



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

2023 Annual Report



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A Message from the President



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2023 Annual Report for the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS). This past year has been a time of significant progress and impactful initiatives, reflecting our ongoing commitment to advancing the biological sciences for the benefit of science and society.

AIBS continues to play a pivotal role in fostering scientific excellence and innovation. Our peer review services have provided critical support to a diverse array of scientific funding organizations, ensuring that research proposals are evaluated with the highest standards of integrity and expertise. This work is essential to advancing scientific knowledge and informing policy decisions that affect our environment, health, and communities.

In addition to our peer review activities, AIBS has made strides in promoting public understanding of science. Through our publications, including the peer-reviewed journal *BioScience*, and various communication initiatives, we strive to make scientific knowledge accessible and engaging to a broad audience. This year, we have expanded our outreach efforts, utilizing new platforms and technologies such as topical virtual meetings, marketing campaigns, and AI-driven newsletters to connect with diverse communities and foster a greater appreciation for the biological sciences.

Our advocacy efforts have also been robust, as we continue to engage with policymakers to support funding for scientific research and education. AIBS has been a strong voice because we represent 106 societies and organizations in advocating for policies that strengthen biodiversity research and conservation, ensuring that science informs decisions that impact our natural world.

We continue to advance our efforts to address issues for diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, and acceptance for all scientists and in all areas of biology, making our discipline more open to everyone.



AIBS released a Diversity Plan in 2021, updated in 2023, which focused on actions that centered on three of our core activities: assessment, training, and communication. AIBS has diligently worked to assess our current programs as well as to develop and expand programs and policies that increase diversity, equity, and inclusion in the biological sciences. AIBS was able to successfully lay the foundation for programs and activities that will achieve these ends.

One major focus of our activities in 2021 was to expand the annual meeting of the AIBS Council of Member Societies and Organizations, also known as the IDEA2 conference. The IDEA2 conference focuses on Enabling Scientific Societies to Support Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accepting, Accessible (IDEA2) Scientific Environments. The first meeting of the conference was held in November of 2021. The outcomes from this meeting have been published as a special report in our premier journal, BioScience.

The 2022 IDEA conference was a series of mini-sessions that culminated with the annual meeting of the AIBS Council of Member Societies and Organizations. The 3 mini-sessions focused on society commitment to DEI and explored internal structure, external communication and assessment.

The focus of the 2023 meeting was “Expanding the IDEA.” The meeting brought like-minded organizations together to identify collaboration opportunities, needed resources, and future activities.

Looking forward, AIBS is poised to implement its 2024-2028 strategic plan, focusing on sustainability and increased impact. We are committed to enhancing our professional development programs, providing valuable training opportunities for scientists at all career stages. Our goal is to equip researchers with the skills they need to succeed in an ever-evolving scientific landscape.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, member organizations, and partners. Your support and collaboration are vital to our success. Together, we will continue to advance the biological sciences and make meaningful contributions to society

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith E. Skog". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judith E. Skog, Ph.D.
AIBS President

Who We Are

The American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) scientific association dedicated to advancing the biological sciences to promote increased understanding of all life. AIBS was formed with a vision of bringing together the organizations and individuals that advance the biological sciences to work together on matters best addressed through united action. Founded in 1947 as a part of the National Academy of Sciences, AIBS became an independent, member-governed organization in the 1950s. Today, AIBS has more than a hundred member organizations and is headquartered in Herndon, VA. Staff members work to achieve its mission by publishing the peer-reviewed journal *BioScience*, by providing scientific peer review and advisory services to a variety of funding organizations, and by collaborating with scientific organizations to advance public policy, education, and the public understanding of science. AIBS continues to adapt its programs to the rapid social, technological, and economic changes that are influencing the practice of the life sciences.

Who We Work With

AIBS works with any stakeholder that advances the field and profession of biology. Organizations and individuals partner with us on initiatives, work with us to identify and communicate matters of common concern, and help connect us to their communities for idea and information exchange—particularly regarding public policy, research, education, public understanding of science, and matters of professional concern. AIBS has member societies and organizations that support our work. AIBS supports a diverse client base ranging from government agencies to scientific institutions to nonprofit and for-profit entities that use our expert services to inform their funding decision-making.



