

The Eastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America Summer Business and Planning Meeting; Blacksburg, Virginia

Tuesday, June 8, 2004, Meeting Minutes (prepared by R. R. Youngman)

Members present: Chris Bergh, Eric Day, Doug Pfeiffer, Mike Raupp, Pete Schultz, and Rod Youngman

Doug called the meeting to order at 8:20 am and welcomed everyone to Blacksburg and thanked them for their service to the Eastern Branch (EB). He then turned the meeting over to Chris Bergh, the 2005 Program Chair. Chris asked Doug about his theme for the upcoming meeting, and Doug responded he was considering an 'Entomological Links' theme. He mentioned possible links as entomology and EB history as well as those of an interdisciplinary nature. Doug acknowledged his theme was pretty general and needed to be further developed. He asked how we might be able to increase the impact of this theme for the 2005 meeting, and Rod suggested it could serve as a banquet speaker topic or, as Pete suggested, a symposium topic.

Chris moved on to discussing program symposia for 2005. He started with a list of traditional EB symposia and workshops:

IDEP Exotic Pest Workshop

IDEP Symposium

Biocontrol Symposium – Roger Fuester and Dick Casagrande organizers

Student Symposium

Northeast Regional Field Crops Insect Workers Conference

Crop Protection Workshop – Jim Steffel organizer

Small Fruit Workshop – Anne Averill organizer; dedicated to the career of Sridhar Polavarapu, Rutgers University Professor and Extension Specialist for small fruits

Tree Fruit Symposium – Mark Brown organizer; dedicated to the career of Ronald John Prokopy

Forest Entomology Symposium – Chris said this symposium may attract a lot of people and suggested we get input from Scott Salom

Acarology Symposium

Sunday afternoon 3-20-05

Student Oral Presentations Competition – 3:30-5:30 pm

Reception and President's Welcome – 6:00-7:30 pm with food

Student networking – 7:30-9:00 pm

IDEP Workshop – 7:30-9:00 pm

Monday morning 3-21-05

Tree Fruit Symposium

IDEP Symposium

Northeast Regional Field Crops Insect Workers Conference

Outreach Program – tentative title: How do you get it across?

Monday afternoon

Small Fruit Workshop

Industry Symposium

Student Symposium

Biological Control Symposium

Monday evening

Banquet

Linnaean Games

Tuesday morning 3-22-05

Acarology Symposium

Forest Symposium

Linkage Themes Symposium

Submitted Papers

Doug said he would explore the possibility of having a Saturday afternoon tour of Hercon Environmental Corp. in York, Pennsylvania.

Doug next asked for input on his Linkage Themes Symposium. He asked if we knew of anyone who could address the pitfalls of establishing interdisciplinary research projects. He noted that the evolution of research projects often sparks a need for greater interdisciplinary involvement. He asked for suggestions on interesting IPM links to the past and present. One possibility that was raised was the history of chestnut blight and the new cloned lines of chestnut trees resistant to the disease. It was agreed that a topic of this nature would be very well received.

Selection of a banquet speaker was the next topic. After brief discussion, Tom Baker, Wendel Roeloefs, and Al Wheeler were identified as potential banquet speakers.

Pete thought urban forestry might make for an interesting banquet topic. He asked Mike if he knew of anyone covering urban forestry, but Mike responded that he did not know of anyone off-hand. Subsequent discussion settled on Dan Gilrain, Don Reardon, and Mike Raupp as potential speakers for this topic. Chris asked if there was a consensus on this issue; everyone agreed there was a consensus.

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Doug Pfeiffer

Doug handed out an updated version of the committee chairs. He said he was informed by ESA that the EB needs to come up with a Board Certified Entomologist (BCE) nominee to replace Bill Wymer, the outgoing BCE representative to the EB. Doug also pointed out that the 2005 Eastern and North Central branch meetings both occur on March 20-22.

Doug moved to new business regarding changes to the EB Complimentarity Policy.

Doug moved that the Complimentarity Policy be changed to have the EB cover the banquet and registration costs for the ESA Executive Director.

The motion was seconded.

Discussion was requested. There was no discussion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Individuals voting were Day, Pfeiffer, Raupp, Schultz, and Youngman.

