



Minutes of Annual Business Meeting 13 November 2011

Rome A1, First Floor, Reno-Sparks Convention Center
Reno, Nevada

Present: Charles Vincent (President), Meron Zalucki (Governing Board Representative), Srinivas Parimi (Treasurer), T.-X. Liu (Vice President)

Apologies: Christian Borgemeister (President-Elect), Maggie Hardy (Secretary), James Harwood (Past President)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by President Charles Vincent (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada) with 28 people in attendance, including Ernest 'Del' Delfosse (ESA President).

Reading of Minutes of 2010 Meeting:

The minutes were read. Meron Zalucki motioned for approval of the minutes and Steve Clement seconded the motion, with the motion passing unanimously.

Reports and Announcements:

After introducing International Branch (IB) officers in attendance and mentioning those unable to attend the meeting, President Vincent gave a brief history of the IB and referred members to the ESA website to access comprehensive committee and officer reports for 2010-2011. President Vincent also recognized IB members who organized two symposia at the Reno ESA meeting.

Committee Reports:

In the absence of Kateryn Rochon (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada) and Awards Committee Chair, who experienced airline flight delays coming to Reno, President Vincent presented Branch graduate student awards to Itai Opatovsky (J.H. Comstock Award) and Valeria Hochman Adler (Graduate Student Scholarship), both from Ben-Gurion University in Israel. Itai Opatovsky gave a 12-minute presentation of his research. Dr. René Feyereisen, Research Director of the INRA Centre of Sophia Antipolis in France, was recognized for receiving the Distinguished Scientist Award.

Additionally, President Vincent showed a table listing IB members serving on each ESA standing committee and judging panel.

Comments from ESA President:

President Vincent introduced Ernest 'Del' Delfosse, ESA President, who emphasized ESA's commitment to strengthening the presence of ESA internationally and the important role of the

IB in this activity. IB membership has grown to 645 members from 87 different countries. He fielded questions from the audience about the possibility of reduced membership rates for ESA members from some countries. As a result of a Governing Board decision in summer 2011, ESA members can belong to two different branches.

Special Orders:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business and Final Announcements:

With no further business to discuss, President Vincent continued with announcements since he was unable to transfer IB leadership to Christian Borgemeister (Director General, ICIPE), who was unable to attend the meeting in Reno.

The next IB meeting will be in summer 2012 under the leadership of Christian Borgemeister and during the XXIV International Congress of Entomology in Daegu, Korea. Early plans to organize a one-day meeting of the IB-ESA as part of the 2012 Arab Congress of Plant Protection in Cairo, Egypt, are uncertain at this time. Finally, Meron Zalucki announced his intentions to step down from the last year of his term as IB representative to the ESA Governing Board due to scheduling conflicts between his dual roles on the Governing Board and the *Annual Review of Entomology*. His absence will require a replacement, to be named by President Borgemeister.

Adjournment:

Past-President Charles Vincent adjourned the business meeting at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Clement, Recording Secretary
in the absence of Maggie Hardy, IB Secretary