Our Vision

To advance the biological sciences to promote increased understanding of all life.

Our Mission

To promote the use of science to inform decision-making and advance biology for the benefit of science and society.

Achieving Our Mission

AIBS works toward its outcomes through three programmatic areas:

- Scientific Peer Advisory and Review Services for research proposals and programs sponsored by funding organizations, including the federal government, state agencies, private research foundations, other non-government organizations and community education about the science of peer review.
- Community Programs that advance the field and profession of biology while promoting and providing leadership, with a particular emphasis on public policy and advocacy, education and professional development, as well as public awareness of science.
- Publications and Communications, including reliable reports, analyses, and the peer-reviewed journal *BioScience*, which is a forum for integrating the life sciences and educating the public about biological sciences.

Scientific Peer Advisory and Review Services

Independent, highly credible, subject matter expert scientific peer review is critical for rigorous science. Recognized as a center of excellence for peer review, we work with a diverse group of scientific funding organizations and in a wide range of scientific disciplines to provide peer review of proposed, ongoing, or past research. Our goal is to plan, coordinate, and facilitate best-in-class advisory services to support informed decision-making.

In 2023, AIBS remained agile to meet the changing needs of clients to continue to support important scientific research. Furthermore, we were able to expand our client base and initiated strong relationships with several new funding organizations. Over the past year, our work involved research efforts focused on several areas, including but not limited to: psychological health, several cancer programs, developmental biology, heart disease, environmental conservation, emergency medicine, infant mortality, gastrointestinal health, infectious diseases, marine science, neurodegenerative disease, and spinal cord injury. Some specific expertise that was brought to bear in these reviews included: clinical trials, animal research, device development, technology transfer, regulatory approval, intellectual property rights, and commercialization.

We continued to refine and expand capabilities of the SCORES® software suite, which has supported AIBS peer review processes since 2007. This modern, cloud-based platform was developed in-house and, with our expert review management staff, is used to efficiently facilitate all steps of material submission and review.

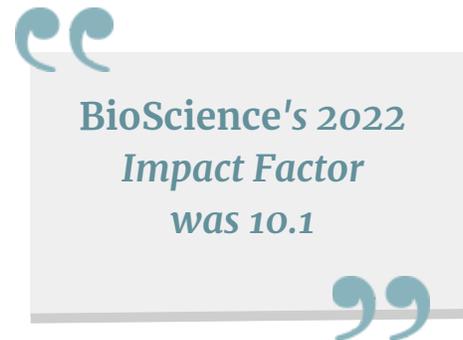
As the leader in the Science of Peer Review, we analyze and publish research on the peer review process to not only inform our own work but also to optimize peer-review practices in the greater scientific community. AIBS continues to contribute to the Science of Peer Review, analyzing review data and publishing the results; inform our own review processes and adding to the literature base of the greater scientific community so that peer review practices in general can be optimized.

Publications

Since 1964, AIBS has helped biologists, policymakers, educators, students, and members of the general public make informed decisions about the life sciences by publishing expert-vetted and highly cited articles in its flagship journal, BioScience.

In 2023, BioScience welcomed Charles B. Fenster, professor and director of the Oak Lake Field Station at South Dakota State University, to the helm as its Editor in Chief. Dr. Fenster has a long history of AIBS service, having previously served as an AIBS Board member, treasurer, and two-term president. Dr. Fenster has recruited over 30 new editorial board members, including some members of the AIBS Board, with the aim of increasing geographic, career stage, and gender diversity.

As part of a push to unite ecology with health-related perspectives under the One Health umbrella, BioScience published numerous articles discussing the relationships between ecosystem, wildlife, and human health, including Mabry and colleagues "The panzootic potential of SARS-CoV-2" and "Zoonoses in a Changing World," from García-Moreno.