Doug moved that the Complimentarity Policy be changed to cover the meeting expenses for EB Presidents. He said the President's expenses would be consistent with those currently covered for the EB Secretary and Treasurer and would become effective April 1, 2005.

The motion was seconded.

Discussion was requested. There was no discussion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Individuals voting were Day, Pfeiffer, Raupp, and Youngman (Pete Schultz abstained from voting to avoid a conflict of interest).

Doug instructed Rod to update the EB Complimentarity Policy.

Past President's Report: Mike Raupp

Mike said he had nothing to report.

President Elect's Report: Pete Schultz

Pete said he had nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: Rod Youngman

Rod said he had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Eric Day

Eric reported on the Financial Statement dated June 5, 2004, he prepared in his capacity as EB Treasurer. He said that as of June 30, 2003, the General Fund totaled \$28,183.58. He then said that combining the General Fund amount with the \$17,506.00 in receipts, less the \$20,536.35 in disbursements,

leaves the General Fund balance of \$25,175.72. Eric said the Reserve Fund balance was \$32,253.41, which when combined with the General Fund balance means the total funds available to the EB as of June 5, 2004, were \$57,429.13.

He provided a handout on 2004 budget disbursements and said they generally followed the previous year's disbursements. Eric pointed out that the outreach program, banquet, and executive committee lunch substantially exceeded their budget allocations. Subsequent discussion debated the pros and cons of the higher cost of a sit down meal versus a buffet for the annual banquet. Eric suggested increasing the President's Reception budget from \$2,000 currently to \$3,000.

Rod asked about raising the meeting registration fee from \$90 to \$100. Doug thought it was a good idea and did not feel this modest increase would have a negative impact on meeting attendance. In addition, everyone agreed that the free meeting registration and banquet meal for students was a good incentive for students to attend the meeting.

Mike asked how the Outreach Program Committee expenditures went as far as they did over budget. Eric said Faith Kuehn told him she expected her expenditures would exceed her original budget of \$150 by about \$1,000. In the end, the Outreach Program expenditures totaled \$1,843.21. Eric said he plans to have greater oversight into how the Outreach Program Committee plans to pay for next year's outreach program.

Doug moved to accept the Financial Statement dated June 5, 2004.

The motion was seconded.

Discussion was requested. There was no discussion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Individuals voting were Day, Pfeiffer, Raupp, Schultz, and Youngman.

Eric requested to increase the President's reception budget by \$1,000 and outreach by an additional \$150 for a total amended budget of \$20,160. Eric also requested that registration be increased from \$90-\$100, the amount we charge sponsors be increased from \$300-\$500, and registration for the 5K Run/Walk be increased from \$12-\$18.

Pete moved to accept the actual and projected 2004-05 disbursements and receipts budget with an amended copy of the budget provided to the Secretary by the end of week.

The motion was seconded.

Discussion was requested. There was no discussion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Individuals voting were Day, Pfeiffer, Raupp, Schultz, and Youngman.

Meeting Site Selection Committee: Eric Day

Eric said the EB has a contract in place with the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers for the 2005 meeting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He went on to say that the 2006 meeting site has not yet been selected. Possible sites include Charlottesville, Virginia (Omni Hotel), Williamsburg, Virginia (Fort Magruder Inn), and Annapolis, Maryland (Lowe's Hotel).

Eric moved to schedule the 2006 meeting for March 12 – 14 at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, Virginia

The motion was seconded.

Discussion was requested. There was no discussion.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Individuals voting were Day, Pfeiffer, Raupp, Schultz, and Youngman.

Webmaster's Report: Rod Youngman

Rod said he was in the process of updating the EB website and asked for suggestions for its improvement. He also asked for any updates on committee assignments or business items that should be posted. Rod added that he has taken over Bill Gimpel's responsibilities as the EB listserve manager. He requested from those present to notify him of any changes they might be aware of in regard to members who need to be put on or taken off the listserve. Doug suggested we write a short *ESA Newsletter* article alerting our membership to periodically let us know about changes to their e-mail addresses.

Doug asked if there were any new business items that needed to be addressed. No new business items were raised. Doug moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.