



**EDMUND HELLER**  
**AZA PRESIDENT 1935-1936**  
**1937-1938**  
San Francisco Zoo  
San Francisco, California  
Conference Cities – Portland, OR  
Fort Worth, TX

Edmund was born in Freeport, Illinois, on May 21, 1875. He received his BA degree from Stanford University in 1901 and was Curator of Mammals at the Field Museum (1926-1928) in Chicago.

He was Director of the Washington Park Zoo (1928-1935) in Milwaukee before becoming Director of the Fleishhacker Zoo (1935-1939) in San Francisco. He also led specimen collection expeditions on behalf of other institutions, including the Smithsonian Institution, Field Museum, and American Museum of Natural History. In addition, he served as field naturalist to several well known explorers, including Roy Chapman Andrews, Carl Akeley, Paul Rainey, and Theodore Roosevelt. Together with Theodore Roosevelt, he wrote *Life-histories of African Game Animals* (1914). He collected data on the breeding records of captive animals as well.

Edmund served two non-consecutive terms as AZA President during the pre-World War II depression years. It was during this period that the Works Progress Administration (WPA) programs helped create or renovate numerous zoo exhibits.

Mr. Heller died on July 18, 1939 in the cottage on the Fleishhacker (San Francisco) Zoo where he lived.