

**ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA**  
**92nd ANNUAL PACIFIC BRANCH MEETING**  
Embassy Suites, Napa Valley, Napa, California  
March 30-April 2, 2008

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
March 30th, 2008, 5:00 - 7:00 PM Sauvignon *Blanc* Room

**President:** Larry Godfrey

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Mike Lees

**Executive Committee Members:**

Sue Blodgett (2005-2008)

Arnold Hara (2005-2008)

Nilsa Bosque-Perez (2006-2009)

Doug Walsh (2006-2009)

Brian Bret (2007-2010)

Albert Pantoja (2007-2010)

**Past President:** Helmut Riedel

**President-elect:** Walt Bentley

**Governing Board Representative:** Michael Parrella

**CALL TO ORDER:** Larry Godfrey

Meeting called to order by President Larry Godfrey. Thanks were given to all committees for their diligent work in preparing for the 2008 annual meeting.

**Attendees**

Helmut Riedel, Brian Bret, Larry Godfrey, Lucia Varela, John Stark, Vickie Yokoyama, Alberto Pantoja, Marshall Johnson, Carolyn Pickel, Mike Lees, David Haviland, Robin Kriegel, Mike Gray, Kris Godfrey, Dominic Reisig, Walt Bentley, David Cox, Arnold Hara, Erin Hodgson, Michael Parrella.

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes from the 2007 executive committee meeting were distributed prior to the meeting by e-mail and were available at the meeting. A motion was made by Walt Bentley and seconded by Carolyn Pickel that the minutes from the 2007 meeting be approved as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Chairs may leave after their report):

**Program:** Jay Rosenheim (chair), presented by Kris Godfrey

The 2008 Pacific Branch meeting has 143 presentations: 17 Graduate Student Competition papers (1 M.S. and 16 Ph.D.), 7 Graduate Student Competition posters (4 M.S. and 3 Ph.D.), 29 submitted papers, 18 submitted posters and 9 symposia (72 presentations). These numbers differ slightly from those published in the program because 3 cancellation notices were received after the deadline for printing the program. The symposium titles are "Insect Conservation Biology", "Colony Collapse Disorder", Grape IPM", "Biological Control of Yellow Starthistle: Accomplishments and Future Prospects", Plant Compensation for Insect Herbivory", Challenges of Ant Control in Agricultural Settings", Natural Enemy Diversity Effects: Mechanisms and Applications for Biological Control", "The Broad Impacts of Graduate Student Research Within the Fields of Biology and Other Areas of Science (Graduate Student Symposium)" and "Exotic Insects – Those That Make It – those That Don't." An employment

session is also planned in which job opportunities in the academic, public, and, private sectors, resume writing, and interviewing skills will be discussed.

The electronic submission of the titles and abstracts went reasonably well with only a few minor problems. Having electronic copies of title submissions and abstracts made construction of the printed program much easier than with hard copies of such information. One possible topic for discussion with regards to title and abstract submission is to what extent should posted time deadlines be honored (i.e., how “hard” are those deadlines?). Ignoring some of the deadlines can cause problems and delays for releasing the electronic version of the program and for printing hard copies. Most submitters this year respected the posted deadlines.

The Program Committee was asked to look at the existing by-laws for the Program and Abstracts Committees and suggest revisions. After reviewing the existing by-laws, it appears that the Abstract Committee has been made obsolete because of current technology and probably should be removed. The revisions to the by-laws for the Program Committee were given to the by-laws updating committee.

**Registration:** Eric Mussen

Over 160 registrations have been received so far between mail-in and on-line. This was the first year that on-line registration with the use of credit cards was available. 128 attendees registered through this method so it should continue to be made available. (Final registration numbers appear to be 205 with 24 registering for the one-day session)

**Local Arrangements:** Lucia Varela

The Embassy Suites staff are very helpful and easy to work with. A lot of the local arrangements focused on financial matters so the treasurer ended up being more involved.

**Operations:** David Haviland

Securing projectors was not a problem but getting enough laptops has been a concern. Symposium organizer is responsible for getting computer and having all presentations loaded. Software compatibility issues can be a problem. Video capabilities can be a problem for those wanting to show video clips. Venue is good for operations because of location being in the center of the meeting rooms. Guidelines for operations committee rewritten – All new based on new technology.

