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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting the administrative and membership activities of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP). Materials include correspondence; information about annual meetings; program schedules; news bulletins; photographs; budget summaries and financial statements; reports; executive committee meeting minutes; information pertaining to contracts, grants, and awards; membership statistics; SVP by-laws and articles of incorporation; and agreements.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

Professional associations  
Vertebrate Paleontology

### Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs  
Manuscripts

Serials

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## Container Listing

### Box 1

Files from multiple donors, including SVP founding members: Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, 1941-1998. Donor: Ted Daeschler, curator, Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia (transfer of materials donated to ANSP [Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia] by the widow of R. G. Chaffee). Donation letter from Dr. Daeschler is included in the first folder.

News Bulletin, March 20, 1941, issue 1 and addenda (Secretary-Treasurer's Report, Information about Candidates for Membership, American Geological Institute Constitution, The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology Business Supplement)

SVP News Bulletin, May 20, 1941, issue 2

SVP News Bulletin, August 11, 1941, issue 3

SVP News Bulletin, November 10, 1941, issue 4

SVP News Bulletin, March 20, 1942, issue 5

SVP News Bulletin, June 20, 1942, issue 6

SVP News Bulletin, November 5, 1942, issue 7

SVP News Bulletin, January 20, 1943, issue 8

Donor: Robert Purdy, NMNH (National Museum of Natural History)

Program, Paleontological Society 33rd Annual Meeting and Society of Vertebrate Paleontology First Annual Meeting, Boston, December 29-31, 1941

Donors: Emily A. Buchholtz, Wellesley College, and Blaire Van Valkenburgh, UCLA

Reprints of two biographical articles on Tilly Edinger, founding member of SVP and president of SVP in 1964

Donor: SVP Business Office

Photographs of the founding meeting of SVP, December 28, 1940. Includes key to known individuals. 2 copies of black-and-white photograph, 2 copies of key

Donor: David C. Parris, New Jersey State Museum and Princeton University

Illustration of William Berryman Scott by artist Robert Bruce Horsfall, created for Scott's 80th birthday celebration in 1938 and signed by Scott,

Donor: Robert Purdy, NMNH

Correspondence between C. Lewis Gazin, NMNH, Wann Langston, University of Texas, and others on the creation of the NSF report Fossil Vertebrates in the United States, 1972

Donor: Holmes A. Semken, Department of Geosciences, University of Iowa

Collection of short articles, reprints and obituaries, by or concerning key SVP members

Donor: Clayton Ray, NMNH

SVP: The First Year, 1941. Folder of copies of SVP Bulletins #1-4, meeting programs and notes related to the founding of SVP. Photocopies from the files of Dr. Glenn Jepsen, SVP founding member, Princeton University

Photograph of meeting participants in the 1971 SVP meeting at NMNH, SI. Includes identification key

SVP membership list, 1990. Computer printout from SVP office

SVP address lists, 1982 and undated. Photocopies from SVP Bulletin and unknown sources

SVP annual meeting announcements and circulars: 1994, 1997, 1998

Donor: Blaire Van Valkenburgh, UCLA

Photograph of Ernst Mayr and E. C. Olson, undated

Field photograph of 4 men. E. C. Olson is second from left, undated

Photograph of Soviet paleontologist Ivan Efremov, Moscow, undated

Photograph of Soviet paleontologist Ivan Efremov. 1960. Inscription on back: "To my good and wise friend Ole-Professor Everett C. Olson. From Ivan A. Efremov, Moscow, 17.02.60."

Photograph of Soviet paleontologist Ivan Efremov. Undated. Inscription on back: "To Professor Everett C. Olson-'Ole', for good memory with great esteem and friendship. I. Efremov. 'Old Efrain.'"

Photograph of participants, Berg Waterstein Conference, 1975. Key is taped on back. NMNH paleontologist Kay Behrensmeyer is second from left; E. C. Olson is 4th from left

Photograph of 10 men on a field trip. Undated. E. C. Olson is third from left

Photograph of three men by a campfire. Undated. E. C. Olson is in the center

Photograph of unidentified man in the field (desert?)

