

# ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes August 15, 2011 Meeting by Conference Call

### PARTICIPANTS

Ernest Delfosse, President  
Grayson Brown, Vice President  
Ricardo Bessin, Treasurer  
Robert Peterson, Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section Representative  
Melody Keena, Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology Section Representative  
Tim Lysyk, Medical, Urban and Veterinary Entomology Section Representative  
Nancy Hinkle, Southeastern Branch Representative  
Myron Zalucki, International Branch Representative  
Bart Drees, Southwestern Branch Representative  
John Heraty, Systematics, Evolution and Biodiversity Section Representative  
Michael Parrella, Pacific Branch Representative  
Wendy Johnson, Student Representative

### Staff:

C. David Gammel, Executive Director

### ABSENT

David Hogg, Past President  
Douglas Pfeiffer, Eastern Branch Representative  
Susan Weller, North Central Branch Representative  
Robert Wiedenmann, Vice President-Elect

1. **Call to Order** -- The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by President Ernest Delfosse, who welcomed participants. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Ratification of Cybermotion** – The following cybermotions were ratified unanimously:

**Cybermotion:** Move to approve the ESA Summer Governing Board meeting minutes from 14 June 2011.

Yes- 11; No – 0; Abstain- 0; Not Voting-5; Motion passes
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**Cybermotion:** Move to ratify the Executive Committee decision to cancel the intelligent design function for the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Yes- 12; No - 2; Abstain- 0; Not Voting- 2; Motion passes

3. **Executive Committee Actions** – Del Delfosse reviewed the actions taken by the Executive Committee.
4. **ESA Networks** – Changes to ESA’s bylaws were discussed that would allow ESA to provide oversight and management of the online Networks. Delfosse and David Gammel will draft proposed bylaw changes and submit to Governing Board for consideration.
5. **Strategic Principles** – Gammel reviewed the revised strategic principles for ESA and indicated that supporting objectives for 2012 are under development.
6. **Staffing and Office Space Planning** – Gammel reviewed current and near future staffing needs for ESA as well as longer term planning for ESA office space.
7. **Sections** – Gammel reviewed a recent inquiry about adding new Sections to ESA. General discussion ensued reviewing the history of consolidating ESA’s sections to the current set of four. Consensus was that the Networks should be used for needs such as this rather than expanding the Sections.
8. **SAC Debate Award Proposal** – Wendy Johnson presented the revised Debate Award Proposal from the Student Affairs Committee. After discussing the proposal, the following motion was passed unanimously:

A new **Overall Best Debate Team Award** be instituted for the best student debate team out of all the teams participating at the National Student Debates beginning with the ESA 2011 Annual Meeting, with the winning team receiving \$500 cash and a travelling trophy, to be displayed for the year and passed along to future winners. The winning team will be responsible for bringing the trophy to the next ESA meeting or mailing it over to the SAC Chair prior to said meeting; this will be mutually agreed upon at the current meeting.
9. **Annual Meeting Update** – Gammel reviewed current Annual Meeting registration and housing numbers, which are strong as compared to the same point out from last year’s Annual Meeting.
10. **International Congress of Entomology Bid Update** – Gammel reviewed the current status of the bid for the 2016 Congress, including the two finalist cities under consideration. Gammel also reported that ESA’s International Branch will conduct its first annual meeting outside North America at the 2012 ICE in Korea.
11. **Pending Emeritus Members**: Gammel reported on pending requests for emeritus membership status.

*Motion:* To approve the following individuals for ESA Emeritus Membership status:

FULL NAME	CITY	STATE COUNTRY	JOIN DATE
Dr. D. Steven Dennis	Saint Augustine	FL	1973

The emeritus membership request was approved unanimously.

12. **Students and Young Professionals Committee** – John Heraty briefed the Governing Board on the actions of the committee and plans for the 2011 Annual Meeting and for use of funds for 2102 to support student and young professional attendance at the International Congress of Entomology in Korea. It was noted to make sure that the application to the NSF for a 2012 travel grant is underway.
13. **Common Names Committee Motion** – John Heraty briefed the Governing Board on a proposal from the Common Names Committee to develop a procedure to accept common names defined by other organizations. The motion was tabled for future discussion.
14. **Adjournment**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. David Gammel', written in a cursive style.

C. David Gammel, CAE  
Executive Director