

**Consortium of Entomology Department Administrators (CEDA)  
Minutes Dec. 11, 2010 meeting , San Diego, CA**

Chair May Berenbaum opened the meeting at 3:34 pm; she offered agenda and minutes from 2009 for review.

1. Agenda additions—add Dennis Kopp and Monte Johnson from USDA-NIFA; also David Jenkins from the Membership committee.

2. Approval of minutes. John moved, Steve Yaninek seconded.

May announced that she had just completed 18 years as Entomology Dept. Head at Illinois. Clell Metcalf was the only other DH with a longer appointment; he stepped down from dementia.

Attendees introduced themselves. (See Addendum for list of those in attendance.)

3. Phillips nominated John Obrycki to be Chair-elect, seconded by Schowalter. Obrycki was voted in unanimously. May thanks Tim Schowalter for his help in the past.

4. USDA NIFA—Dennis Kopp reported big changes in USDA related to land grant universities. USDA is learning to do business in a new era. NIFA has a political appointee as its lead administrator. Dennis works less with programs. Bob Nowierski and Monte Johnson will talk about programs.

Monte Johnson passed out Power Point print-outs with 2 slides that explains NIFA; refocusing NIFA science. He discussed the organizational structure. NIFA's next steps: leadership council, chartered teams, filling principal scientist positions, etc. Dr. Beachy is interacting with NSF, some related to water. May asked about other vacant positions. Dennis indicated that these have interim administrators, and will be filled in 6 months. Script and statistic summaries—

Bob Nowierski commented as follows: PMAP, RAMP CAR are eliminated in President's budget (MBT retained) but the continuing resolution allows them to remain in place, and they will move forward with RFPs for these. Conference on bio-control is scheduled in near future. IPM training modules are being promoted. Specialty modules on bed bugs, fire ants, others will be or are available. NIFA will do a Spanish translation for the core module.

Monte said they hope that the continuing resolution will be continuing into 2011.

May reported that Beachy had said the entire budget for NIFA was less than the funding increase of NIH.

Mary Purcell-Miramontes spoke about AFRI- \$262 million compared to \$190 million previously. Obama has requested a budget of \$429 million, but this budget may be modified by the Senate and House. Could be authorized in farm bill up to \$700 million. Hope to offer new grant program if the new budget were approved. AFRI divided in to 5-6 RFAs. The

“Foundational” programs have the former Entomology and Nematology. Beachy is increasing basic research up to \$78 million in basic research, toward a traditional shift back to sole PI-led projects. The Entomology-Nematology program budget was severely reduced from \$12 to \$6 million. Congress has required that AFRI commit \$3 million to pollinator decline and Colony Collapse Disorder. AFRI has had stakeholder conferences to determine the impact of these budget changes. The agency would prefer to award the best science. The success rate last year in Entomology was 12%; bee research was 15%. Other areas being discussed include invasive species. Mary anticipates an RFA to be published for end of this week. Tom Holtzer asked about definition of invasive species. Mary said it is broadly defined to include plants and animals. Jeff Scott asked if the funding practices would trend to be less “pork” and more science. Mike Parrella said we need to talk to Roger Beachy and also congressional members. Someone from CEDA should attend stakeholder meetings. Continuing resolution will not allow for new grants since there are existing grants.

5. Kevin Hackett-ARS. Same boat as other agencies—the budget is flat, so there is really less money because of increases in costs. ARS scientists are being instructed to get outside grants. ARS supports 100s of undergraduate and graduate students. Kevin reported on “5000 genomes” project. For example, Gene Robinson is sequencing 15 bee genomes. The goal is to sequence all insects of key importance to agriculture, etc. The current cost of sequencing a genome is now about \$15,000. National Research Council issued a report on “new biology”, which discusses these goals. China has a huge sequencing center. Why do it at all? Mining data for detoxification, malaria, etc. can have great benefits. ARS anticipate spin-offs, like population studies on key species. Expect massive international groups. ARS has formed a consortium to organize a community effort for this and will try to do this with a Wiki tool. A Wiki page effort will help to keep this transparent. ARS will coordinate with Arthropod Genomics Symposium, June 12, that meets every year. Group needs to self-assemble with a Wiki-page approach. Need costs to be \$1000 per insect species. They will start with workshop in Washington. The I-5K will provide a home for a bigger picture for dealing with arthropods. Steve Yaninek suggests that if sequencing gets cheaper that we should bring in the stakeholders to get involved. Tom Holtzer pointed out that bioinformatics is critical and some scientists need work. Sanford Eigenbrode asked about Wiki, because they are not straightforward, apparently “spotty”. Need to determine how to get more people involved. George Kennedy pointed out that we should contact the foundations such as Gates and Google. May Berenbaum pointed out that commodity groups have money they might be interested to contribute.

