

**EASTERN BRANCH ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA**  
**FINAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
21 March 2011

Present: Harvey Reissig, Debi Sutton, Dawn Braun, Grayson Brown, George Hamilton, Loke Kok, Mark Taylor, Bill Lamp, Dan Gilrein (minutes), Alan Cameron, Lisa Moore, Chris Bergh, Jim Steffel, Jim Lashomb

Call to order: Pres. Reissig opened the meeting at 8:05 am

**Old business:** Approval of Executive Committee minutes from Annapoli - George moved to approve, Loke second, all in favor, motion passed.

**New business**

Review of Executive Committee meeting decisions: Concerning next meeting, Dan will sent out poll of members about meeting times; March 16 – 19 location set in Hartford if Bug's World outreach event area is available. It was informally decided to continue holding meeting in PA every other year in PA, mainly due to good attendance. Hershey is a possible alternative location to investigate. We are assuming that Faith is returning for Bug's World – George will check. Harvey noted we'll be seeking help from ESA headquarters on registration, esp. use of credit cards. Discussed providing financial support for symposium speakers, specifically \$500 support for each symposium for non-Branch speakers, possibly hotel, travel, honorarium. Alan suggests honoraria be limited to non-ESA members. Grayson: suggests honorarium provided to members only if requested. We should consider whether honorarium includes registration too. George noted that we'll use Confex (\$1,100) for managing program next year.

Discussion on expiring Committee assignments: Susan King (Rules, Parliamentarian). Susan had retired, do we want to replace the position? Susan has indicated she'd remain on committee as a courtesy if we could not find a replacement. George will check with her again to verify. Harvey noted that Brian Nault, this year's co-chair, is not comfortable continuing next year on Program Committee. However, Bill has information indicating that Brian may agree to serve. Harvey noted Brian is on a new Department committee, with heavy demands upon his time. Harvey suggests leaving Cesar as co-chair and retaining Bill as co-chair. George will also talk with Brian. George noted that Bob Trumbull will take over as chair of IDEP Committee. Mark will continue as treasurer and site selection committees. Tracey Sutherland is ok thru the national meeting but her term ends 2011 (he'll take care of a replacement). George will talk with Faith about remaining on the public information committee. Nominations Committee: George will confirm with Albrecht. Student Affairs: Lisa said new chair will be Ian Grettenberger, but she's still looking for a co-chair – send Dan an email for posting to listserv. George noted that Tim Tomon is willing to continue as chair of student competition committee. Harvey believes this is Tim's 2<sup>nd</sup> three-yr term. Local arrangements: Greg Krawczyk was this year's, but not much was done or needed? Harvey suggests that local arrangements could do some of the work that Bill does – help set up reception, banquet. Mark Taylor noted Conference Direct can help to show sites, etc. but it would be helpful to have a Local Arrangements person to check out the locations, especially if unfamiliar. Should we combine site selection with local arrangements committees? Discussion followed on meeting locations... Alan thinks Branch should recognize efforts of Jim

Steffel, who has provided breaks, coffee, etc. Alan moves we should send a letter of appreciation on behalf of the branch. Loke seconds. Dan will draft a letter and certificate of appreciation from the Branch.

*Items from ESA attendees:* Grayson commented this is a great meeting, appreciates hospitality shown him and ESA staff. Harvey also expressed appreciation on behalf of the Branch for ESA staff's attendance and participation.

### **Committee and Other Reports**

*Eastern Branch Awards – Howard/Streu:* Loke Kok noted candidates selected this year were Rod Youngman – Streu award, Tony Shelton - Howard award. Tony sends his regrets that he wasn't able to attend; Harvey accepted the Howard award on his behalf. Loke noted there are multiple candidates sometimes, as there were this year, and suggests we encourage candidates not chosen to update information and resubmit for the awards the following year. Alan noted we have presidents and Howard plaques, should we also have one for Streu? Alan moves that we obtain Streu plaque. George second, all in favor, motion passed. (Dan will look into and obtain a plaque). Herb retired in early 1990's, now living in S. Carolina. George will contact Herb to notify him of our current awardees.

*ESA Awards:* John Tooker needs to forward information on awardees to National office (Mary Falcone). Dan will follow up on that.