**Awards Canvassing:** Carolyn Pickel

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for Carolyn. This is the least amount of nominations since she has been doing it. Most had only one person nominated. Last minute canvassing was needed to get any nominations. UCR always nominates a full slate because they have a committee devoted to making sure their people are considered for all available nominations. Other universities seemed overloaded. Some awards were not awarded. This problem has surfaced at every branch – (Mike Gray). There was some discussion on details of awards and communicating that to the membership. Nominees who do not win should be encouraged to re-apply next year. A lot of schools don't have entomology departments and even if they do, it is difficult to get attention of department chair because they are so busy. May need to look at the scope of awards that are available and if they reflect the needs of the society. If no nominees are put forth, president should request nominations more aggressively.

**Nominations:** Keith Pike (Larry Godfrey)

The Nominations committee for election to the ESA Pacific Branch has put the following nominations forth during the final business meeting Wednesday morning:

- Doug Walsh, President-elect (2009/10)
- Mark Wright UH, Executive Committee (2007/2008 - replacement for Sue Blodgett who has left the Pacific Branch for Department Head position at Univ. of South Dakota)
- Mark Wright UH and Robin Rosetta OSU, Executive Committee (2008-2011 - replacements for Sue Blodgett and Arnold Hara)

Membership will vote to approve these nominations at final business meeting Wednesday morning.

**Membership:** Juan Alvarez  
No report

**Graduate Student Symposium:** Dominic Reisig

- Current committee members: Melissa Scherr, University of Oregon (2006-2008), Dominic Reisig (2007-2009)
- Last year's (2007) actions: Organized graduate student symposium for 2008 PBESA meeting, updated parts of PBESA guidelines for operation“ pertaining to graduate students
- Activities for 2008-09: Organize graduate student symposium for 2009 PBESA meeting.
- Suggestions for improvement: Generating participation in the Graduate Student Symposium has been difficult in the past. Some universities with graduate students that are active in the Pacific Branch ESA do not have departments of entomology. A list of university contacts would be useful for the future members of the Graduate Student Committee. Also, more contact could facilitate more participation in the Linnaean Games.

**Linnaean Games:** Michael Costello

Three teams are competing: OSU, UC-Riverside, and UC-Davis. Will be held Monday evening after the reception.

**Student Paper/Poster Competitions:** Jim Barbour

From program committee report

- MS poster competition – 4 entries
- PhD poster competition – 3 entries
- MS oral presentation competition – 1 entries
- PhD oral presentation competition – 16 entries.
- Split into 2 sessions. Will award a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner for each session.

**ESA Student Affairs:** Melissa Scherr (2006-2008)

No report

**Photo Salon:** Marshall Johnson

Nineteen images were submitted before the entry deadline. The Photo Salon will be held Tuesday evening. David James, WSU was chosen Best of Show. One student submitted an image, so Best of Show student was awarded to Dominic Reisig, UC Davis. Each will receive awards of \$50 at the Awards luncheon. Thanks go to the Photo Salon Committee for 2008; Hannah Nadel, UC Riverside; Jeffrey Miller, OSU and Kent Daane, UC Berkeley.

**Employment Opportunities:** Dave Cox

Based on past participation with the Employment Opportunities activities, a new format was initiated this year. A session will be held with speakers to address job opportunities

for students, resume development and networking. An Employment Opportunities table will still be available but this will be in addition to the session. Michael Parrella recommended that Dave Cox receive a commendation for his work in trying to make more of an impact.

**Auditing:** Larry Godfrey for Tad Gantenbein  
Audited and approved the branch's finances.

**Resolutions:** Luis Espino  
Resolutions will be posted at the registration desk for review prior to the final business meeting on Wednesday morning. Any suggestions or comments, please contact Luis, or bring them to the final business meeting.

**Plaques:** Doug Walsh  
Doug Walsh delayed due to airline difficulties but plaques (and Doug) are scheduled to arrive in time for meeting.

**Pacific Branch Meeting Website:** Wade Pinkston (Larry Godfrey)  
Wade has done a great job in getting the website up and running and incorporating on-line registration links as well as new electronic title and abstract submission. Walt Bentley asked if the same site could be used for next year. There was also discussion about having a permanent web site to alleviate the problems with setting up a new site every year.

