

Entomological Society of America

Minutes of the Governing Board Conference Call April 11, 2019

Participants

Bob Peterson, President
Alvin Simmons, Vice President
Tim Schowalter, Vice President-Elect
Michelle Smith, Treasurer
Michael Parrella, Past President
Gary Brewer, North Central Branch Representative
Karla Adesso, Southeastern Branch Representative
Jesus Esquivel, Southwestern Branch Representative
Julian Saguez, International Branch Representative
Tracy Leskey, Eastern Branch Representative
Douglas Walsh, Pacific Branch Representative
Christopher Geden, Medical, Urban & Veterinary Entomology Section Representative
Marianne Alleyne, Physiology, Biochemistry & Toxicology Section Representative
Jessica Ware, Systematics, Evolution & Biodiversity Section Representative
Melissa Siebert, Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section Representative
Lina Bernaola, Student Representative

Staff

C. David Gammel, Executive Director
Rosina Romano, Director of Meetings
Chris Stelzig, Director of Strategic Initiatives
Neil Willoughby, Director of Finance
Lisa Junker, Director of Publications and Communications

1. **Welcome and Agenda Review** – President Bob Peterson convened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Peterson thanked attendees for trying Zoom as a meeting platform for this call. He reviewed confidentiality guidelines for the call. The agenda was reviewed with no changes.
2. **Consent Agenda** – Peterson reviewed the consent agenda and asked if members would like to pull any items for discussion. No items were pulled for discussion and a motion to approve the consent agenda as proposed carried.

The following consent agenda reports were approved:

*2018 Annual Meeting Co-Chairs Final Report
Ratification of 2019 Cybermotions of the Governing Board as of March 22
November 14, 2018, ESA Governing Board Minutes*

*Ratification of Executive Committee Minutes from December 2018 and January 2019
1st Quarter Investment Report
Emeritus Membership Report*

The following consent agenda motions were approved:

Approve the following members as candidates for Honorary Member status, to be placed on the next ballot for vote by the membership: Dr. Scott Hutchins - Corteva Agriscience; Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities; Dr. Frank Gilstrap - Texas A&M University.

Move to approve the amendment to Article VII, Section 2 of the ESA Certification Corporation Bylaws, as requested by the ESA Certification Corporation Governing Board.

The Common Names Committee moves that the common names listed above be approved by the Governing Board for addition to the ESA publication "Common Names of Insects and Related Organisms."

3. **Strategy Discussion and Updates** – Peterson and Executive Director David Gammel reviewed an upcoming retreat of the presidential line, plans for innovation day, and further discussion of serving non-academic track scientists. General discussion about serving non-academic track scientists ensued.
4. **Science Policy** – A variety of issues in science policy were discussed. Peterson and Director of Strategic Initiatives Chris Stelzig discussed how the Society is engaging on issues related to insect biodiversity and population declines, including a symposium being planned for the 2019 Annual Meeting. Stelzig reviewed a proposal to explore establishing a Vector-Borne Diseases Stakeholder Group. After discussion a motion was passed to fund up to \$10,000 from reserves to support planning for this initiative.

Move to invest up to \$10,000 from strategic reserves in 2019 to support development of a stakeholder group on vector-borne diseases. Motion carries.

Finally, Stelzig reviewed plans for a summit on invasive species prevention to be held during the 2020 International Congress of Entomology. The working title for the summit is *Ship Clean: Reducing the Invasive Species Risks Associated with International Shipments*. General discussion ensued.

5. **Entomological Foundation Programs and Assets** – Peterson and Vice President Alvin Simmons discussed the dissolution of the Entomological Foundation and the opportunity for ESA to accept the remaining assets and programs of the organization. Stelzig reviewed specific details of the planned transition. After general discussion, a motion passed to accept the remaining assets and programs of the Entomological Foundation.

Move to accept the donation of unrestricted net assets as made available by the

dissolution of the Entomological Foundation and to use these funds to create a new fund which will be used for the purposes of supporting education and outreach efforts on behalf of the Society. Motion carries.

6. **Annual Meeting Update** – Peterson and Director of Meetings Rosina Romano provided brief updates on planning for the Annual Meeting. Physiology, Biochemistry & Toxicology Section Representative Marianne Alleyne reviewed plans for the Antlion Pit Competition to be held during the Annual Meeting. Gammel noted that the Governing Board will meet for one day on the Saturday prior to the Annual Meeting this year.
7. **Operational Updates** – Gammel briefed the Governing Board on a variety of operational matters. These included an update on staffing changes resulting from the retirement of Debi Sutton as Director of Membership and Marketing and discussion of the science communication matching funds currently provided from the Society’s reserves. Director of Publications and Communications Lisa Junker also briefed the Governing Board on a proposal from the Society’s publishing partner, Oxford University Press. Junker also briefed the board on proposed subscription prices for 2020.

The ESA Governing Board moves to authorize David Gammel to negotiate an agreement with Oxford University Press and BioOne for ESA’s journals to re-enter the BioOne collection. Motion carries.

The ESA Governing Board moves to approve the journal subscription pricing proposal for 2020 from Oxford University Press. Motion carries.

8. **Adjourn** – Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.