

Entomological Society of America

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting – Zoom teleconference January 21, 2021 (2:00 p.m. Eastern)

Participants.

Michelle Smith, BCE, President

Jessica Ware, Vice President

Faith Oi, Treasurer

Alvin Simmons, Past President

Marianne Alleyne, Vice President Elect

John Ruberson, North Central Branch Representative

Karla Adesso, Southeastern Branch Representative

Tracy Leskey, Eastern Branch Representative

Jennifer Henke, Pacific Branch Representative

Julien Saguez, International Branch Representative

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

Richard Mankin, Physiology, Biochemistry & Toxicology Section Representative

Andrew Short, Systematics, Evolution & Biodiversity Section Representative

Melissa Willrich Siebert, Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section Representative

Sallqa-Tuwa Stephanita BondocGawa Mafla-Mills, Student Representative

Chris Stelzig, Executive Director

Absent

Jesus Esquivel, Southwestern Branch Representative

Staff

Rosina Romano, Director of Meetings and Membership

Erin Cadwalader, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Neil Willoughby, Director of Finance

Matt Hudson, Director of Publications, Communications, and Marketing

Cindy Myers, Senior Manager of Meetings and Exhibits

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review** – President Smith convened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed the attendees. Quorum was established and housekeeping announcements were made. Following these actions, the agenda was reviewed and approved.

2. **Report from the ESA Fellows Subcommittee of Board** – In September 2020 the Board created a subcommittee to review the nomination and review process related to the selection of Fellows of the ESA. On behalf of the subcommittee which she chaired, Alleyne presented their recommendations which were discussed in depth by the Board. The changes focused on updates to the Areas of Focus for Fellows nominations and process by which the Board would review the nominations. The following motions were received, seconded, and approved. At the end of the discussion and motions, Myers left the call.
 - As recommended and presented by the subcommittee, move to adopt the changes to the ESA Fellows Eligibility Criteria.
 - As recommended by the subcommittee and modified by the Board, move to adopt the changes to the ESA Fellows Nomination Requirements, with further clarity requested on the topic of re-nominations.
 - As recommended and presented by the subcommittee, move to adopt the changes to the ESA Fellows Review Process.
3. **Executive Director Report** – Stelzig and the four senior staff directors provided updates on various initiatives. Topics included a projected 2020 year-end financial surplus, status of various meetings and programs, and a new pilot program designed to decrease bias in the manuscript review process for the *Journal of Insect Science*.
4. **Editor-in-Chief Search Recommendation** – The board received the recommendation from the search committee for a new Editor-in-Chief (EIC) for the publication *American Entomologist*. The committee supported the nomination of Dr. Zsofia Szendrei to serve as co-EIC of the magazine until the end of 2021 with the current editor, Dr. Kevin Steffey. Effective January 1, 2022, Dr. Szendrei would become sole EIC until the end of her term on December 31, 2024.
5. **Prior Meeting Minutes** – The minutes of the November Governing Board and the December Executive Committee were reviewed and motions to pass each of them, with minor editorial corrections, were received, seconded, and approved.
6. **New Business and Adjournment** – Smith called for any new business. Hearing none, she adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.