

**ESA Governing Board Meeting Report,
October 26-29, 2003
Cincinnati, Ohio**

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The meeting was a good one with attendance slightly about what was projected. From all accounts everyone thought the meeting was a good one. There were problems but nothing affecting the sessions themselves.

I have a couple of items that you should be aware of:

1. Branches have been asked to provide comment on a possible by-law change that would allow people to designate which branch they wished to affiliate with instead of being assigned a branch based on their geographic location.
2. President Steffey has charged branches to increase membership. Things that might accomplish this is getting faculty in departments to be members and making sure all new students join.
3. An editor is needed for Annuals. If you have anyone in mind let Marlin Rice or the publications council know about it.
4. Karen Kester's term as the eastern branch member of the Education and Youth Committee ended this year. She has asked to be on for another term. The Governing Board approved this. I have also been made the GB liaison to this committee.
5. All branch members should be encouraged to use BioOne at <http://www.bioone.org/bioone/?request=index-html> to access ESA journals. It is free and every time someone uses it to access our journals ESA gets a kick-back.
6. If possible, since ESA National cannot afford to join CAST, branches are encouraged to do so. This will allow Entomology to have a presence with this group. National used to be but are not now.
7. The following committee slots will need to be filled this year for EB terms ending at the end of 2004:
 - Certification Board - current member is William Wymer
 - Finance Committee - current member is Melody Keena
 - Student Affairs - current member is Vonny Martin Barlow
 - Systematic Resources - Current member is Michael Schauf