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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

In 1963, the Senate of Scientists was established to represent professional concerns of the scientific research staff of the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). Modeled on faculty senates in universities, the senate was structured to function as a trouble-shooter and source of collective opinion outside normal administrative channels. The senate is managed by a council consisting of a chairman, chairman-elect, secretary, and one councilor elected by each curatorial department. Full membership in the senate is restricted to scientists employed by the NMNH, but associate membership is extended to research associates of the museum and to scientists located in the museum but employed by other government agencies.

Significant issues addressed by the senate have included library service, parking policies, off-mall storage and curatorial facilities, technical assistance, automated data-processing facilities, funding for systematics research, and publications policies. In addition, the senate has served as a stimulus to collegiality within the museum, through its publications, seminars, teas, and dinner forums.

Chairmen of the Senate of Scientists have include Gordon D. Gibson, 1963-1964; Richard S. Boardman, 1964-1965, 1978-1979; W. Donald Duckworth, 1965-1966; Roy S. Clarke, Jr., 1966-1967; Francis M. Hueber, 1967-1968; Clifford Evans, Jr., 1968-1970; Martin A. Buzas, 1970-1971; Clyde F. E. Roper, 1971-1972; Thomas R. Waller, 1972-1973; W. Duane Hope, 1973-1974; Erle G. Kauffman, 1974-1975; Donald J. Ortner, 1975-1976; Richard H. Eyde, 1976-1977; Meredith L. Jones, 1977-1978; Jack W. Pierce, 1979-1980; Herman J. Viola, 1980-1981; W. Ronald Heyer, 1981-1982; David L. Pawson, 1982-1983; William G. Melson, 1983-1984; Richard W. Thorington, Jr., 1984-1985; George R. Zug, 1985-1986; and Raymond B. Manning, 1986-1987.

Descriptive Entry

These records document the establishment and activities of the Senate of Scientists. They were primarily created by the chairmen of the senate and include constitutions and amendments; committee files; minutes of council and annual meetings; records concerning dinner forums, seminars, and other senate events; membership records; treasurers files and financial records; files concerning senate publications; project files; and photographs of senate members.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Museums -- Administration

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs
Color photographs
Manuscripts

Names:

Boardman, Richard S.
Buzas, Martin A.
Clarke, Roy S.
Duckworth, W. Donald
Evans, Clifford, 1920-1981
Eyde, Richard H.
Gibson, Gordon D.
Heyer, W. Ronald
Hope, W. Duane, 1935-
Hueber, Francis M.
Jones, Meredith L.
Kauffman, Erle G. (Erle Galen), 1933-
Manning, Raymond B. (Raymond Brendan), 1934-2000
Melson, William G., 1938-
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.)
Ortner, Donald J.
Pawson, David L. (David Leo), 1938-
Pierce, J. W. (Jack Warren), 1927-
Roper, Clyde F. E., 1937-
Thorington, Richard W.
Viola, Herman J.
Waller, Thomas R.
Zug, George R., 1938-

Container Listing

Box 1

Don Ortner - Chairman, 1975-1976

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Box 1 of 7 Membership List, 1975-1976

Box 1 of 7 NMNH Chairman's meetings briefings by P. Kier, 1976

Box 1 of 7 Personnel Management, 1976

Box 1 of 7 Minutes of Council Meetings, October 1975-October 1976

Box 1 of 7 SRF, 1976

Box 1 of 7 Sherry Seminars, November 1975-October 1976

Box 1 of 7 Bureaucratic Expansion, 1976

Box 1 of 7 General business, 1975-1976

Box 1 of 7 Chairman's file, October 1975-October 1976

Richard Eyde - Chairman, 1976-1977

Box 1 of 7 Annual meeting, 21 October 1976

Box 1 of 7 Sherry Seminars, November 1976-August 1977

Box 1 of 7 Dinner Forums, January 1977-September 1977

Box 1 of 7 SRF, 1977

Box 1 of 7 Minutes of Council meetings, October 1976-October 1977

Box 1 of 7 Smithsonian Magazine, 1976-1977

Box 1 of 7 Miscellany, 1976-1977

Richard Boardman - Chairman, 1978-1979

Box 1 of 7 Henderson Finance Committee, 1978-1979

Box 1 of 7 Senate Newsletters, 1978-1979

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Box 1 of 7	Henderson Finance Committee, 1979-1980
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Box 1 of 7	Council Meetings (pending), 1979-1980
Box 1 of 7	Director's briefing, 1979-1980
Box 1 of 7	Publications Committee, 1979-1980

