messages came into BOD members thanking them for the symposium. Mike Reid suggested a French session to bring Canadian scientists to the meeting.
- Corrine Lutz and Doree Fragaszy will be new co-chairs.

### **Publications, Matthew Novak, Chair**

- Chair not at meeting; Kimberley Phillips reported in his absence.
- Largest topic is contract negotiations with Wiley. Some things in the proposed contract are unacceptable.
- AJP achieved an impact factor +14% to 2.288. It remains the top-ranked journal in primatology.
- John Capitanio will be the new chair.

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

- Kai McCormack stood in for Larry Williams at committee meeting.
- Sixteen applications for General Small Grants. Committee would like to award four winners (\$1500 each), and an additional two if finances allow (\$1500 each). BOD will discuss the financial situation, and winners will be announced at the banquet.
- Five applications for the Deb Moore Award for Early Career Primatologists (\$2000); winner will be announced at the closing banquet. This award is funded solely by donations.
- Daniel Gottlieb will be new chair; he has been a committee member for several years.

- Question to Chair: What is the “Development” aspect of the committee name? This was discussed - may need to be revised in the Strategic Plan and/or the Bylaws.

**Student (*Ad hoc*), Brett Frye and Colin Brand, Co-Chairs**

- Two new committee members this year.
- Speed Networking was a big success; committee would like to make it a regular event.
- Partnered with Education Committee to hold the Science Communication workshop on Friday.
- Last year, Paul Garber suggested that students submit review articles. Brett Frye and Colin Brand are working on writing a review article on the microbiome of captive primates with other co-authors.
- Committee discussed ideas for recruitment and retention of members. Chairs reported that one of the main problems is finding and contacting the student members. Chairs requested contact information of student members and student registrants. ACTION ITEM: Ask Nancy if it is possible to combine registration lists with membership lists with opt-out lists.
- Committee brainstormed programming ideas like a topic or brown-bag style lunch geared toward students, and/or the potential of topic-related dinner groups.
- Committee suggested trying out tour guides at poster sessions for new attendees/students to facilitate networking. One member also suggested bolding presenter names so that it is clearer at the meeting who is presenting.
- Is it possible to add photos to the member directory?
- Committee strongly suggested having first-time attendee stickers.
- Committee proposed the idea of ASP making resources available for self-care, mental health, etc. Will ruminate on what this would look like.
- Colin will remain co-chair and a second co-chair will be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

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

**Minutes of the 2018 Meeting of the Board of Directors  
San Antonio, TX**

The members of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the American Society of Primatologists convened twice at the 41st Annual Meeting of ASP in San Antonio, TX.

The first meeting was held on 8/8/18 in the Llanos Room at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk, 123 Losoya St, San Antonio, TX 78205.

The second meeting was held on 8/11/18 in the Riverbend Suite at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk, 123 Losoya St, San Antonio, TX 78205.

Meeting #1

In attendance

Kimberley Phillips  
Marilyn Norconk  
Mollie Bloomsmith  
Cory Ross  
Amanda Dettmer

Guests

Justin McNulty

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

1. Strategic Plan

- The BOD did not receive much feedback on the plan from the society, or even much feedback from Executive Committee. The BOD spent a lot of time and effort on the front end before sending it out to membership that it was in very good shape at the outset.
- Next steps - edit based on feedback; the BOD discussed feedback and a motion to approve the Strategic Plan. Then identify the priority action items to work on.
- **MOTION:** Cory Ross motions to approve the Strategic Plan pending edits from feedback. Amanda seconds. Motion passes unopposed.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Propose a vote at business meeting to revise the Article 2 of the Constitution, "Purpose." NOTE: I do not recall this happening at the Business Meeting.

2. Primate Care Committee's Draft Response to the NIH Call for Public Comment on the Safety of Relocating At-Risk Chimpanzees

- There is a "Save the Bastrop Chimps" campaign to keep chimps there. Conflicts of interest exist given that a member of PCC works at Bastrop. Mollie stated that she is a founding Board Member of Chimp Haven, has been involved for 25 years, and also worked at Bastrop.
- Declaring conflicts of interest, whether perceived or real, is critical, especially in high-stakes matters.
- Members of BOD will meet with PCC co-chairs to discuss content of responses and revising to submit acceptable responses, primarily focusing on behaviorist input. Input from both behavioral scientists/researchers and applied behavioral managers is needed.
- Need to revise opening paragraph to the response to reflect ASP's revised mission.

