

Entomological Society of America

Minutes of the Governing Board

Meeting – Zoom teleconference

June 4, 2020, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (eastern)

Participants,

Alvin Simmons, President

Michelle Smith, BCE, Vice President

Faith Oi, Treasurer

Bob Peterson, Past President

Jessica Ware, Vice President Elect

Julien Saguez, International Branch Representative

Gary Brewer, North Central Branch Representative

Karla Adesso, Southeastern Branch Representative

Jesus Esquivel, Southwestern Branch Representative

Tracy Leskey, Eastern Branch Representative

Jennifer Henke, Pacific Branch Representative

Mustapha Debboun, BCE, Medical, Urban & Veterinary Entomology Section Representative

Marianne Alleyne, Physiology, Biochemistry & Toxicology Section Representative

Andrew Short, Systematics, Evolution & Biodiversity Section Representative

Melissa Siebert, Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section Representative

Lina Bernaola, Student Representative

Chris Stelzig, Executive Director

Staff

Rosina Romano, Director of Meetings and Membership

Erin Cadwalader, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Neil Willoughby, Director of Finance

Lisa Junker, Director of Publications, Communications, and Marketing

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Headquarters Announcements** – President Alvin Simmons convened the meeting at 1:01 p.m. and welcomed the attendees. After a few housekeeping announcements, the agenda was reviewed and approved. The Headquarters Announcements included notification of a new proposal from ESA's publishing partner, Oxford University Press (OUP), to lower the 2021 subscription

pricing proposal—which the Board approved during the April meeting—due to the economic impacts of the COVID19 pandemic.

2. **Financial Update** – Director of Finance Neil Willoughby presented revised information that detailed the impact that the novel coronavirus pandemic has had on ESA’s overall financial picture. With further market losses anticipated in 2020 as well as additional expense associated with the pandemic, staff anticipates that the society will face a project net loss of approximately \$700,000 for 2020.
3. **Annual Meeting Update** -- Director of Meetings and Membership Rosina Romano and Executive Director Chris Stelzig reviewed the available options to the Board to consider as options to host the 2020 ESA Annual Meeting. The board also resurfaced a discussion from previous meetings to consider submission fees for the meeting. After considerable discussion, the following motions were made, seconded, and approved:
 - a. Due to the continuing threat from the novel coronavirus pandemic to the safety and health of ESA members and staff, as well as the need to protect the health of the citizens of the city of Orlando, the state of Florida, and other locations, the Board hereby empowers the ESA staff to make all necessary plans to convert the 2020 Annual Meeting to a virtual event with all programming to be conducted online via livestreaming, pre-recorded presentations, and similar types of content delivery.
 - b. Move to approve the following submission fees for the virtual meeting of \$195 for members, \$95 for student members, and \$450 for non-members. These submission fees are inclusive of registration fees and will give any submitter access to all scientific content over the dates of the meeting. For members who do not plan to submit, the registration fees for the meeting will match the submission fees.
4. **Executive Session to begin discussing Fellows nominations** -- At 1:58 p.m. the Board moved into Executive Session to begin to review the nominations for the class of 2020 ESA Fellows. The Board left Executive Session at 3:00 p.m.
5. **Adjourn** – Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.