

ESA Governing Board Report for 2007

The governing board met on December 7, 8, 9 and 12 2007 to discuss the matters of the society. The following is a synopsis of various items that were addressed.

Membership

- Overall membership for 2007 is currently 5,921 as compared to 5,817 for 2006.
- New members have surged against last year's numbers (currently at 827 as compared to 797 for 2006) and are closing in on our 2005 new member mark (990).
- A large jump in ACEs from 98 to 114 (likely due to the ACE marketing and expo shows in Texas, Florida, and New York).
- A small jump in BCEs from 402 to 406.

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting pre-registrations totaled 2,425 vs. total registrations of 2,195 in 2006

Journals

- Our four journals' combined impact factor had grown 62% over 2002
- Journal citations have also grown.

Finances

- Revenue for 2007 were higher than budgeted
- As of September 30, 2007, investments had grown by \$402,698.
- Overall investments, as of September 30, 2007, totaled \$5.18 million.

ESA Renewal

The changes to the structure of ESA became official at the end of the 2007 business meeting on December 13, 2007. Following the meeting each of the new sections met for the first time to discuss business related to governance and the 2008 annual meeting in Reno, NV on November 16-19.

The new sections are:

Systematics, Evolution and Biodiversity
Integrative Physiology and Molecular Insect Systems
Structural, Veterinary and Public Health Systems
Plat-Insect Ecosystems

Networks

Anyone can create their own network. All that is needed is two members with a common interest. Currently the society has 45 networks.

If you would like to start a Network, please contact Chris Stelzig at cstelzig@entsoc.org with

1. the name of your Network
2. any description you have of your Network (e.g., what unifies you as a group)
3. the "type" of Network (see below)
4. contact information for the person in charge (for now) of your group
5. information about how new members can join your Network

Respectfully submitted,

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