**BioScience's 2022
Impact Factor
was 10.1**

Of similar global import, the journal maintained its focus on high-profile threats to human and ecosystem wellbeing, publishing "The 2023 State of the Climate Report," from William Ripple and colleagues. This article produced the journal's second-highest Altmetric score to date, 11,292, with mentions from nearly 14,000 X users. In other metrics news, the journal's 2022 Impact Factor, released in 2023, was 10.1, a slight decline in line with competitors' performance. BioScience maintained its ranking of second in Clarivate's general biology category.

The journal continued its support of AIBS's IDEA efforts, including the publication of a Special Report detailing the organization's IDEA Conference 2.0. Also notable in this space, the journal commissioned a feature from Niki Wilson, "How the Legacy of Racial Segregation Affects Urban Biodiversity."

Information Technology Office

During 2023, AIBS's Information Technology Office was pleased to support the larger organization across a wide range of initiatives. Our goals were to use trusted technologies to improve overall strategic outcomes, better support the organization's clients, increase engagement with AIBS's audiences, and to ensure modern, high performing, secure, and compliant services underpin all the organization's efforts.

Throughout the year, we consulted on, provisioned, and supported technology for AIBS itself, for 29 clients (including the March of Dimes, Rainwater Charitable Foundation, and the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research), and also for like-minded partners such as the Natural Science Collections Alliance.

Examples efforts include advising on internet domain concerns and hosting providers, remaking the user interfaces for our in-house SCORES® peer review software, adding new features which improved deliverable consistency while also reducing staff effort, and planning improvements to ease contracting for international peer reviewers.

Through topical virtual meetings, AI-driven newsletters, and marketing campaigns and analysis, we also used technology to better share AIBS's, and others', important initiatives to biologists and biological societies.

Secure computing remained a chief responsibility, and we continued to train staff to identify phishing attacks, underwent external security reviews, investigated bad actor events, tightened our cloud firewalls, and continued documenting our approaches to ensure client comfort and internal transparency.

Working with staff, our efforts to ensure data privacy for our clients and audiences continued. And, because AIBS honors diversity, equity, inclusivity, and accessibility, we continued to ensure our web site and peer review software is accessible to those who interact with via screen readers or keyboards alone.

We expect 2024 to be as busy, productive, and impactful as 2023, and hope our efforts help AIBS provide quality services supporting our audiences, clients, and the organization's mission, for the benefit of science and society.

Community Programs

The AIBS Community Programs Division plays an integral role in all our core activities of assessment, advocacy, communication, and training. It brings together membership services, science policy and advocacy, the AIBS Council Meeting, as well as professional development, education, and scientific programs, to advance our goal of promoting informed decision-making that advances biology.

In 2023, AIBS continued to actively engage current and potential Member Society and Organizations (MSO) in virtual meetings to discuss initiatives within all our organizations. These calls explored common goals and ways to further our collaborations to promote the use of science to inform decision-making.

The AIBS Public Policy Office remains resolved in its goals of securing robust federal funding for federal science programs, providing timely input on new federal policies and initiatives, and facilitating meetings between scientists and lawmakers. In 2023, AIBS worked with key lawmakers and our partners in the

scientific community to build on the progress of the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act to ensure that Congress follows through on the promise of the historic law by fully funding the National Science Foundation (NSF) and other science agencies at the levels authorized by it. AIBS continued to provide scientists with science policy and communications training and sustained its commitment to early career scientists by recognizing graduate student leaders with the Emerging Public Policy Leadership Award.



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Among our accomplishments in 2023 were:

- Helped 94 scientists become effective advocates for science.
- Increased awareness of the needs of the biological sciences community by facilitating 56 meetings between scientists and lawmakers.
- Helped facilitate community discussions on the implementation of collections-related provisions in the CHIPS and Science Act, namely a specimen management plan requirement and a Biological Collections Action Center.
- Reaffirmed our commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on race considerations in college and university admissions.
- Received an NSF award to convene stakeholder discussions toward building an integrated, open, Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR) data network.

AIBS continues to expand the delivery of professional development programming, providing training courses to scientists ranging from early career to senior researchers. In addition to offering in-person courses in Washington, DC and at professional society meetings and by recognizing graduate student leaders with the Emerging Public Policy Leadership Award.