Photograph of unidentified man

Photograph of meeting participants in the 1977 SVP meeting at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

SVP charter meeting photo with key, 1941. Founding member E. C. Olson is third from right

SVP: The First Year, 1941. Folder of copies of SVP Bulletins #1-4, meeting programs and notes related to the founding of SVP. Photocopies from the files of Dr. Glenn Jepsen, SVP founding member, Princeton University

SVP News Bulletins Nos. 5-8, March 1942 to October 1943. Folder with photocopies from the files of Dr. Glenn Jepsen, SVP founding member, Princeton University

SVP News Bulletin #10, 15 October 1943. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletin #11, 15 February 1944. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletin #13, 20 November 1944. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletin #15, 22 September 1945. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 85 and 87. February 1969 and October 1969. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 88, 89 and 90. February 1970, June 1970 and October 1970. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 91, 92 and 93. February 1971, June 1971 and October 1971. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 94 and 96. February 1972 and October 1972. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 97, 98 and 99. February 1973, June 1973 and October 1973. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletin # 101. June 1974. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 104 and 105. June 1975 and October 1975. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 106, 107 and 108. February 1976, June 1976 and October 1976. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 109, 110 and 111. February 1977, June 1977 and October 1977. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 112, 113 and 114. February 1978, June 1978 and October 1978. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 115, 116 and 117. February 1979, June 1979 and October 1979. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

SVP News Bulletins # 118 and 119. February 1980 and June 1980. From the office of Dr. E. C. Olson

Box 2

Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, Program Officer Files, 1979-1983.  
Planning documents, notes and files for annual meeting programs: 1979  
(Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 1980 (Gainesville, Florida), 1981 (Ann Arbor,  
Michigan), 1982 (Mexico City), 1983 (Laramie, Wyoming). Donated by  
Jason Lillegraven, University of Wyoming

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1979

Program submissions, 1979

Program drafts, 1979

Program officer correspondence, 1980

Romer Prize correspondence, 1980

Program drafts, 1980

Technical session I, 1980

Technical session II, 1980

Technical session III, 1980

Technical session IV, 1980

Poster session, 1980

Technical session V, 1980

Technical session VI, 1980

Late submissions, 1980

Withdrawn submissions, 1980

Platform papers, 1981, A-M

Platform papers, 1981, N-W

Poster session, 1981

Late platform submissions, 1981

Late poster submissions, 1981

Withdrawn submissions, 1981

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1981

Program outline, 1982

Platform papers, 1982

Symposium, 1982



Poster session, 1982  
Preparators' session, 1982  
Late platform submissions, 1982  
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Platform papers, 1983, A-M  
Platform papers, 1983, N-W  
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Miscellaneous correspondence, 1983  
Items needing action, 1983  
Moderators, 1978-1983  
Participants, 1979-1982  
Topical schedules, 1979-1982

Box 3

SVP News Bulletins, bibliographies and address directories, 1952-1985.  
Donated by Eugene Giles, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bibliography 1950-1951, issued May 1952

SVP News Bulletin # 49, 50 and 51. February, June and October 195

SVP News Bulletin # 53 and 54. February and June 1958

SVP News Bulletin # 55 and 57. February and October 1959

SVP News Bulletin # 58, 59 and 60. February, June and October 1960.  
Includes 1958-1959 bibliography

SVP News Bulletin # 61, 62 and 63. February, June and October 1961.  
Includes 1959-1960 bibliography

SVP News Bulletin # 64 and 65. February and June 1962. Includes  
1960-1961 bibliography

SVP News Bulletin # 67, 68 and 69. February, June and October 1963

SVP News Bulletin # 70, 71 and 72. February, June and October 1964.  
Includes 1962-1963 bibliography

SVP News Bulletin # 73, 74 and 75. February, June and October 1965.  
Includes 1963-1964 bibliography

SVP News Bulletin # 76, 77 and 78. February, June and October 1966.  
Includes 1964-1965 bibliography

SVP News Bulletin # 79, 80 and 81. February, June and October 1967.  
Includes 1965-1966 bibliography

SVP News Bulletin # 82, 83 and 84. February, June and October 1968

SVP News Bulletin # 85, 86 and 87. February, June and October 1969

SVP News Bulletin # 88, 89 and 90. February, June and October 1970.  
Includes 1968-1969 bibliography

SVP News Bulletin # 91, 92 and 93. February, June and October 1971.  
Includes 1969-1970 bibliography

SVP News Bulletin # 94, 95 and 96. February, June and October 1972

SVP News Bulletin # 97, 98 and 99. February, June and October 1973

SVP News Bulletin # 100, 101 and 102. February, June and October 1974

SVP News Bulletin # 103, 104 and 105. February, June and October 1975

SVP News Bulletin # 106, 107 and 108. February, June and October 1976

SVP News Bulletin # 109, 110 and 111. February, June and October 1977

SVP News Bulletin # 112, 113 and 114. February, June and October 1978

SVP News Bulletin # 115, 116 and 117. February, June and October 1979

SVP News Bulletin # 115, 119 and 120. February, June and October 1980.  
Includes 1980 address directory

SVP News Bulletin # 121, 122 and 123. February, June and October 1981

SVP News Bulletin # 124, 125 and 126. February, June and October 1982.  
Includes 1982 address directory

SVP News Bulletin # 127, 128 and 129. February, June and October 1983

SVP News Bulletin # 130, 131 and 132. February, June and October 1984.  
Includes 1984 address directory

SVP News Bulletin # 133 and 134. February and June 1985

#### Box 4

SVP News Bulletins transferred from the SVP Business Office, 1941-1989

SVP: The First Year, 1941. Master photocopies of SVP Bulletin #1--4, meeting programs and notes related to the founding of SVP. Photocopies from the files of Dr. Glenn Jepsen, SVP founding member, Princeton University

SVP News Bulletin # 1 and 2. March 20 and May 20, 1941.

