

Section Report to the ESA Governing Board

Title: MUVE Section Report
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Motion/Request for Action

MUVE requests the evaluation of the EPA liaison position within the context of the science policy committee.

MUVE requests consideration of the following draft policy statements:

Resistance Management ESA Science Policy Statement Task Description

The writing committee will develop a statement highlighting the importance of preventing the development of resistance in insects to insecticides and insect-resistant biotech crops. The statement will include high-level descriptions of consensus best practices for monitoring as well as preserving the efficacy of insecticidal active ingredients in insecticides (urban and agricultural) and GMO crops.

Invasive Species ESA Science Policy Task Statement

The writing committee will develop a statement describing the threats posed by accidental introductions of damaging invasive insects and the importance of vigilance in monitoring, preventing introduction and controlling these pests when introductions occur. The statement should highlight the importance of continued funding for invasive species research, prevention and management.

Section Leadership

Faith Oi, President
Dini Miller, Vice-President
Alec Gerry, VP-Elect
Ellen Thoms, Secretary
Neil Spomer, Treasurer
Michelle Smith, Science Policy
Chris Geden, Governing Board
Wes Watson, Past-President

Current Activities and Recent Accomplishments

In 2015, MUVE offered 5 student scholarships at \$500 each. The RFA closes on June 30. Thus far, there are 10 applications with the deadline not yet passed. Recipients will be recognized at the Preliminary Business Meeting when the awards are presented.

MUVE assumed responsibility for the Shripat Kamble Award in Urban Entomology in 2014. The deadline was advertised as July 1, but posted as August 1 on the ESA website, so we will honor the August 1 deadline.

MUVE governing council, members, and with significant help from the ESA staff reconstructed the entire list of Highlights speakers for the history of Section D/MUVE. We will request assistance from ESA staff to post the list to the MUVE section webpage. Nancy Hinkle forwarded "The History of Section D" (1989, Steele, Bulletin of the ESA), Becky Anthony manually extracted the Highlights speakers from the Bulletin and programs from 1989 forward with members filling in missing data.

MUVE governing council approved posting the white paper "Can Insects Transmit Ebola Virus?" (February 25, 2015, Gerry and Trout Frexell) to the MUVE section webpage. The white paper represents a summary of the 2014 ESA Symposium: "What role do insects play in the Ebola virus transmission?"

Section Business Meeting/Symposia Updates

Approved 5 premiere presentations

Total Section Symposia	Total Regular TMP Presentations	Total Regular Posters	Total Student Competition TMP Presentations	Total Student Competition Posters	Grand Total Presentations
4	69	38			

Current Membership and Financial Status

Current funds available: \$18,571

MUVE Section 2015 Budget Plan

Line Item	Expected Expense
Minneapolis Convention Center Charges	\$4,400.00
ESA Ann Mtg Registrations (Highlights speakers)	\$1,425.00
Student Scholarship Awards (5 @ \$500)	\$2,500.00
Co-sponsor symposium: "Expand your Brand..." (not confirmed)	\$500.00
EPA Project (1st Quarter-25%)	344.33

Projected 2015 Expenses \$9,169.33

MUVE membership statistics were requested of HQ. We seem to retain the fewest students, although overall retention is 91%.

Category	Count	2015		
		New	Retained	Retained %

Early Prof	51	13	38	75%
Member	1091	77	1014	93%
Student	143	34	109	76%
Student Trans.	64	2	62	97%
Total	1349	126	1223	91%

2014				
Category	Count	New	Retained	Retained %
Early Prof	110	26	84	76%
Member	1156	144	1012	88%
Student	278	116	162	58%
Student Trans.	41	0	41	100%
Total	1585	286	1299	82%

2013				
Category	Count	New	Retained	Retained %
Early Prof	105	30	75	71%
Member	1125	123	1002	89%
Student	326	130	196	60%
Student Trans.	16	1	15	94%
Total	1572	284	1288	82%

2012				
Category	Count	New	Retained	Retained %
Early Prof	96	28	68	71%
Member	1132	145	987	87%
Student	295	132	163	55%
Student Trans.	19	0	19	100%
Total	1542	305	1237	80%

Other Information/Comments

MUVE's governing council is supportive of the concept of diversity (proposed special committee) with caveats:

1. What are the benchmarks for the proposed committee? (What defines success or failure?)
2. How much will it cost?
3. Focus on diversity of ideas and thoughts; less on gender and race (although we realize that they can be covariates).
4. Tone should remain positive.

Motion/Request for Action Information

See above.