

# ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes September 10, 2012 Meeting by Conference Call

### PARTICIPANTS

Grayson Brown, President  
Robert Wiedenmann, Vice President  
Frank Zalom, Vice President-Elect  
Ricardo Bessin, Treasurer  
Ernest Delfosse, Past-President  
Robert Peterson, Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section Representative  
Carol Anelli, Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology Section Representative  
Nancy Hinkle, Southeastern Branch Representative  
Bart Drees, Southwestern Branch Representative  
Wendy Johnson, Student Representative

### ABSENT:

Tim Lysyk, Medical, Urban and Veterinary Entomology Section Representative  
John Obrycki, North Central Branch Representative  
John Oswald, Systematics, Evolution and Biodiversity Section Representative  
Michael Parrella, Pacific Branch Representative  
Douglas Pfeiffer, Eastern Branch Representative  
Charles Vincent, International Branch Representative

### Guest:

Sonny Ramaswamy, Director of USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture

### Staff:

C. David Gammel, Executive Director  
Rosina Romano, Director of Meetings  
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 1:03 p.m. by President Grayson Brown, who welcomed participants. Brown introduced Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, Director of NIFA, USDA, a special guest at the meeting.
2. **Sonny Ramaswamy** - Director Ramaswamy thanked the Governing Board for the opportunity to meet with them and for the invitation to participate in the 2012 Annual

Meeting in Knoxville, TN, in November. Ramaswamy reviewed the current priorities at NIFA and discussed how ESA and entomology fit into those plans. General discussion ensued about a variety of science policy issues, including sequestration and the Farm Bill. Ramaswamy agreed to meet with ESA's new Science Policy Committee while in Knoxville. Brown thanked Ramaswamy for his participation in the meeting at the conclusion of the discussion. Ramaswamy then left the call.

3. **July Minutes** – The July meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **2016 Bid to Host the International Congress of Entomology** – Brown reviewed ESA's activities at the 2012 ICE, which included the Society's successful bid to host the 2016 Congress.
5. **Entomological Society President's Meeting in Daegu, South Korea** – Brown reviewed the meeting hosted by himself and Antonio Panizzi, president of the Entomological Society of Brazil, for entomological society presidents. The society representatives discussed the current status of their societies and discussed potential opportunities for international collaboration. Brown recommended continuing to host meetings of entomological society presidents at any event that has significant attendance, including ESA's Annual Meeting.
6. **International Membership Initiatives** – Brown briefed the Governing Board on the current status of proposed pilot membership initiatives with Japan and Indonesia. Both societies have indicated interest and are still working the proposals through their own governing processes for consideration and approval.
7. **Korean Society of Applied Entomology Request** – The KSAE has asked to participate in the student membership pilot program that is currently being considered by Japan. A motion to extend the pilot to KSAE was unanimously approved after brief discussion.
8. **Entomological Society of Canada Initiatives** – Brown reviewed several opportunities to work with ESC, namely on joint meetings and the certification program. Vice President Rob Wiedenmann will attend the next ESC board meeting in November to discuss these proposals with them.
9. **Brazilian Congress of Entomology** – Brown reported on ESA's delegation to the Brazilian Congress of Entomology in Curitiba, Brazil. While the proposal to co-locate this meeting with the ICE in 2016 did not move forward, the leadership of the Brazilian society expressed strong support for sending students and others to ICE in Orlando. ESA will participate in the next Brazilian congress in 2014 to promote the Orlando Congress.
10. **Annual Meeting Update** – Brown updated the Governing Board on progress on the 2012 Annual Meeting. The program is set and attendance is still trending to be very strong this year. Executive Director Gammel reviewed some special additions this year, including a commemorative travel poster and the Meeting ReLeaf program. The RCR training session has over 100 registrants and has been closed. Chris Stelzig reviewed the

Under the Lens training program for urban pest management professionals being held after the Annual Meeting.

11. **ESA Office Space Update** - Gammel reported on progress toward preparing ESA's new office space. The move is tentatively scheduled to occur in February or March of 2013.
12. **Monsanto Research and Travel Grant Offer** - Gammel briefed the Governing Board on a recent offer from Monsanto to provide research and travel grants to students via ESA.
13. **Entomological Foundation** - Gammel briefed the Governing Board on the current status of the Foundation and planned activities at the Annual Meeting.
14. **Common Names Motion** - A motion to approve the following common name was approved unanimously without discussion.

<u>Common name</u>	<u>Scientific name</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Family</u>
bird blow flies (genera)	<i>Protocalliphora</i> Hough	Diptera	Calliphoridae

15. **Staff Change** - Gammel briefed the Governing Board on recent staff changes at headquarters.
16. **Adjournment**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



C. David Gammel, CAE  
Executive Director