



TURTLE SURVIVAL ALLIANCE

AN IUCN PARTNERSHIP NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE CAPTIVE MANAGEMENT OF FRESHWATER TURTLES AND TORTOISES

Friday, December 5, 2008

TSA Standing Committees

Appeal to Membership

We are reviewing membership in our standing committees, specifically Animal Management chaired by Dwight Lawson and Annual Conference chaired by Lonnie McCaskill. We are seeking a few individuals that have special skill sets and that may want to become more involved in TSA activities. These are working committees and members should be prepared to take on assignments, communicate effectively and participate in the annual conference.

Animal Management Committee: The primary purpose is to oversee animal holdings and non-range country captive management programs of the TSA. The committee will be broadly divided into subgroups focusing on the care and reproduction of specimens in managed programs and the rescue and rehabilitation of specimens received from various sources. The committee is seeking several individuals to help implement animal acquisition and placement policy and procedures for TSA animals, and to work on revising the Taxon Management Group concept to make it more effective. Individuals who have the capacity to hold turtles awaiting placement would be especially helpful.

Annual Conference Committee: The TSA Annual Conference Committee is responsible for all aspects of managing the TSA annual conference, including program development, hotel selection, developing conference budgets, coordinating speaker travel, managing catering, transportation and other associated expenses, managing evening events, coordinating the annual auctions (live and silent), identifying sponsors for conference events, coordinating vendor booths, handling audio-visual needs, coordinating merchandising and TSA product line, managing logistics with conference hotel and host institution, assist with communications and photography needs associated with conference.

Participation in the conference committee offers members an excellent opportunity to interact with some of the world's leading turtle biologists.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Committee Chairs (dlawson@zoatlanta.org or Lonnie.McCaskill@disney.com) with a copy to Scott Davis at scott.davis@turtlesurvival.org no later than Friday, 12 December.

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