

ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Governing Board Meeting
Minutes
September 9, 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
Douglas Pfeiffer, Eastern Branch 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

ABSENT:

Travis Prochaska, Student Representative

Staff:

David Gammel, Executive Director
Lisa Junker, 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
Rosina Romano, Director of Meetings

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by President Frank Zalom, who welcomed participants. The agenda was reviewed with no modifications.
2. **Approve June Minutes** - The June 2014 meeting minutes were approved.
3. **STEP Committee Appointments** - A motion to formally appoint members of the STEP committee was passed. Discussion ensued on how to improve the appointment process in the future.

4. **Wood Boring Insects Book Proposal** – Lisa Junker, Director of Publications and Communications, reviewed the results of the peer review of a proposed book on wood boring insects of the Eastern United States. After brief discussion, a motion to approve the book project passed.
5. **Publications Transition Update** – Junker provided an update on the overall transition to Oxford University Press (OUP) as well as the acquisition of the *Journal of Insect Science* (JIS). The OUP transition is going well, with Editors-in-Chief conducting initial meetings with OUP staff, and the peer review system being transferred to new software. The substantial backlog of submitted and accepted articles in JIS is a top priority for both ESA and OUP. The new page charge policy will be announced in October after all 2014 issues have closed.
6. **Entomological Foundation** – Executive Director Gammel reviewed a proposed plan to provide management services to the Foundation while creating integrated governance structures. A final plan for formal consideration will be presented at the November Governing Board meeting.
7. **Science Policy Fellows Program** – Gammel provided an updated on the new Science Policy Fellows program which will select the first five Science Policy Fellows for the November Annual Meeting.
8. **International Outreach** – Zalom provided a brief update on continuing outreach to other entomological societies around the world about partnering on global grand challenge issues in the future. Response has been very positive from leadership in other Societies so far. Several of ESA’s officers and the executive director will meet with Brazilian leaders next month during the Brazilian Congress of Entomology.
9. **2015 Budget Process** – Gammel reviewed the annual budgeting process and major milestones this year for developing the 2015 budget. Major factors for 2015 include the switch to OUP as a publishing partner, waiving page charges for members, and a co-located Annual Meeting.
10. **Annual Meeting Update** – Zalom briefed the board on progress for the Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. . Registration is running ahead of pace compared to last year, which is a very good sign. The Child Care Grant program has proven popular with 25 applicants. A motion expressing support to expand the program if needed was passed, which included asking Sections and Branches to contribute to the fund.
11. **2015 Annual Meeting** – Vice President Phil Mulder briefed the board on plans for the 2015 Annual Meeting and early discussions with the leaders of the three other ACSESS societies that will be co-located with ESA.
12. **ICE 2016 Update** – Gammel updated the board on progress related to planning the International Congress of Entomology in 2016. A site visit in Orlando with the Organizing Committee co-chairs will be held in January 2015 as part of the planning

process.

13. **Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. David Gammel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail.

C. David Gammel, CAE
Executive Director