

## **NCB Executive Committee Meeting**

Radisson University Hotel  
Minneapolis, MN  
March 13, 2011  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm, Alumni Room

**Executive Committee:** Rick Foster, Fred Baxendale, John Obrycki, David Ragsdale, Mark Boetel, Susan Weller, Tiffany Heng-Moss, Eileen Cullen, Billy Fuller,  
Absent: Susan Ratcliffe, Tim Husen, Wendy Johnson,

**Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Designees:** Bill Hutchison, Mike Melichar, Rob Venette, Susan Moser, Diane Wood, Rob Mitchell, Erin Hodgson, Mike McCarville

Absent: Karrie Koch, Wyatt Hoback, Tom Myers, Rick Weinzierl, Bob Wright, Matt Ginzler, Jen White, Marion Harris, Deirdre Prischmann-Voldseth,

**Invited Guests:** Ernest Delfosse, David Gammel, Grayson Brown

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome/Call to order – Rick Foster
  - a. President Foster Called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm CDT
2. Introductions
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of 2010 Executive Committee Minutes (Louisville, KY) – David Ragsdale
  - a. No changes to the minutes, passed by consent
5. Comments from ESA –
  - a. President Ernest Delfosse
    - i. This is his home branch and glad to be here. The national meeting will focus on our social responsibility as Entomologists.
      1. Leadership at ESA should reflect the society in gender, race and other issues.
      2. How do departments respond when Deans want to merge Entomology departments how do we respond? A series of white papers will be developed and put on the Entsoc.org website.
      3. International focus – Lunch and learn at the national meeting on various topics, e.g., a media day, etc.
    - ii. President Elect, Grayson Brown – has freedom to respond to issues with the society as President Elect and encouraged the NCB ESA leadership to contact Grayson.

1. International Posters – great idea, how many in San Diego? First year was 29, up to 69 in San Diego, expecting 100 in Reno. Capacity to have 1000 in the systems set up.

b. Executive Director David Gammel

- i. Six weeks on the job and NCB ESA is his second branch meeting. With over 3200 attending the annual meeting with 6400 members. Reserves are equal to a year's operating budget. This is a very strong organization and this allows us to entertain novel ideas. The journals are doing well but most of the revenue is library subscriptions. JIPM had 4 of the 5 top viewed articles in ESA. International is the fastest growing. International members are 500 members, about equal to the SW Branch.

1. David has worked in professional organizations for 20 years. From sugar organization to medical professionals.

- c. Governing Board Representative Susan Weller – report was submitted and no comments were received. Revenue, 45% journals 25% from meetings, 25% from memberships. We have a reserve, so Susan will be asking how we should be using those reserves.

- i. Q: Update on undergraduate scholarship. See the report for details. Kevin Heinz did make a report to the governing board and decisions will be made shortly.
- ii. Q: Page charges. Frozen at current levels.

6. Committee Reports

a. Local Arrangements Committee, David Ragsdale and Bill Hutchison

- i. Report written and highlights were reviewed.
- ii. Volunteers in the Department of Entomology just did a wonderful job and we have exceeded all expectations. Want to thank the industry sponsors this year especially.

b. Program Committee, Mark Boetel

- i. Julie Peterson the student member of the committee took on much of the work. Suzanne Wold-Burkness as web master made the program website easy.
- ii. Written report has many details that were reviewed by program chair, Mark Boetel.

c. National ESA & Foundation Awards Committee, Mike McCarville, Matt Ginzel and Jen White

- i. Mike McCarville provided the report and outlined the number of awards and the nominations and announced the winners. Update the NCB ESA website for the regulatory award, there currently is no description. A sample ballot referred to in the awards was not on the website.
- ii. President Elect Fred Baxendale, a key priority is to get the bylaws, awards, etc., updated.

d. NCB Honorary Awards Committee, Marion Harris and Susan Moser

- i. Several calls for nominations and not enough nominations were obtained

1. Write to Dept. Heads and ask for nominations.
  2. Solicit input from industry to nominate colleagues outside of academia
- e. Student Awards Committee, Diane Wood and Jonathan Lundgren
    - i. Comstock (4 applicants)
    - ii. Grad Student Fellowship (2 applicants)
  - f. Nominating Committee, Rob Venette
    - i. Guidelines for committee on NCB ESA web site does not reflect how the committee works.
    - ii. Election was held this year and used Fred's data base of NCB ESA volunteers.
  - g. Auditing Committee, Mike Melichar
    - i. Need to look at other investment options for the corpus under NCB ESA control. That fund is currently at 80,430.99 and is not performing well.
      1. David Gammel will investigate with Neil Willoughby how branch funds can be invested, i.e. advice or have ESA Central invest these funds on behalf of the branch.
  - h. Membership Committee, Bob Wright
  - i. Linnaean Games Committee, Susan Weller and Wyatt Hobeck
    - i. 10 teams have evolved to 12 teams.
    - ii. Marion Ellis has been involved for 10 years so should be recognized for several years of service.
  - j. Photo Salon Committee, Tom Myers
    - i. Written report filed and photo salon is up at 6 pm Sunday and Monday.
  - k. Student Affairs Committee
    - i. Two year assignments may need to morph to a 3 year assignment if possible, so an optional 3<sup>rd</sup> year is needed for continuity.
7. Update on 2012 Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska – Fred Baxendale?
  8. Budget Update – David Ragsdale and Mark Boetel
    - a. Budget was reviewed and noted that we were in the black by \$7,776.12 with no on-site registrations included yet in the income side
    - b. Motion by Ragsdale, second by John Obrycki: To increase Linnaean Team Travel Award to \$2,500 for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams, \$5,000 total. Motion Approved by voice vote
    - c. Motion by Ragsdale, second by John Obrycki: To increase the Comstock and Grad Student Award to \$1,000 beginning with the Minneapolis meeting. Motion Approved by voice vote
  9. Other Old Business
    - a. Student Award Committee – look at other areas to be recognized for students and have them make a recommendation to the Exec. Committee.
  10. New Business
    - a. NCB Nominee for ESA President – no person identified this year.

- b. Governing Board – need a NCB representative identified as Susan Weller rotates off.
  - c. Certification board
  - d. John VanDyk contract – to be extended to cover the Nebraska meeting unless ESA Central can allow us to use their contractor’s software for program development and printing.
  - e. Time and place for future meetings
    - i. 2012 – Lincoln, NE
    - ii. 2013 – Sioux Falls, SD – possibly with ND assisting (joint development)
    - iii. 2014 – ND or Iowa
  - f. Other new business? – None
11. Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:00 pm