In 2023, 174 scientists participated in our professional development programs, which include the AIBS Communications Boot Camp for Scientists, Writing for Impact and Influence, Enabling Team and Interdisciplinary Science, and Employment Acquisition Skills Boot Camp for Scientists.

In 2023, we upheld our commitment to changing the culture of biology. In November, AIBS convened the IDEA Conference — a follow-up to the 2022 AIBS Council Meeting, Enabling Scientific Societies to Support Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, and Accepting (IDEA) Scientific Environments. The 2023 IDEA Conference focused on Expanding the IDEA and provided a forum for leaders and staff of more than 24 societies and organizations to engage in shared learning, discussion, and reflection on how to expand IDEA work in a meaningful and impactful way. A summary report of the 2022 conference outcomes was published in 2023.



The 2023 IDEA Conference focused on Expanding the IDEA and provided a forum for leaders and staff of more than 24 societies and organizations to engage in shared learning, discussion, and reflection on how to expand IDEA work in a meaningful and impactful way.



AIBS Looking Forward

Industrious staff will implement the 2024–2028 strategic and implementation plan and position the Institute for increased impact and sustainability.

AIBS efforts to work with the like-minded organizations that collectively serve the biological sciences community will continue. We will strive to maximize our impact by leading national scientific discussions that gather and synthesize information to inform decisions made in support of scientific research and education endeavors.

AIBS will continue to provide world class peer review and related services to a diverse group of organizations that fund research in a wide range of scientific disciplines. We will provide merit review and scientific program analysis, program management and other support services to funding organizations and other research programs that seek independent, unbiased, high-quality, and vetted information to guide scientific research funding decision-making. Our work as a Center of Excellence in the Science of Peer Review will continue as we conduct new research on peer review, publish our findings in peer-reviewed journals, continue to expand and diversify our database of subject matter experts, participate in scientific conferences, and collaborate with organizations that seek to partner with us on peer review and related scientific support.

AIBS will continue to increase inclusion, diversity, equity, acceptance and accessibility (IDEA2) in the biological sciences. Staff will continue our steadfast commitment to multiple priorities identified in 3 focus areas: assessment; communication; and training. AIBS will continue to refine tasks and complete achieve the annual goals of our strategic plan. AIBS will remain committed to the annual Council Meeting of Member Societies and Organizations (MSOs) focusing on identifying barriers to IDEA scientific environments.

The Public Policy Office (PPO) will engage with policymakers and the scientific community at large to ensure their decisions were based on credible science and responsive to the biological sciences community. The PPO will provide excellent analysis and insights to the scientific community to assist them in understanding and advocating decisions that impact biological research and education. We will continue



to enable scientists to engage in the federal budget process, and advocate to ensure Congress follows through in funding scientific agencies at the levels authorized by the law. We will collaborate with the broader scientific community through several of our initiatives to secure robust federal funding.

AIBS will advocate for policies to strengthen biodiversity-related and biodiversity-enabled research. Through the Biodiversity Collections Network (BCoN), we ensured that important provisions supporting biological collections were included in the finalized CHIPS and Science Act. In 2024, we will continue to engage the research community and federal decisionmakers to inform the implementation of these provisions.

AIBS will expand the delivery of professional development programming, providing training courses to scientists ranging from early career to senior researchers. In addition to offering in-person courses in Washington, DC and at professional society meetings and universities across the country, all of our professional development programs are also offered in an online format. Our professional development programs will include the AIBS Communications Boot Camp for Scientists, Writing for Impact and Influence, Enabling Team and Interdisciplinary Science, and Employment Acquisition Skills Boot Camp for Scientists.