*Meeting site selection:* Mark Taylor reported that the tentative plan is to meet in Hartford and it will be a weekend meeting at Executive Committee request, but Dan will send out survey about whether meetings should return to mid-week or remain on the weekend, and possibly site selections for PA – should we come to other location besides Harrisburg? We do get good attendance in Harrisburg. Mark will check on possible mid-way locations – Alan suggests possibly Hershey, George also thought a good idea. Pittsburgh? May be too far west. Discussion ensued on meeting attendance – good again this year, best in long time

*Nominations:* Albrecht Koppenhöfer (exec Cttee officers nominations) - no report

*Program Committee:* Bill Lamp: nothing to report [report submitted with Executive Committee minutes]. Would be helpful when polling to know who respondents are. Dan will include in poll. Loke noted when we change the program it impacts people, such as the industry-sponsored symposium. There was some issue with getting students at the industry mixer, was originally to be in the student room but room changes separated the mixer and the students, so attendance was poor. Discussion about industry symposium and scheduling, industry prefers to avoid Saturday – Monday would be better. Dan mentioned we might also pursue recertification credits for the industry symposium if held on Monday.

*Linnaean Games:* report in Executive Committee meeting minutes. Three teams, two from VT and one from PA. PA team won

*Student paper competition:* (Tim Tomon) excellent papers and submissions this year, decisions were very difficult. Very pleased to see participation from Johns Hopkins, Virginia Commonwealth. Should we limit number of papers? We tried to be liberal this year, Harvey wouldn't mind having another session. Alan: surprised with so many papers that it wasn't split into two judging group. George noted some problem getting judges. Could run sessions parallel but not back-to-back. Harvey suggests having one set of judges to be more fair, rather than two sets. Discussion continued on having two sets of presentations, possibly segregating papers by some category. Bill noted that schedule affects organization and ability to have a second paper session. Chris: heard comments to the effect that participants typically didn't receive score cards for quite some time – George noted that they did receive them last year. Can there be some effort to get score sheets/comments to students as soon as possible? Loke spoke with Tim about this. Should we have some statement that they'll be sent within 2 wk? Judges will do that if it is clearly stated. George will follow up with Tim. [list of oral and poster competition winners attached]

*Registration:* report distributed (attached) by Yong-Lak Park, reviewed in his absence by Dan. Discussion followed on figures, empty seats at banquet despite including on registration – perhaps related to the issue of banquet being held on Sunday evening - possibly better attendance would be expected if held on Saturday.

*Treasurer's report:* Mark Taylor distributed report, doesn't include some incoming checks and also registration income. Total balance \$66,827.77. Mark thinks we are 'in the black' this year. There were no Bug's World or associated expenses this year. Our Money Market account made only \$3, Checking acct charges had a \$2/month service fee. Alan asked if there was a 'break' on fees for non-profits? Mark as asked but will investigate further. Loke suggests we also investigate a better money market fund; deposits over \$25K can give better rate of return. Mark Taylor will follow up. Loke: isn't the \$40K in the Bank of Delmarva CD for interest to support student travel? Mark noted that CD was originally with Carter bank in VA, Mark investigated CD rates when came that due, 2.6% was maximum he could find on a 3-yr CD. The Bank of Delmarva, conveniently located near his home, offered a 2.5% return (= \$250 quarterly). That will come due at the end of Mark's term. Mark also noted that the Director of Finance at ESA gets copies of statements from him. Harvey would like to recognize Mark contributions –serving on Local Arrangements, as Treasurer, and for Site Selection.

Jim Steffel: 15 sponsors, \$9600 in support, has report and will email it (attached). Weekend venue is not popular with industry, would prefer weekday venue especially since reps are traveling a lot. Harvey: would it be helpful to have industry symposium on Monday next year? Jim says there is discussion about having a brown marmorated stink bug symposium next year, possibly expanding it to an all-day meeting. Harvey: could that include an industry perspective on control during the afternoon? Discussion continued concerning issue of program organization. Lisa noted that right after spring break is not so good for weekday meetings for students, but expects students would come either way.