SVP News Bulletin #7, 05 November 1942

SVP News Bulletin # 9 and 10. 31 May and 15 October, 1943

SVP News Bulletin #11, 12 and 13 and. February, July and November 1944

SVP News Bulletin # 14, 15 and 16. April, September and December 1945

SVP News Bulletin # 17, 18 and 19. April, October and December 1946

SVP News Bulletin # 20, 21 and 22. April, July and November 1947

SVP News Bulletin # 23 and 24. April and October 1948

SVP News Bulletin # 25, 26 and 27. February, June and October 1949

SVP News Bulletin # 28, 29 and 30. February, June and October 1950

SVP News Bulletin # 31 and 32. February and June 1951

SVP News Bulletin # 34, 35 and 36. February, June and October 1952

SVP News Bulletin # 37, 38 and 39. February, June and October 1953

SVP News Bulletin # 40, 41 and 42. February, June and October 1954

SVP News Bulletin # 43, 44 and 45. February, June and October 1955

SVP News Bulletin # 46, 47 and 48. February, June and October 1956

SVP News Bulletin # 49, 50 and 51. February, June and October 1957

SVP News Bulletin # 52, 53 and 54. February, June and October 1958

SVP News Bulletin # 55, 56 and 57. February, June and October 1959

SVP News Bulletin # 58, 59 and 60. February, June and October 1960

SVP News Bulletin # 61, 62 and 63. February, June and October 1961

SVP News Bulletin # 64, 65 and 66. February, June and October 1962

SVP News Bulletin # 67, 68 and 69. February, June and October 1963

SVP News Bulletin # 70 and 71. February and June 1964

SVP News Bulletin # 73, 74 and 75. February, June and October 1965

SVP News Bulletin # 77 and 78. June and October 1966

SVP News Bulletin # 79, 80 and 81. February, June and October 1967  
SVP News Bulletin # 82, 83 and 84. February, June and October 1968  
SVP News Bulletin # 120. October 1980  
SVP News Bulletin # 121, 122 and 123. February, June and October 1981  
SVP News Bulletin # 124, 125 and 126. February, June and October 1982  
SVP News Bulletin # 127, 128 and 129. February, June and October 1983  
SVP News Bulletin # 130 and 131. February and June 1984  
SVP News Bulletin # 133, 134 and 135. February, June and October 1985  
SVP News Bulletin # 136, 137 and 138. February, June and October 1986  
SVP News Bulletin # 139, 140 and 141. February, June and October 1987  
SVP News Bulletin # 142, 143 and 144. February, June and October 1988  
SVP News Bulletin 136-144, 1986-1988, library bound copy  
SVP News Bulletin # 145, 146 and 147. February, June and October 1989

Box 5

First Romer-Simpson award to Everett Olson (medal), 1987; SVP News Bulletin, 1990-2004, SVP Address Directories, 2000 and 2004; and business files transferred from the SVP Business Office

First Romer-Simpson award medal, awarded to Everett Claire Olson, October 23, 1987 Engraved on reverse. Medal and ribbon in Omega box.  
SVP News Bulletin # 148, 149 and 150. February, June and October 1990  
SVP News Bulletin # 151, 152 and 153. February, June and October 1991  
SVP News Bulletin # 154, 155 and 156. February, June and October 1992  
SVP News Bulletin # 157, 158 and 159. February, June and October 1993  
SVP News Bulletin # 160, 161 and 162. February, June and October 1994  
SVP News Bulletin # 163, 164 and 165. January, June and October 1995  
SVP News Bulletin # 166, 167 and 168. February, June and October 1996  
SVP News Bulletin # 169, 170 and 171. February, June and October 1997  
SVP News Bulletin # 172. February 1998  
SVP News Bulletin #178 and 179. Spring and Fall 2000  
SVP News Bulletin #180. Spring 2001

SVP News Bulletin #184 and 185. Spring and Fall 2003

SVP News Bulletin #186 and 187. Spring and Fall 2004

SVP Address Directory 2000

SVP Address Directory 2004

First Circular: 60th Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, October 25-28, 2000

Executive Committee meeting minutes, October 19-20 and 24, 1999

Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, June 3-4, 2000

Executive Committee meeting minutes, June 6-7, 2003

Executive Committee meeting minutes, June 6-7, 2003

Executive Committee meeting minutes and awards , June 12, 2004

#### Box 6

Files from past SVP President Richard Stucky, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 1995-2002