Board of Directors



Row 1: John Bates, Gabriela Chavarria, Todd Crowl, Raymond Mejía;
Row 2: Betsy Myers, , Eric Nagy, Richard Nakamura, Susan Perkins;
Row 3: Clifton Poodry, Muriel Poston, Verónica Segarra, Judith Skog;
Row 4: Krissa Skogen, Pamela Soltis, Lydia Villa-Komaroff, Michael Willig

Board Officers

Judith Skog
President
George Mason
University
2023 - 2024

Served as Professor teaching Biology at GMU and is now Professor Emerita in the Biology Department and Environmental Science and Policy at George Mason University, in Fairfax, VA. Past appointments have included Division Director and Deputy Division Director for Biological Infrastructure at the NSF, program officer in the Division of Environmental Biology (NSF BIO) and program officer in the Division of Earth Sciences (NSF GEO). Her service to scientific societies includes President of the Botanical Society of America and President of the American Fern Society. She holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University.

Eric Nagy
Vice President
University of
Virginia
2022-2023

Eric Nagy is a Professor of Biology at the University of Virginia, and Associate Director of Mountain Lake Biological Station (MLBS). His research focuses on the ecological, reproductive, and selective dynamics driving the evolution of plant populations. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis. Eric's work at MLBS concentrates on research and instructional support. He enjoys building the structure and organization needed for field-based science and learning. At MLBS he directs university and NSF-funded programs and spearheads advancements in scientific services and infrastructure that serve researchers and students.

Pamela Soltis
Secretary
American Society of
Plant Taxonomists
2022-2024

Pamela S. Soltis is a Distinguished Professor and Curator in the Florida Museum of Natural History and Director of the Biodiversity Institute at the University of Florida. She is Director for Research at iDigBio, the NSF-funded national center for digitization of biodiversity collections. She received a Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Kansas, and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Central College. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and is the Past President of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists, the Botanical Society of America, and the Society of Systematic Biologists. [Google Scholar](#)

Betsy Myers
Treasurer
Doris Duke
Foundation (retired)
2022-2024

Elizabeth (Betsy) Myers is retired from the position of Program Director for Medical Research at the Doris Duke Foundation, where she worked to advance the understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of human disease by strengthening and supporting biomedical research. She has a BS from Duke University and PhD from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She held academic appointments as instructor and assistant professor at Harvard Medical School and associate professor at Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

John Bates
*Council
Representative*
American Society
of Mammalogy
2023 - 2025

John Bates, Ph.D. is associate curator of birds at The Field Museum Negaunee Integrative Research Center and adjunct professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago. His research focuses on genetic structure of tropical birds, primarily at the level of populations and species. He holds a PhD from Louisiana State University.

Board Members Elected by the Board

Gabriela Chavarria
Burke Museum of
Natural History
and Culture at the
University of
Washington,
Seattle
2022-2024

Gabriela Chavarria is currently the Executive Director at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture at the University of Washington. She is responsible for providing a vision and leadership for the new Inside-Out model of Museum, while caring for and sharing natural and cultural collections so all people can learn, be inspired, generate knowledge, feel joy, and heal. Previously, she was the Vice President and Chief Curator of the Science Division at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. She received her Ph.D. in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology from Harvard University. She became an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow in 2021.

Todd Crowl
Florida
International
University
2022-2024

Todd Crowl is Professor and Director of the Institute of Environment at Florida International University. He is also the director and lead PI of FIU's NSF Center of Research Excellence in Science and Technology. Prior to joining Florida International, he served as an NSF program officer leading the Long-term Ecological Research Program and was the cofounder of the NSF Macrosystems Program. Prior to going to FIU, he was the director and lead PI of the NSF iUTAH EPSCoR program. He holds a PhD from the University of Oklahoma.
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Richard Nakamura
National Institutes
of Health (Retired)
2023-2025

Richard Nakamura is retired from the National Institute of Health, where he served as Director of the Center for Scientific Review, NIH, and as Scientific Director and Deputy Director of the National Institute of Mental Health. He holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from SUNY Stony Brook.

Clifton Poodry
University of
Oregon
2022-2024

Clifton Poodry is a retired Senior Fellow in the Science Education Department at Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). Prior to joining HHMI, he served as the Director of the Training, Workforce Development, and Diversity Division at the National Institute for General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), NIH, for 20 years. Prior to this work, he was a Professor of Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and did a rotation as a Program Director in Developmental Biology at NSF. He received a Ph.D. in Biology from Case Western Reserve University.