Student affairs: Lisa noted this has been a good year, Ian Grettenberger did outstanding job, ready to assume chair post next year. We are now looking for a co-chair. There are 19 student representatives at universities now. There are some new ones this year, but we lost a couple as

well. We are under-represented at Canadian universities - hard to replace those reps. Received a list of student members from ESA which helped a lot in checking who's current and in finding replacements. Only had one application for Fitch award – discussion ensued on how to bring in more applicants. 'Talk up' at the Fall semester? Might also directly contact faculty members. Had six applications from Comstock awards from only three universities, would like to increase number of universities submitting nominees. Akito Kawahara was winner for Comstock, Erik Smith was winner for Fitch (had been submitted previously). Big change this year: having student awardees present before the symposium gave larger audience, since there's competition between other symposia and student competitions. We're hoping format worked well for everyone and will continue. Appreciate help from Jim Steffel and Mark Taylor. George suggests having Linnaean Games during lunch and having box lunch available – may increase attendance.

Dan wondered if anyone missed Plenary session? Alan did, and noted that banquet was a bit long at three hours. Plenary was generally an opportunity for the President's address, time to showcase awards and take care of Society business when ESA representatives speak. Discussion followed. It was noted that one day's time has been lost from meeting. Loke noted that Plenary session was well-attended last year. Plenary speaker last year was Wayne Searles.

Harvey commented that he has enjoyed serving this past year, having been in the Eastern Branch all 38 years of his career at Cornell appreciates the opportunity to give something back. He thanked all who have helped him, especially Dan, Bill and Mark, and extends thanks also to our ESA representatives. Harvey passed the gavel to George and wished him well in his tenure as president. George wants to personally thank Harvey for serving. He called for a motion to adjourn, Alan so moved, Mark seconded, all in favor. Motion passed and the meeting closed at 8:37 am.

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## 2011 Industry Sponsor Committee Report

This year we have 15 Sponsors of the Annual Meeting who contributed a total of \$9,600. The large majority of these Sponsors have been our reliable supporters for a number of years. I would encourage the membership to extend their appreciation to these sponsors, especially those who have a representative in attendance and those who have chosen to exhibit. Although we appreciate and indeed need the financial support of these sponsors, those who participate as exhibitors or present papers also add to the information content of this event and provide another dimension that rounds the meeting nicely.

The level of support this year ranged from \$400 to \$1,000. It is especially important that we make every effort to insure that these supporters are acknowledged whenever possible and every effort is made to maximize their exposure by scheduling social events in the exhibit/poster room.

This years Sponsors are:

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Submitted by:

Jim Steffel  
March 22, 2011

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** 21 March 2011  
**TO:** President and Eastern Branch ESA Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Yong-Lak Park, Registration Committee Chair  
**RE:** **FINAL REPORT:** EB-ESA Registration & Hospitality Committee

**List of volunteers:** Matthew McKinney, Ligia Vieira, Matthew Bickerton, Jhalendra Rijal, Anna Wallingford, Ian Grettenberger, Amanda Bachmann, Christopher Standley, and Rajwinder Singh.

### Registration summary

Type	No. of attendants	Income from registration
Pre-registration	144 (76%)	\$ 8,584.00 (68%)
On-site registration	46 (24%)	\$ 4,026.00 (32%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>\$ 12,610.00</b>

Note that we had **165** attendants with **\$11,506.00** of registration income last year (2010).

### **Banquet attendants**

- We ordered 140 banquets this year, meaning we saved 50 banquets (saving ca. \$1,500?).

### **Late payment and cancellation**

- Donald Ganske from DuPont will pay his registration fee (\$130) to Mark Taylor after ESA meeting is over. This is not included in the summary above.
- There was one cancellation (Doug Sutherland) and the payment check was voided.

### **No show-ups**

- A total of 7 members didn't show up (or didn't pick up their badges and receipts) although they paid their pre-registration. As far as I know, we do not refund their pre-registration. Note that these 7 members are included in the registration summary above.

### **Comments**

- We may need a clear policy about registration and banquet for invited speakers and members from other branches.
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### **Student Affairs Committee Chair Report**

ESA-EB Final Business Meeting

March 21, 2011

Chair: Lisa Moore

Co-Chair: Ian Grettenberger

The year 2010 - 2011 has been productive for the Student Affairs Committee. Ian Grettenberger of Penn State University served as co-chair, and he will assume the chair for 2011 - 2012. The Student Affairs Committee is seeking nominations for a co-chair to serve with Ian, and will request that a call for nominees be posted to the ESA-EB listserv.