Herman Viola - Chairman, 1980-1981

- Box 1 of 7 Investment Policy Committee Quarterly Report, September 1980
- Box 1 of 7 Parking Committee, 1980-1981
- Box 1 of 7 Botany Department Review, 1980-1981 (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 7 General correspondence, 1980-1981
- Box 1 of 7 Annual Meeting, 30 October 1981
- Box 1 of 7 Forms, 1980-1981

Ron Heyer - Chairman, 1981-1982

- Box 1 of 7 General correspondence, 1981-1982

Box 2

- Box 2 of 7 General correspondence, 1981-1982
- Box 2 of 7 Manpower and funding questionnaire, 1982 (2 folders)
- David Pawson - Chairman, 1982-1983
- Box 2 of 7 NMNH Public Relations, 1982-1983
- Box 2 of 7 Parking, 1982-1983
- Box 2 of 7 Space, 1982-1983
- Box 2 of 7 Miscellany, 1982-1983
- Box 2 of 7 Council Meetings, 1982-1983
- Box 2 of 7 Dinner Forums, 1982-1983
- Earle Kauffman - Chairman, 1974-1975
- Box 2 of 7 Library, 1974-1975
- Box 2 of 7 Council Meetings, 1974-1975
- Box 2 of 7 Communications, rapport, exposure, discussions, 1974-1975
- Box 2 of 7 Committee on Services, 1974-1975
- Box 2 of 7 Membership, 1974-1975

Box 2 of 7	Constitutional Revision Committee, 1974-1975
Box 2 of 7	SI Archives - History of SOS Project, 1974-1975
Box 2 of 7	SI Associates relations, 1974-1975
Box 2 of 7	ADP Committee, 1974-1975
Box 2 of 7	Conservation and Ecology Committee, 1974-1975
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Box 2 of 7	Nominating Committee, 1974-1975
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Box 2 of 7	Sherry Seminars, 1974-1975
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Box 2 of 7	Sorting Center, 1974-1975
Box 2 of 7	General staff grievances, 1974-1975
Box 2 of 7	Treasurer's report, 1974-1975

Duane Hope - Chairman, 1973-1974

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Box 2 of 7 Minutes of Council Meetings, 1973-1974

Box 2 of 7 Notes and News, 1973-1974

Box 2 of 7 OIEP, 1973-1974

Box 2 of 7 Parking, 1973-1974

Box 2 of 7 SI television series, 1973-1974

Box 2 of 7 Space problem - Vertebrate Zoology, 1973-1974

Box 2 of 7 Library, 1973-1974

Box 2 of 7 Belmont Meetings, 1973-1974

Box 2 of 7 Announcements of Events, 1973-1974

Box 2 of 7 Annual Meeting, 7 November 1974

Box 2 of 7 Conservation, 1973-1974

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Box 2 of 7 Luncheon meetings, 1973-1974

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Thomas Waller - Chairman, 1972-1973

Box 2 of 7 Announcements of Events, 1972-1973

Box 2 of 7 BMD, 1972-1973

Box 2 of 7 Center for Short-Lived Phenomena, 1972-1973

Box 2 of 7 Constitution Amendment, 1972-1973

Box 2 of 7 Council Minutes, 1972-1973

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Box 3 of 7	Directory of Scientists, 1972-1973
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	Clyde Roper - Chairman, 1971-1972
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Box 3 of 7	Overhead rates, 1971-1972

Box 3 of 7 Parking, 1971-1972

Box 3 of 7 Research awards, 1971-1972

Box 3 of 7 Security, 1971-1972

Box 3 of 7 Systematic Collections Resources Symposium, 1972

Box 3 of 7 Miscellany, 1971-1972

 Martin Buzas - Chairman, 1970-1971

Box 3 of 7 Minutes, 1970-1971

Box 3 of 7 Congressional hearings on SI, 1970-1971 (2 folders)

Box 3 of 7 Annual Meeting, 30 November 1971

Box 3 of 7 Council Meeting minutes, 1970-1971

Box 3 of 7 General correspondence, 1970-1971

Box 3 of 7 Beltsville move, 1970-1971

Box 3 of 7 National program in systematic biology, 1972

Box 3 of 7 OES support, 1970-1971

Box 3 of 7 Miscellany, 1970-1971

 Don Ortner - Chairman, 1975-1976 (see also box 1)

Box 3 of 7 Dinner Forums, 1975-1976

Box 3 of 7 Distinguished Natural Historian Award & Lecture, 1976

Box 3 of 7 Fiscal procedures report, 1975-1976

Box 3 of 7 BMD service report, 1975-1976

 Clifford Evans - Chairman, 1968-1970

Box 3 of 7 Membership lists - old & current

Box 3 of 7 Office support memos, June 1970 (2 folders)