Board Members Elected by the Board

Muriel Poston
Pitzer College
2022-2024

Muriel Poston is an emeritus professor at Pitzer College in the Environmental Analysis program. In her final year at Pitzer College (2023), she served as the Director of the First Year Program and as a professor in the Environmental Analysis program, where she previously served as Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs. Prior to coming to Pitzer College, Dr. Poston served as the Division Director for the Human Resource Division in the Education Directorate at the National Science Foundation from 2011-12, and from 2005-2011, she was the Dean of Faculty and Professor of Biology at Skidmore College. She is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She received a J.D. from the University of Maryland at Baltimore and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Verónica Segarra
Goucher College
2023-2025

Verónica Segarra, Ph.D. is currently Associate Professor and the Maryland E-Innovation Endowed Chair in Biological Sciences and Chemistry at Goucher College, a liberal arts college in Baltimore, Maryland. Her lab at Goucher College is not only the home base for her research program, but a place where undergraduate students receive one-on-one mentoring as they strive to develop their identity in science and research. Dr. Segarra completed her PhD in Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale.

Lydia Villa-Komaroff
Intersections
Consulting:
Science, Business,
Diversity
2023-2025

Lydia Villa-Komaroff, Ph.D. is founder and President of Intersections SBD Consulting. She is co-founding member of SACNAS (Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science), a fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the Association for Women in Science (AWIS). She received her BA from Goucher College, her PhD from MIT, and a certificate in executive management from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.

Board Members Elected by the AIBS Council of Member Societies and Organizations

Raymond Mejía
Society for
Mathematical
Biology
2023–2025

Raymond Mejía retired at the National Institutes of Health as a Math Biology Scientist in 2007. He is a member of the [NIH Hispanic Employee Organization](#) and served as president in 2000. Currently he is a guest worker at the [Epithelial Systems Biology Laboratory](#) in the Systems Biology Center at NHLBI, NIH. He is a member of the Society for Mathematical Biology, American Mathematical Society, and American Association for the Advancement of Science.
Orcid ID [0000-0001-6237-5893](#) [Google Scholar](#)

Susan Perkins
American Society
of Parasitologists
2022–2024

Susan Perkins has been the Martin and Michele Cohen Dean of Science at the City College of New York since 2020. Prior to joining CCNY, Dr. Perkins held positions at the American Museum of Natural History, NSF, Division of Environmental Biology, and the University of Colorado. She was the President of the American Society of Parasitologists from 2017–2018 and a Council Member for the Society of Systematic Biologists in both 2012–2015 and 2018–2021. She holds a PhD from the University of Vermont.

Krissa Skogen
Botanical Society
of America
2023–2025

Krissa Skogen, Ph.D., is an associate professor at Clemson University. Dr. Skogen's research focuses on plant reproduction, pollination and interactions between plants and animals and she is committed to plant conservation efforts, including investigating the impacts of anthropogenic factors on plants and pollinators.
Orcid ID [0000-0002-7868-9632](#)

Michael Willig
University of
Connecticut
2023–2025

Michael Willig is the Executive Director of the Institute of the Environment and Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Connecticut. His work focuses on application of quantitative and statistical techniques to understand ecological dynamics in time and space, as well as conservation of biodiversity. He has held positions as program officer in the Ecological Studies Cluster and division director for Environmental Biology, both at NSF. He has served on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Mammalogists, and the Conservation International's Tropical Ecology Assessment and Monitoring Program. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Our Team



Diane
Bosnjak



DaJoie
Croslan



Arati
Deshmukh



Scott
Glisson



Ian
Johnson



Syreeta
Jones



Michael
LeMaster



Jyotsna
Pandey



Jennifer
Petitt



Keisha
Smith-Wade



Joanne
Sullivan



Lisa
Thompson



James
Verdier



Joel
Wagener

AIBS Past Presidents

Throughout its history, AIBS has benefited from the leadership of many distinguished individuals on its Board. The list of presidents is presented below. To ensure better continuity in AIBS's vision, AIBS presidents are now required to serve for two consecutive years, with the potential for re-election.

