

**Entomological Society of America  
2008 Winter Governing Board Report**

The governing board of ESA met on November 14, 15 & 19 to discuss society business.

Membership: We are on target to reach a total membership of 6,000 by the end of the year. At the end of September we had 3,637 regular members, 1,235 student members, 356 transitional members, 379 emeritus members and 193 additional members in various categories.

Annual Meeting: Preregistration was 2,083 (351 less than San Diego 2007, 259 more than Indianapolis 2006. At the end of the 2008 meeting attendance was 2,443.

Sixty nine symposia and 135 sessions were held encompassing a total of 1,743 presentations. Two hundred sixty six talks and 156 posters were presented during the student competition.

Due to the decreasing use of AM online (less than 50% of the talks given are recorded; usage pattern: 2,170 hits in 2005, 1,037 in 2006, 756 hits in 2007 and 23 hits in 2008), the board voted to discontinue this program.

Due to the financial situation and the method used to fund the Student Participation Awards (based on interest made by our investments, when no interest is made the award cannot be given), these awards will not be given in 2009.

The board voted to continue offering child care at the 2009 annual meeting.

Future Meeting sites and dates:

2009 – Indianapolis, IN, December 13-16

2010 – San Diego, CA, December 12-15

2011 – Reno, NV, November 13-16

Journals: All back issues of JEE, EE, JME and Annuals will become available online in 2009. The board also voted to digitize all back issues of American Entomologists and the ESA Bulletin.

Page charges in 2009 will be reduced by 25% in accordance with ESA's new publication policy.

Entomological Foundation: In the past ESA has provided the foundation \$15,000 a year to provide mini grants targeting increasing entomology related educational programs for school children. The board voted to discontinue this practice for 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

George Hamilton