3. Future Meetings - Justin joined meeting at 1:36pm

- 2019: Madison, WI, Aug. 21-24. Need to check dates. Toni Ziegler, Local Host. Karen Strier, Eddie Chan, Gabe Lubach, Peter Pierre, Amita Kapoor are local arrangements committee members. Committee is working on vendors. Steve Nash is designing the logo for free. Meeting will be at UW-Extension Center. Extremely cost-effective to hold meeting here. Committee is working on room blocks; 70 rooms reserved at Lowell Center for \$100/night, includes full breakfast. Anticipating attendance of ~300. Mollie recommends reserving that hotel for students, techs, and others who may be financially restricted. Cory recommends ASP reserve group shuttles to transport folks from Chicago to Madison.

- 2020: Amy Levine from Denver Zoo will host; Denver Zoo will be title sponsor. Meeting in mid-June. Am. Society of Mammalogists (ASM) is holding 2020 meeting in Boulder, CO, in mid-June. Tentative dates: June 3-5 for ASP, June 6-9 for ASM to have a joint meeting with at least a day of overlap between the two societies. Some logistic issues: ASM is in Boulder, but Justin strongly recommends ASP should stay in downtown Denver for access to amenities, cost, etc. Where would the Saturday be? ASM is very amenable to coming to Denver for the day. Potential hiccup: Dec. 2018 deadline for call for proposals, for notification by March 2019, for the June 2020 meeting. ASM typically has 400-600 attendees. Amanda asked if ASM would consider a separate deadline for proposals for the joint meeting day.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Solicit feedback from membership at Business Meeting.
- 2018: There have been some difficulties in transitioning the responsibility of securing vendors from Steve Schapiro to Justin McNulty. Justin recommended altering exhibitor fees.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.

## Meeting #2

### In attendance

Kimberley Phillips  
Marilyn Norconk  
Mollie Bloomsmith  
Cory Ross  
Amanda Dettmer

### Guests

Erin Riley  
Lynne Isbell

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:32am.

### 1. Small Grant Awards

- Mollie motions to accept the recommendations for recipients of these awards. Kim seconds. All in favor.
- The BOD requests more detailed information on finalists, e.g., rankings, from each committee giving awards in the future.

### 2. Student Competition Awards

- Marilyn motions to accept the ASPEC's recommendations for two Outstanding Presentations (1 Oral, 1 Poster), with a \$150 prize for each. Mollie seconds. All in favor.

### 3. IPS Council

- Opening Meeting: IPS Council meets before and after each Congress. Marilyn advised Kim on what to report: the 2018 meeting; the first Spanish language symposium (hopefully the first of many); the Conservation committee put out a call for abstracts for a special symposium; announce Paul Garber and the 2018 Distinguished Primatologist; announce where 2019 and 2020 meetings will be and approximate dates.
- Closing Meeting: need a note-taker- Kim will ask Steve Schapiro.

### 4. AJP Contract Negotiations

- Kim met with Paul-Andre Genest on Thursday night. She told him ASP would not sign the contract. He seems willing to negotiate and really wanted to know what the major issues were.
- Paul-Andre claims that AJP is profitable for Wiley, but they are a business, the publishing landscape is always changing, etc.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Kim send revised contract to BOD.
- Current contract expires November 30, 2018; will renew for 2 more calendar year publications if a new contract is not signed.

### 5. STAR Representation

- STAR is a coalition of scientific societies that advocates for responsible animal research. Advocacy efforts include preparing and providing briefings related to responsible animal research on Capitol Hill and writing letters of support for scientists under attack by anti-animal research organizations. Representation originated with Justin McNulty during his term as ASP Executive Secretary.
- Attendees at this meeting agreed that it is valuable for ASP to continue representation. BOD discussed having continual representation rather than representation that rotates with the BOD.

- A question was raised as to whether ASP should only sign on to letters supporting primate research. The group agreed that there was value in participating in STAR activities concerning all animal research.
- Mollie asked for clarification on STAR vetting processes re: how letters of support are written, and expressed the opinion that although research may be approved and overseen by an IACUC, some primate research should not be conducted.
- BOD recommends Amanda Dettmer as a continuing representative, plus a second representative, possibly from the Primate Care Committee and/or a member active on policy.

#### 6. AIBS

- A question was posed, should ASP start a program to get a junior member to attend AIBS with the ASP President? Kim reports the meeting is quite expensive.

#### 7. Strategic Plan Priorities

- To be discussed at a future time by the incoming BOD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

Submitted by:  
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**Minutes of the 2018 Business Meeting  
San Antonio, TX**

The membership met on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from at 3:00pm in Regency West room of the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk, 123 Losoya St, San Antonio, TX 78205.