2019- 2022 Charles Fenster
2013-2018 Joseph Travis
2012 Susan Stafford
2011 James P. Collins
2010 Joseph Travis
2009 May R. Berenbaum
2008 Rita R. Colwell
2007 Douglas J. Futuyma
2006 Kent E. Holsinger
2005 Marvalee H. Wake
2004 Joel Cracraft
2003 Gary S. Hartshorn
2002 Gene E. Likens
2001 Judith S. Weis
2000 Alan P. Covich
1999 Gregory J. Anderson
1998 Gary W. Barrett
1997 Frances C. James
1996 John E. Burris
1995 W. Hardy Eshbaugh
1994 Harold A. Monney
1993 Diana W. Freckman
1992 Thomas Lovejoy
1991 Paul G. Risser
1990 Paul R. Ehrlich
1989 John P. Jordan
1988 Boyd Strain
1987 H. Edward Kennedy
1986 W. Donald Duckworth
1985 C. Herb Ward
1984 Peter H. Raven

1983 Kendric C. Smith
1982 Forest Stearns
1981 Winslow R. Briggs
1980 Beatrice M. Sweeney
1979 Paul B. Siegel
1978 Paul G. Pearson
1977 George Cries
1976 Robert Gordon
1975 David M. Gates
1974 George Sprugel, Jr.
1973 Robert W. Krauss
1972 W. Frank Blair
1971 David E. Davis
1970 George L. McNew
1969 LaMont C. Cole
1968 William D. McElroy
1967 J. Roger Porter
1966 Clement Markert
1965 Kenneth V. Thimann
1964 Paul J. Kramer
1963 James D. Ebert
1962 Frits Went
1961 Tracy Sonneborn
1959-1960 James G. Dickson
1957-1958 Wallace O. Fenn
1954-1956 H. Bentley Glass
1952-1953 Ted C. Byerly (Chairman)
1951 Frank P. Cullinan (Chairman)
1949-1950 Elmer G. Butler (Chairman)
1948 Ralph E. Cleland (Chairman)

Financial Summary

	December 31,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$375,668	\$794,929
Investments	1,473,328	1,149,377
Accounts receivable, net	412,255	727,437
Prepaid expenses	24,884	19,128
Total Current Assets	<u>\$2,286,135</u>	<u>\$2,690,871</u>
Property and Equipment, net Other Assets	18,809	24,463
Total Assets	<u>\$2,304,944</u>	<u>\$2,715,334</u>
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Loan Payable	\$3,418	\$2,668
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	250,738	300,288
Deferred Revenue	63,844	458,224
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$318,000</u>	<u>\$761,180</u>
Long-Term Liabilities		
Loan payable, net of current portion	143,256	147,332
Deferred Revenue	235,714	--
Total Liabilities	<u>\$696,970</u>	<u>\$908,512</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	\$1,087,639	\$1,272,716
Board designated	520,335	533,439
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>\$1,607,974</u>	<u>\$1,806,155</u>
Restricted	0	667
Total Net Assets	<u>\$1,607,974</u>	<u>\$1,806,822</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$2,304,944</u>	<u>\$2,715,334</u>

Financial Summary

	December 31,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Support and Revenue		
Non-federal contracts	\$2,243,926	\$2,022,973
Publications	426,125	440,313
Investment income (loss)	150,483	(117,596)
Membership	83,300	120,950
Grants & contributions	22,721	19,509
Federal contracts	5,840	61,385
Other	--	205
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$2,932,395</u>	<u>\$2,547,739</u>
Expenses		
Direct		
SPARS Non-Federal S	\$888,667	\$911,932
Membership benefits	388,878	318,838
Federal community programs	2,984	38,648
	<u>\$1,280,529</u>	<u>\$1,269,418</u>
Indirect	<u>\$1,850,714</u>	<u>\$1,852,514</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,131,243</u>	<u>\$3,121,932</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>(\$198,848)</u>	<u>(\$574,193)</u>
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>\$1,806,822</u>	<u>\$2,381,015</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u><u>\$1,607,974</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,806,822</u></u>

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