The ESA-EB currently has student representatives at 19 universities. Last year we obtained a list of Eastern Branch student members from ESA, which facilitated solicitation of students to serve as representatives, but we are in need of an updated list. If possible, it would be beneficial for the Student Affairs Committee to obtain an updated list each year to keep the roster as current as possible. Canadian universities in ESA-EB are under-represented, as Canadian student membership is low and we were unable to find representatives to replace those who have graduated. At this time, the only Canadian schools with student representatives are Carleton and York.

Regarding ESA-EB student awards, we received only one application for the Asa Fitch Memorial Award. The award went to Erik Smith of Cornell University. We are considering means by which to increase nominations for the Asa Fitch award, perhaps through increased communication with students at the beginning of the Fall semester and an appeal to faculty ESA members. Six applications total were received from three universities for the John Henry Comstock Award; schools who submitted nominees were University of Maryland, Cornell, and Penn State. The award was given to Akito Kawahara, who recently graduated from the University of Maryland and is now a post-doctorate fellow at the University of Hawaii.

A change was made regarding presentations by the award winners at the Eastern Branch meeting. In the past, the Asa Fitch and John Henry Comstock award winners have presented at the student-sponsored

symposium, which is a theme-based symposium and not well attended by students as it is generally scheduled opposite one or more of the student competitions. A suggestion was made and adopted for this year's meeting to have the award winners scheduled around the student competition symposia to provide them an opportunity to present to a larger audience.

The Student Affairs Committee organized and hosted the student-sponsored symposium, "Tools of the Trade: Technology in Entomology" for the ESA-EB meeting, which featured six speakers from research and industry who presented on a variety of technologies in use or being developed for entomologically-based applications and research. The symposium was followed by an industry mixer, hosted by LabServices, to which students were invited to meet and talk with industry and research professionals. More timely advertisement of this event by the Student Affairs Committee and better staging relative to other meeting activities could have improved student attendance at the mixer.

Lisa Moore  
Chair, ESA-EB Student Affairs Committee

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## **Student Competition Winners, 2011**

Tim Tomon

### **Oral presentations**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kerry Mauck, Penn State University. **Effects of cucumber mosaic virus infection on plant chemistry and vector behavior.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alexander Forde. University of Maryland. **Effects of insectivorous birds on arthropod communities, primary productivity, and plant architecture in mangrove forests.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Alan Leslie, University of Maryland. **Using macroinvertebrates to determine ecological function of agricultural drainage ditches.**

### **Posters**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Justin P. Bredlau, Virginia Commonwealth University. **Isolation mechanisms of two genetically distinct groups of the parasitoid *Cotesia congregata* (Hymenoptera: Braconidae).**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ian M. Grettenberger, Penn State University. **Contributions of nighttime predation and crop genotypic diversity to pest suppression.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Paul L. Maurizio, John Hopkins University. **Detection and characterization of *Culex flavivirus* transmission in *Zambian Culex quinquefasciatus* mosquitoes.**

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*Treasurer's Report*

**Entomological Society of America  
Eastern Branch  
Financial Statement, March 1, 2011**

Total Funds Available, March 1, 2011	\$66,827.77
Balance on Hand, Money Market, March 1, 2011	\$17,063.87
Balance on Hand, Checking, March 1, 2011	\$ 9,329.47
Balance on Hand, Combined Checking and Money Market	\$26,393.34
<b>Reserved Funds</b>	
BANK OF DELMARVA MONEY MARKET, March 1, 2011	\$40,434.43
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE, March 8, 2010</b>	<b>\$66,827.77</b>

Fund Location

Wachovia Bank, High Performance Money Market, Annapolis, MD (Savings)	\$ 9,329.47
Wachovia Bank, Annapolis, MD (Checking)	\$17,063.87
The Bank of Delmarva, Salisbury, MD (Reserve)	<u>\$40,434.43</u>
Total	\$66,827.77

Detailed financial records are on file with the Treasurer and are available to review on request.

Respectfully submitted, Mark C. Taylor, Treasurer.