



Happy November!

Hard to believe that the national ESA meeting in Denver is already upon us! I hope that you are all better prepared than I am.

Lots of things happening now as we prepare for the 2018 North Central Branch meeting March 18th-21st of next year! Please watch the Branch meeting website - <http://entsoc.org/northcentral/2018-branch-meeting> - for the most current information about the meeting, including paper/poster submissions, hotel reservations, registration (all three of those open up on November 1st), and program developments.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NCB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Thanks to the six students who agreed to be nominated for the position of student representative to the ESA-NCB Executive Committee. **Priyanka Mittapelly** (The Ohio State University) **was selected by the student members to serve as the Student Representative to the NCB Executive Committee** through the end of the March 2018 NCB meeting.

Congratulations, Priyanka! We greatly appreciate the other nominees **Matthew Ethington** (Purdue University), **Todd Johnson** (University of Illinois), **Jacob Pecenka** (Purdue University), **Erika Peirce** (Colorado State University), and **Hailey Shanovich** (University of Minnesota) for their willingness to step up and serve if elected. It's wonderful to have so many of our students willing to be active participants in the society! Y'all are amazing folks!

LINNAEAN GAMES PREPARATION: The **deadline for signing up Linnaean teams to compete at the 2018 NBC-ESA meetings in Madison, WI, will be Monday, 8 January 2018.** The competition will be limited to a maximum of 10 teams. The first team from each university will be given priority, but an additional team from a given university could be considered toward the deadline if it is helpful in filling out a 10-team slate. **Departments wishing to submit a team should contact Dan Young** (young@entomology.wisc.edu) and provide (1) names of up to four team members, (2) up to two alternates, and (3) the coach name(s) by Monday, 8 January 2018. As began in 2017, the Linnaean Games Committee is requesting the coach(es) from each registered team to submit a [16] toss-up question set for the games. Questions will be sorted and randomized so that no team receives a question they submitted. Question sets should be sent to Dan Young for vetting any time after the team has been entered, but not later than Monday, Monday, 15 January 2018. Once vetted, questions will be aggregated and randomized by NCB Linnaean Gamesmaster, Deane Jorgenson.

AWARDS NOMINATIONS STILL OPEN THROUGH DECEMBER 1st: Please be considering colleagues and friends to nominate for awards! You can see the awards available on our awards site - <http://www.entsoc.org/northcentral/ncb-awards>. The website is now open for nominations, so please be thinking about people to nominate now.

2018 MEETING SYMPOSIA SUBMITTED: Thanks to everyone who submitted symposium proposals. There were 15 excellent proposals submitted, covering a wide array of topics. We are working on the availability of Program Enhancement Funds for those who need them. Funds are limited, but we'll do our best. We hope that we can make all of them work. It's an amazing lineup!

APPROXIMATE MEETING DEADLINES THAT ARE COMING:

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Awards Nominations: | Open now to December 1 st , 2017 |
| Paper/poster submissions: | Open November 1 st to December 1 st 2017 |
| Registration (Early-bird): | Open November 1 st to January 15 th , 2018 |
| Housing: | Open November 1 st to February 24 th , 2018 |

More information about the meeting will continue to come, so keep your cheese on for Madison next March! Please plan on participating and sharing your great ideas with the branch.

John Ruberson
ESA-NCB President 2017-18