Mid-Year Executive Meeting, June 6-9, 2002

Mid-Year Executive Meeting, June 7-10, 2001

Mid-Year Executive Meeting, June 3-4, 2000

Mid-Year Executive Meeting, June 3-4, 2000

Annual Executive Committee Meeting Part 1, October 9-12, 2002

Annual Executive Committee Meeting Part 2, October 9-12, 2002

Annual Executive Committee Meeting Part 3, October 9-12, 2002

Annual Executive Committee Meeting, October 3-6, 2001

Annual Executive Committee, October 25-28, 2000

Financial reports, 2001

Fossil on-line Sales & Auctions, 2000

General file, 2001

General file, 1999

General file, 1997-1998

HB 2974, 1995-2002

Information Management Committee, 2000

Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology, 2002  
Proposal for Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology, 2002  
Journal production schedule, 2000-2001  
Lobby Day, June 7, 2002  
Position Nominations, 2001  
Membership Committee, 2000  
Misc. Executive Committee correspondence, 1999  
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Publications Committee, 2000-2002  
Secretary's Report, 2000  
Plenary Session at meeting, 2001  
SVP/MLC report, 2001  
SVP policy statements, undated  
SVP strategic planning session, June 9, 2001  
Tapestry of Time Past: A Paleontological Portal for North America, undated  
Treasurer's report, 2000  
U. S. Government Contracts, 2000-2001  
Washington D.C., January 23-24, 2002  
Web site, 2000-2001

Box 7

Files from past SVP President Richard Stucky, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 1994-2005  
Association of Systematics Collections (ASC), 2001  
ASC, 2000  
American Geological Institute (AGI), 2000-2002  
AGI Government Affairs, 2000-2001  
Allen Press, 1999-2000  
Awards and donor recognition, 2000-2002  
BioOne, 2000-2002

Business Planning Report, 2000  
Committee charters and guidelines, 2000  
Constitution revisions, 2000-2001  
Correspondence, 2002  
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SVP Activity Report, 2000-2001  
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SVP stationery  
SVP Case Abstract to Advance Our Mission, undated  
Evolution statement, 1994  
Budget and Development, 2004-2005  
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Bank information, undated  
Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting, June 12, 2004  
Correspondence - B. J. Stahl bequest, 2004  
Trademark policies, 2004  
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63rd annual meeting, October 15-18, 2003  
Awards and Grant report, 2003  
Executive Committee meeting, October 3, 2003  
Feasibility Study final report, July 2003  
Miscellaneous correspondence, 2003  
Roles and responsibilities of fundraising leadership, August 8, 2003  
Additional membership statistics, 2002-2003  
Endowment funds, 2002-2003

Legislation, 2002-2003

Dinosaur book agreement, 2002

Executive Committee meeting, October 8-9 and 12, 2002

Financial statements for year ending September 30, 2002

SVP online, 2002

Annual Meeting hosting guidelines, 2001

Board handbook, 2001

By-laws and Articles of Incorporation, 2001

Budget 4, 2001

Committee charters, 2001

Executive Committee materials, 2001

Internal contact list, 2001

Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2000-2001

Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology and News Bulletin production schedule, 2001

Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting, June 10, 2001

Committee listing, 2000-2001

60th Annual Meeting wrap-up, October 25-28, 2000

Annual Executive Committee meeting, October 24-29, 2000

Strategic Planning session, June 9, 2001

Award recipients, 2000

Business activity report, February 2000

Business activity report, January 2000

Committee charters, September 2000

Department of Interior conference, 2000

Financial statement and budget, 2000

Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation, revised January 2000

Lindsay paper, 2000

Member survey, May 2000

Memoirs copyright, 2000



Mid-Year awards report, 2000

Mid-Year committee reports, 2000

Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting, June 3-4, 2000

Mid-Year new business proposals, 2000

Miscellaneous correspondence, 2000

Revised Geological Society of America officers list, 2000

Strategic planning notes, 2000

Z-rex auction, 2000

59th Annual Meeting, October 20-23, 1999

Coordinated programs at Geological Society of America, 1999

Executive Committee meeting, October 1999

Executive Committee meeting, June 26-27, 1999

Fossil Auction, Discovery/Amazon, 1999

Guidelines and Policies for Hosting Annual Meetings, 1999

JVP editorial system, 1999

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1999

New guidelines for News Bulletin, 1999

National Park Service program, 1999

Paleontological resources on U. S. lands, 1999

President's Letter to the SVP Membership, 1999

Recommended financial resolutions, 1999

SAFE (Save America's Fossils for Everyone), 1999

Sherwood Group Management, September 1998

Motions passed by email, 1998

Constitution and By-Laws, as amended, February 1994