Box 3 of 7 OES data & analysis, 1970

Box 3 of 7 Institute for Scientific Information, 1969

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Box 4 of 7	S. D. Ripley, 1970
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Box 4 of 7	House hearing, July 1970 (4 folders)
Box 4 of 7	Miscellany, 1969-1970 (2 folders)
Box 4 of 7	Chit chat with Director, 1969
Box 4 of 7	Pacific Ocean Biological Survey, 1969-1970 (2 folders)
Box 4 of 7	Office of Academic Programs, 1969-1970
Box 4 of 7	Minutes, 1969-1970
Box 4 of 7	Annual Meeting, 14 October 1969
Box 4 of 7	Center for Short-Lived Phenomena, 1969-1970
Box 4 of 7	Financial Statement, 1969
Box 4 of 7	Afternoon Forums, 1969
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Box 4 of 7	Office of Systematics & Office of Oceanography, 1970
Box 4 of 7	News Bulletins, 1969-1970
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Box 4 of 7 Senate Action Memos to Ripley, etc., 1968-1969

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Box 4 of 7 Afternoon discussions, 1968-1969

Box 4 of 7 Dinner Forums, 1968-1969 (Shetler's file)

Box 4 of 7 Questionnaires, 1968

Box 4 of 7 Election Ballots, 1968-1969

Box 4 of 7 RBL

Box 4 of 7 Environmental Monitoring and Baseline Data, 1974

Box 4 of 7 Booklet data (Directory), October 1969

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Roy Clarke/Francis Hueber - Chairmen, 1966-1968

Box 5 of 7 Council Minutes, 1966-1967

Box 5 of 7 General correspondence, 1966-1967 (2 folders)

Box 5 of 7 Intramural Rapport, 1966-1967

Box 5 of 7 Election Ballots, 1967

Box 5 of 7 Potential Associate Members, 1966-1967

Box 5 of 7 Election ballots, 1966

Box 5 of 7 Staff Identification Handbook (4 folders)

Donald Duckworth - Chairman, 1965-1966

Box 5 of 7 Minutes of Council meetings & 3rd Annual Meeting, 1965-1966

Box 5 of 7 General, 1965-1966

Box 5 of 7 Publications, 1965-1966

Box 5 of 7 Intramural Rapport, 1965-1966

Box 5 of 7 Information Committee, 1965-1966

Box 5 of 7 Nominating Committee, 1965-1966

Box 5 of 7 Mailing list, 1965-1966

Box 5 of 7 General complaints, 1965-1966

Box 5 of 7 Constitutional Committee, 1965-1966

Richard Boardman - Chairman, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Minutes & memos, 1965

Box 5 of 7 Miscellaneous, 1965

Box 5 of 7 General complaints, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Sub-professional Assistance Survey, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 General, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Data Processing Committee & Education Committee, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Intramural Rapport, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Information Committee, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Minutes of Council Meetings & Second Annual Meeting, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Friends of the SI Committee, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Parking, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Public Relations, 1964-1965

Box 5 of 7 Field Station, 1964-1965 (one folder & loose)

Box 5 of 7 Smithson 200-year Celebration, 1964

Box 5 of 7 Questionnaire

- Box 5 of 7 Ballots, 1964
- Gordan Gibson - Chairman, 1963-1964
- Box 5 of 7 Declaration of Membership, 1964
- Box 5 of 7 General, 1963
- Box 5 of 7 Constitution and Amendments, 1963-1966
- Box 5 of 7 Assistant Secretary (science), 1964
- Box 5 of 7 Booklet, 1963-1964 (4 folders)
- Box 5 of 7 SAO Worksheets
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- Box 6 of 7 Senate Manual Worksheets
- Box 6 of 7 Technicians Omitted from Handbook
- Box 6 of 7 Staff Manual (2 folders)
- Box 6 of 7 Publications questionnaire
- Box 6 of 7 Early and organizational documents, 1963-1964 (one binder)
- Box 6 of 7 Miscellaneous files, mostly of Gordon D. Gibson, concerning the organization and early activities of the Senate of Scientists
- Box 6 of 7 Dinner Forums, 1981-1982
- Box 6 of 7 Treasurers Report, 1981
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- Box 6 of 7 Membership Lists, 1976-1977
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- Box 7 of 7 Senate of Scientists, miscellaneous, 1985-1986
- Box 7 of 7 Senate Certificate of Appreciation (blank forms)
- Box 7 of 7 Senate of Scientists, miscellaneous, 1984-1985
- Box 7 of 7 Horton Report, 1985
- Box 7 of 7 Senate Forum Dinner, 1986
- Box 7 of 7 Records of Raymond B. Manning created during his tenure as an officer of the Senate of Scientists, 1986-1987 (3 folders)
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- Box 7 of 7 Directory Photos, 1973 (2 folders)