

Entomological Society of America Governing Board Report

The governing board of the Entomological Society of America met on July 27, 28 and 29, 2008 to discuss the business of the society. The following is a summary of what was discussed.

Membership

- The current paid membership as of May 31, 2008 is 5,065, down from 5,227 at the end of May 2007.
- The Plant Insect Ecosystems (PIE) section remains the largest section with 44% of the current membership.
- BCE (378) and ACE (80 with 163 pending applications) memberships are on target for 2008 and should exceed projected totals for the year.

Annual Meeting

- Final attendance at last year's annual meeting in San Diego was 2,850.
- This year's annual meeting is at the Reno Convention Center in Reno, NV.
- Funds to support student, postdoctoral researchers and new professionals' attendance at the annual meeting are again available. Funding will be based on meeting participation.
- Program – 68 symposia with 624 presentations; Total presentations comes to 1174.
- Opportunities still exist to submit a title for late-breaking issues symposia. If you have an idea for a symposium please contact the program committee.

Emeritus Members

The board approved 28 requests for emeritus membership and elevated two emeritus members to the emeritus gold level. To be eligible, a member must be retired and have been a member for 10 consecutive years and 20 cumulative years. Emeritus gold members must meet the above qualifications and be 75 years or older.

New Members

We have 404 new members so far. This is the highest number of new members in four years.

Financial Status

The society continues to operate in the black despite rising costs and reduced investment income.

Membership Dues

The board approved a 3.9% (equals the current CPL) increase in dues for 2008. The breakout is as follows: Member - \$136; Student - \$33; Young Professional (1st year) - \$68; Young Professional (2nd year) - \$101; Presidents Circle - \$272; Family Member 1 - \$136; Family Member 2 - \$70; Sustaining Associate Contributor - \$500; Sustaining Associate Bronze - \$1,000; Sustaining Associate Silver - \$2,000; Sustaining Associate Gold - \$3,000; Emeritus - \$68; Emeritus Gold - \$34.

Policies

The board approved three policies that will be applied to all operations of the society: a Conflict of Interest Policy, a Records Retention Policy and a Whistleblower Policy. These policies are required by either the Sarbanes-Oxley Act or the new IRS Form 990 used by nonprofits to file annual tax returns.

ESA Fellows

The governing board, based on the recommendations of the 2008 ESA Fellow Committee, voted to install 10 new fellows for 2008. The names of the 2008 ESA Fellows will be announced at the annual meeting in November.

NIH Public Access Mandate

The board passed a motion authorizing the ESA staff to handle the submission of published articles covered by the NIH public access mandate to PubMed Central. Authors who have questions above specific procedures should contact ESA headquarters.

Respectfully Submitted,

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