6. David Jenkins of the Membership Committee spoke about activities. Targeting biology departments where there are people working on insects who are not ESA members. ESA’s new website should advertise this. ESA can provide posters for advertising. Membership committee is getting more active. President’s Circle membership is twice the cost, but helps support new members who can’t afford regular membership fees. Phil Mulder reported ESA membership is over 6100; anticipate soon to be 6400.

7. Jeff Scott talked about collecting additional data with the CEDA salary survey. This will help departments derive metrics. Easy metrics are peer-reviewed publications, funding, awards, some teaching or extension. Phil Mulder pointed out that he is asked how his department stacks up to peer departments. Information on ESA web site did not have good quality data on comparative measurements, e.g., size of undergraduate majors. May pointed out that the NRC rankings may be useful to some people. It is mixed that some schools care, others do not. Discussion of adopting metric-gathering: Steve Yaninek wants to see metrics for Extension and Teaching included. Tom Holtzer pointed out that we each come from a variety of perspectives. We can not compare equally; it may be a waste of time to try to do so. Delfosse says the data are important as it helped them at Michigan State Univ. May wants to form a committee to address this: Phil Mulder agreed to coordinate this, Del, Steve Yaninek, Jeff Scott, Gary Brewer and Art Appel will send comments, ideas, etc. to Phil Mulder. George Kennedy stressed that metrics can be unambiguous.

8. Rob W. pointed out that we agreed to a 1-year renewal to CAST membership. George Kennedy reported that dues for CAST were \$1500 and was essentially covered. Less than half those present reported they would read the CAST notes that are sent by e-mail. There is now \$4,527.80 in CEDA treasury. Several present felt it is important to be represented on the board. George Kennedy moved, and Tim Scholwalter seconded, that CEDA remain in CAST. This was approved unanimously. We need a representative to replace Rob. There is one meeting a year in October (e.g., Napa Valley), not paid for by CEDA; the representative would also be a liaison on a working group with 4-5 conference calls a year, helping with publications in subject area—overall not too much work. Steve Yaninek volunteered to be the representative.

Rob W. thanked the group for anyone who provided data on research ethics that will be published in American Entomologist.

9. ICE will be in Korea in 2012. May asked that the US re-submit a bid for having ICE in this country. This would be an opportunity to recognize entomologists for “Certificate of Distinction”, which is an underused honorary.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 to meet next with Governing Board.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas W. Phillips  
Chair-Elect

**Addendum to Minutes**  
**Attendees at CEDA Meeting of December 11, 2010, San Diego, CA**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Institution</u></b>
Tom Phillips	Kansas State University
Gary Brewer	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Tom Holtzer	Colorado State University
Rick Redak	UC Riverside
John Capinera	University of Florida
Peter McEvoy	Oregon Sate Univ.
Walt Goodman	Univ. Wisconsin-Madison
Ken Grace (for Brent Sipes)	Univ. Hawaii-Manoa
Art Appel	Auburn Univ.
Maron Harris	North Dakota State Univ.
Gary Felton	Pennsylvania State Univ.
Phil Mulder	Oklahoma State University
Michael Parrella	UC-Davis
George Kennedy	North Carolina State Univ.
Sanford Eigenbrode	Univ. of Idaho
Joseph Spencer	Illinois Natural History Survey-Univ. Il.
Monte Johnson	USDA NIFA
Ray Noblet	Univ. Georgia
David Jenkins	USDA ARS
Jeff Scott	Cornell Univ.
Steve Yaninek	Purdue Univ.
David Ragsdale	Texas A&M Univ.
Bob Nowierski	USDA NIFA
May Berenbaum	Univ. Illinois-UC
Carol Anelli	Washington State University
George Roderick	UC-Berkeley
Dennis Kopp	USDA NIFA
Del Delfosse	Michigan State Univ.
Mary Purcell-Miramontes	USDA NIFA-AFRI
Rob Wiedenmann	Univ. Arkansas
John Obrycki	Univ. Kentucky