



Happy September!

Autumn is sneaking into the branch pretty rapidly, and we continue to make progress toward our 2018 North Central Branch meeting March 18th-21st of next year. Lots of great folks are working hard to make the meeting a success, but we sure need your help, as well! And to help you plan a bit, please be aware that the registration costs will be the same in 2018 as they were in 2017.

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS: Congratulations to **Hannah Penn** who was elected to serve as the **ESA-NCB Early Career Professional representative to the National ESA ECP committee**. And a big thank you to the other candidates who unselfishly offered to serve if elected - **Kacie Athey, Alison Gerken, and Scott Williams**.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NCB GOVERNING BOARD: Thanks to the six students who agreed to be nominated for the position of student representative to the ESA-NCB Executive Committee. **The nominees are: Matthew Ethington** (Purdue University), **Todd Johnson** (University of Illinois), **Priyanka Mittapelly** (The Ohio State University), **Jacob Pecenka** (Purdue University), **Erika Peirce** (Colorado State University), and **Hailey Shanovich** (University of Minnesota). **Student members of the NCB will be sent information about the nominees and how to vote.**

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 Daniel 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 TO OPEN OCTOBER 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 will be opening up on October 1st for nominations, so please be thinking about people to nominate now.

2018 MEETING SYMPOSIA STILL WANTED: We are still open to receive 2018 NCB symposium proposals. To submit your proposal, go to

<https://esa.confex.com/esa/2018ncb/progsymp/cfp.cgi>. Proposal submitters will be required to provide:

- Session title
- Summary Statement of the Goal or Concept, and Objectives
- Brief Symposium Description (50 words or less)
- List of several speakers you plan to invite to participate in the symposium
- Additional comments (not required)
- Total time required: 2 or 4 hours
- Organizer names and contact information

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Dr. Joe Louis (joelouis@unl.edu; pictured at the National Mustard Museum – see below). The **deadline for symposium proposal submissions will be October 1st.**



APPROXIMATE MEETING DEADLINES THAT ARE COMING:

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

More information about the meeting will be coming soon, so get your cheese on for Madison next March! Please be thinking about how you can participate and share your great ideas with the branch.

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ESA-NCB President 2017-18

