

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Governing Board Meeting Minutes February 18, 2014 Meeting by Conference Call

PARTICIPANTS

Frank Zalom, President
Phil Mulder, Vice President
May Berenbaum, Vice President-Elect
Robert Wiedenmann, Past President
Mark Boetel, Treasurer
Carol Anelli, Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology Section Representative
Stormy Sparks, Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section Representative
Chris Geden, Medical, Urban and Veterinary Entomology Section Representative
John Obrycki, North Central Branch Representative
Doug Walsh, Pacific Branch Representative
Tim Schowalter, Southeastern Branch Representative
David Ragsdale, Southwestern Branch Representative
John Oswald, Systematics, Evolution and Biodiversity Section Representative
Livy Williams, International Branch
Travis Prochaska, Student Representative

ABSENT:

Douglas Pfeiffer, Eastern Branch Representative

Staff:

David Gammel, Executive Director
Alan Kahan, Director of Publications and Communications
Chris Stelzig, Director of Certification and Data Management
Debi Sutton, Director of Membership and Marketing
Neil Willoughby, Director of Finance

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Frank Zalom, who welcomed participants. The agenda was reviewed with no modifications.
2. **Approve November Minutes** - The November 2013 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor edits.
3. **Approve 2014 Committee Appointments** - Zalom presented his appointments for ESA committees, which were unanimously approved by the Governing Board. He discussed two presidential committees formed this year: Grand Challenges and Science Policy Fellows. He also appointed the Science Policy Capability Committee, which will advise the Governing Board on science policy priorities and actions.

4. **Approve Emeritus Requests** – Seven requests for Emeritus membership were unanimously approved.
5. **2013 Financial Report** – Director of Finance Neil Willoughby reviewed the unaudited financial results for 2013. The Society had an operating loss of approximately \$100,000, compared to a planned loss of \$207,000. With investment gains, the Society realized approximately a \$500,000 net gain in assets.
6. **Publishing Partnership** – A motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Oxford University Press to serve as the Society’s publishing partner. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Acquisition of the *Journal of Insect Science*** – A motion was made to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and sign an agreement to acquire the Journal of Insect Science. The motion passed unanimously.
8. **Foundation Awards Proposal** – Gammel reviewed a proposal and motion to transfer professional awards from the Entomological Foundation to ESA for awards that have at least \$25,000 in funding. Awards that don’t meet that measure may go to Sections, be repurposed, or given back to the original funder. General discussion ensued and a friendly amendment was defeated. A second friendly amendment to add “or be a publication fund” passed.

The following motion then carried: Move to authorize the Executive Director to finalize transfer of Foundation awards to ESA that have a minimum of \$25,000 in funding at the time of transfer, or be a publication fund.

9. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. David Gammel". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

C. David Gammel, CAE
Executive Director