

Council of Entomological Department Administrators Meeting December 8, 2007
Town and Country Convention Center, Garden Salon 1
San Diego, CA

Chair R. Wiedenmann (Univ Arkansas) called meeting to order at 1:39 PM; agenda distributed

List of Attendees attached

1. Introductions

2. S. Fisher, (Ohio St) Chair-elect was unable to attend meeting. She will serve as Chair for 2008.

3. T. Showalter (LSU) was nominated and elected as Chair-elect for 2008

4. J. Harper (NC State) distributed CEDA Salary Report; discussion followed that included information added to this year's report; 608 faculty were included in report, 1113 graduate students in 39 institutions; 110 PhD students graduated in 2006; J. Harper asked about the value of data projected PhD graduates more than one year in the future. J. Harper requested that if a faculty member leaves institution or retires that the individual faculty code be retired. Request for post-doc salary information was discussed. Discussion of retention rates, NRC rankings of graduate programs, time to degree completion followed.

Requested that S. Fisher continue discussion regarding data on retention at next meeting.

5. J. Esquivel from ESA Membership Committee presented information about the lost middle -- young professional who do not retain membership in ESA following graduation; Currently over 5900 ESA members; CEDA membership list will be sent to J. Esquivel.

6. Stature of Undergraduate programs in Entomology

K.Heinz (Texas A&M) currently about 100 majors; of which 50 are double majors; Graduates - 50% graduate school and 50 % employment; Undergrad research experience a major plus for students and faculty

New degree program in forensic and investigative science within Entomology; currently 72 majors - target enrollment of 120 majors; 30-40% of students from under-represented groups; serves as a pre-law degree program; Looking for \$10 million endowment

M.Berenbaum (Illinois) enrollment increased from 1 to 3

R. Cardé (UC Riverside) 39 majors, teach several courses in Biology program; Entomology faculty doing almost as much teaching as the Biology Dept

UC Davis 20 majors; teaching in other programs; contact hours are fine

R. Merritt (Mich State); increased enrollment from 3 to 17

7. S. Yaninek (Purdue) and J. Harper (NC State) announced a symposium on Wed AM (Dec 12) on Insect Science and changing research and development landscape at the Land Grant University that will address issues -- what must an Entomology Department do to stay viable?

8. J. Harper distributed financial report (Dec 9, 2006 to Dec 5, 2007) for CEDA; beginning balance (\$2464.80); revenue (\$1100); expenses (\$1143); balance = \$2421.80; Discussion followed regarding CEDA symposia at ESA meetings and possible use of funds to support outside speakers; CEDA as a network within ESA was discussed.

9. ZB Mayo (Univ of Nebraska) presented CAST report; CAST has ear of federal agencies as a source of unbiased information; CEDA dues = \$700; used to support travel to 2 CAST meetings per year; ZB has completed his 3-year term as CEDA rep to CAST; CEDA needs to designate (elect) rep to CEDA; next meeting is April 2008. S. Ramaswamy suggested that CEDA retain membership because ESA Governing Board was too focused with details of internal reorganization and examination. R. Wiedenmann proposed that CEDA present issues to CAST for consideration as CAST report; Suggestions included; Pest Management in Crops developed for Biofuels (reduced lignin)(ENT and Plant Path)

10. Discussion of CEDA membership in AIBS was discussed. M. Berenbaun is the new President of AIBS

11. R. Meyer (CSREES) presented CoFARM report; CoFARM serves as a voice for ag research; has requested an increase in NRI funding; CoFARM does lobbying for ad research; R. Meyer recommended that CEDA remain a member of CoFARM

12. G. Kennedy presented update on ESA Foundation; requested that CEDA serve as a conduit to faculty; Foundation is building a resource base for teaching Entomology; teaching material is reviewed; 200 items will be placed on the web; G. Kennedy requested information about faculty who teach undergraduate courses and nominees for ESA Foundation awards; Penn State received a plaque for most nominees for ESA Awards; Foundation Benefit Banquet honoring Larry Pedigo; several departments have purchased tables for \$800 -- excellent way for students to network

13. D. Kopp (CSREES) update on federal budget and Farm Bill; currently under a continuing resolution, will effect ear-marks, R. Nowierski (CSREES) IPM partnership with NRCS; IPM training programs for NRCS staff; permit issues regarding biological control and insect zoos

14. R. Wiedenmann asked for comments about the longer scheduled time for the CEDA meeting; a similar 3.5 hr time has been scheduled for next year; C. Jones suggested that this was a good way to have time to discuss issues and minimize discussing trivia at the CEDA meeting.

In preparation for meeting with ESA Governing Board (GB), R. Wiedenmann suggested that CEDA update its White Papers; S. Ramaswamy agreed to head this effort; R. Wiedenmann suggested that CEDA sponsor a symposia at the next ESA meeting (2008); S. Yaninek suggested a discussion of future directions for departments due to upcoming retirements.

15. Joint meeting with ESA GB ESA President Hutchins asked members of the GB to introduce themselves; Status of ESA is good; \$5 million is reserve; \$300K operating margin; In 2009, reduced page charges for ESA journals; move to a no-page-charge model. Estimate over 6000 members in ESA; 2700 individuals attending this 2007 ESA meeting; > 700 students

registered; New Award for Early Career Achievement; \$ 1 million fund to be used to encourage students and young professionals to participate in ESA meetings; Publications Council has a new policy of one review article /journal/year --aimed at improving citations and impact factor for journals. \$200K has been allocated to digitize all back issues of ESA journals; S. Hutchins requested CEDA assist with nominations for ESA awards and membership

16. Updates presented by members of the GB who are involved in the new ESA sections -- focused on issues/opportunities/outside forces

17. R. Wiedenmann discussed that CEDA has a role in public policy and science; CEDA will update white papers; maintain membership in CEDA and CoFARM; CEDA is also interested in discussions of demographics in Entomology Departments; retirements and new Entomology students; Discussion followed: importance of undergrad research; ESA encouragement for undergrad participation at meetings; Possibly an undergrad poster session at meetings

18. Discussion of shared resources (faculty) among departments; C. Jones suggested that the GB/CEDA form a joint committee to look into ways to share courses and other examples of regionalization.

19. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM; informal mixer followed

Minutes recorded by J. Obrycki (Univ of Kentucky)

Attendees:

Art Appel (Auburn); Wayne Gardner (sitting in for Ray Noblet, Georgia); John Capinera (Florida); David Thompson (NM State); Jim Harper (NC State); Steve Yaninek (Purdue); Tim Schowalter (LSU); Tom Phillips (Kansas State); Carl Jones (Tennessee); Kevin Heinz (Texas A&M); Joe Culin (Clemson); Ken Grace (Hawaii); John Obrycki (Kentucky); ZB Mayo (sitting in for Gary Brewer, Nebraska); Rich Merritt (Michigan State); Walter Leal (UC-Davis); David Rider (ND State); Sanford Eigenbrode (Idaho); Jon Edelson (sitting in for Phil Mulder, Oklahoma State); Walter Goodman (Wisconsin); L. T. Kok (Virginia Tech); Robert Sites (Missouri); Susan Weller (sitting in for Mark Ascerno, Minnesota); Leellen Solter (Illinois Natural History Survey); May Berenbaum (Illinois); Ring Cardé (UC-Riverside); Joel Coats (Iowa State); Gary Felton (Penn State); Jeff Scott (Cornell); Tom Holtzer (Colorado State); Dennis Kopp (CSREES); Rick Meyer (CSREES); Monte Johnson (CSREES); Herb Bolton (CSREES); Bob Nowierski (CSREES); Rob Wiedenmann (Arkansas)