President Phillips welcomed the membership to the meeting. After thanking the Local Host Committee and the Program Committee for their work for this year's meeting, she commenced with the meeting's agenda:

1. Committee Reports
  - a. The ASP Committees provided the membership with committee reports, which were identical to those provided at the Executive Committee Meeting, with the following exceptions:
    - i. Conservation Committee: The Silent Auction raised \$1787. Raffle tickets are still available for the artwork, which will be raffled at the final banquet.
    - ii. Primate Care Committee: The 2018 meeting included 8 RACE credits with 9 vet professionals attending. The pre-conference workshop was 3.5 RACE credits.
2. *American Journal of Primatology (AJP)* Report — Karen Bales
  - a. New developments at AJP
    - i. Expanded editorial board - general editorial board of about 30 members.
    - ii. Adjusted author guidelines - part of Wiley trying to standardize guidelines across many journals. This included moving to APA format for research articles.
      1. Added a request to supply a Tweetable summary with article submission.
      2. Graphical abstracts are mandatory.
    - iii. Data sharing roundtable at ASP 2018; will follow up on some ideas presented there and keep ASP membership informed every step of the way.
    - iv. Marketing by Wiley at this year's meeting.
    - v. Junior editorial board - to mentor junior reviewers (graduate students, post-docs) with experienced reviewers.
    - vi. ASP Member featured article on ASP website
  - b. *AJP* Metrics
    - i. In 2018, the average number of days to first decision on a manuscript was 35, and to final decision was 124. Fifty-eight percent of manuscripts were accepted, and AJP published 47 articles in 2018 (as of the ASP meeting).
    - ii. Only primate journal with an impact factor higher than 2.0 — at 2.288.
    - iii. The top 5 countries represented by submitting authors are the United States, Brazil, the UK, Germany, and China.
    - iv. Accepted papers by taxon: 38% Old World monkeys, 30% New World monkeys, 21% apes, 9% prosimians, and 2% humans.
    - v. A special issue was published in January 2018: Special Section on Chimpanzee Health and Conservation in the Anthropocene. As of the meeting, the issue had 2,206 full-text downloads.
    - vi. Future special issues planned include: 1) Oxytocin and Vasopressin (guest editors, Sara Freeman and Karen Bales – near completion; 2) Marmosets as a translational model for aging (guest editors Cory Ross and Suzette Tardif) — manuscripts are being submitted; 3) Primate microbiome (guest editor Katherine Amato), submission deadline Oct/Nov 2018; 4) Field-lab commentaries (guest editor Marilyn Norconk), — will likely be published as a special section, fall 2018 submission deadline; 5) Primate Development -- joint issue with Developmental Psychobiology, January 2019 submission deadline; 6) Primates in Fragments (guest editors Lisa Gould and Giuseppe Donati), submission deadline April/May 2019.

3. Future ASP Meetings
  - a. Toni Ziegler provided detailed information about the 2019 ASP meeting in Madison, WI, August 21-24, 2019.
  - b. Justin McNulty gave updates on the 2020 meeting in Denver, CO in early June 2020; will try to have a joint meeting day with the American Society of Mammalogists (ASM). Symposium deadline is due December 2018, so members should think now!
4. IPS Update
  - a. 2018 meeting is August 19-25 in Nairobi
  - b. 2020: Aug 16-22 in Quito, Ecuador
  - c. 2022: Mostly likely will be in Southeast Asia
5. President's Report
  - a. Strategic Plan
    - i. President Phillips provided an overview of the Strategic Plan process in 2017.
    - ii. At this meeting, BOD discussed feedback and formally approved and adopted the Strategic Plan.
    - iii. President reviewed the updated/revised ASP mission and 5 major Strategies in the plan.
  - b. AJP contract with Wiley - contract is currently under negotiations. Updates will be provided as information comes in.
  - c. President's Award - President Phillips presented the President's Award to Dr. Gabriele R. Lubach from University of Wisconsin Madison for her contributions as ASP Historian.
  - d. Kimberley Phillips welcome Mollie Bloomsmith as the President of ASP for 2018-2020.
  - e. President Bloomsmith announced the new Committee Chairs for 2018-2020:
    - i. Awards & Recognition - Justin McNulty
    - ii. Conservation - Marilyn Norconk
    - iii. Media & Public Engagement - Erin Kane
    - iv. Education - Mike Reid and Lauren Robinson
    - v. Finance & Membership - Erin Riley
    - vi. Primate Care - Kris Coleman and Susan Lambeth
    - vii. Program - Corrine Lutz and Doree Fragaszy
    - viii. Publications - John Capitanio
    - ix. Research & Development - Daniel Gottlieb
    - x. Student - Colin Brand

The meeting adjourned at 4:06p.m.

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