**Site Selection:** Diane Alston (Erin Hodgson)  
The intermountain region meeting site for 2010 was narrowed to two locations based on weather, access by air and available meeting locations. The two cities are Boise, Idaho and Salt Lake City, Utah. The site selection committee visited both cities and worked with Conference Direct to secure bids from hotels that met the requirements of the Pacific Branch; The Grove Hotel in Boise and The Red Lion Inn, Downtown in Salt Lake City. Based on their research, they recommended The Grove Hotel in Boise as their first choice. Carolyn Pickel moved and Brian Bret seconded the motion that we accept the recommendation of the committee. The vote carried and The Grove Hotel in Boise, Idaho will be the site of the 2010 PBESA annual meeting. The dates of the meeting will be 4/10-13, 2010.

**ESA President's Report:** President Mike Gray  
This is the fifth and final stop of the branch meeting tour for Mike and new executive director Robin Krieger. The following attendance numbers were presented:

Southwest Branch	110 – (60% students)
Eastern Branch	150
Southeastern Branch	300 – 9 Linnaean games teams
North Central Branch	250-275 (down from last year)
Pacific Branch	estimated 210

There is some concern about dropping participation at branch meeting, especially when the national meeting attendance in San Diego in December 2007 was 2,852. There was some discussion about support for the branches by university departments. Some universities are very supportive and some are not.

The renewal effort in 2007 was very successful in invigorating membership to think about the objectives of the society and how they can best be realized. Eighty eight percent voted in favor of renewal. Empowerment is the key theme of the newly organized society. Rob Wiedenmann, chair of the largest new section, Plant Insect Interactions, has traveled to most branch meetings to welcome section members and encouraging more participation and year round activity as opposed to focusing solely on the annual meeting.

A search committee was formed for selection of a new executive director, which included Pacific Branch member Victoria Yokoyama. Eight candidates were interviewed by phone, 5 in person and two were invited to San Diego for final interviews. Robin Krieger was selected as the most qualified candidate and accepted the position.

Other key topics covered:

- The number of networks is growing rapidly with more than 50 to date.
- Publications strategy is being reviewed and progress is being made. A goal of digitizing all back issues of ESA journals is being pursued. Page charges are also planned to decrease 25% in 2009. A consultant has reported that library subscriptions are under priced so subscriptions are planned to increase as page charges decrease with a revenue neutral goal.
- Plans for the national meeting at the end of 2008 in Reno, NV are proceeding very well. Six program symposia and 67 total symposia are planned.
- 2012 meeting is planned for Knoxville, TN

The bottom line is that the society is in very good shape financially and with respect to enthusiasm of the membership. John Stark also commented that students are the future of the society and that the feedback from students after the national meeting was very encouraging.

### **ESA Executive Director Robin Krieger**

Robin thanked the branch for inviting her and Mike to attend the meeting. She is looking forward to working with and learning more about our branch.

There has been some staff restructuring and more will occur over the year. The membership services and financial functions have been outsourced but the contract with DMG ends on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The plan is to bring those services back in house. Two people will be responsible for handling finances. Neil Willoughby has been hired as the Finance Director. He will be joined by an Accounting Assistant to be hired later in the year. Chris Stelzig will be leaving ESA and forming his own company named Zignatures Co. He will be handling member services for the society through this new venture. A new Member Services Director who will coordinate with Zignatures and have responsibility for membership and program relations is slated to begin April 14. His name is Andre Owens. He will work closely with branches. There will also be some shifting of responsibilities among current staff to better meet the needs of the society. National staff is planned to be 9, which is much less than average for an organization of this size.

Branches can also use the Socius networking software that has been implemented by National. North Central is considering using it to replace their current website. It has a lot of capability for handling many of the needs of branches. Many of the applications are already pre-populated with information such as members and their branch affiliation.

The finances of the branch were discussed. Robin stated that an organization should have at least 50% of a year operating expenses in reserve. For ESA that would be approximately \$1.5

million. Currently ESA has over \$5 million in reserve. The officers and staff will be evaluating spending some of this money to enhance programs at the branch and national level. As the new Finance Director gets up to speed this year, he will be working with branches to help them with financial management issues such as reserves and strategies for maximizing interest on reserve funds. The society plans to look for more ways for non-dues sources of revenues.

Both Robin and Mike will be available to visit with member for the first part of the meeting.

**Pacific Branch Governing Board Report:** Michael Parrella

Mike Parrella replaced Steve Clement. He was excited to join governing board because he feels the society is on the upswing. Childcare at national meeting was well received and is a good idea for the future. New sections and networks are very exciting. He is on the fly-fishing network. It is a good way to facilitate communication. A lot goes back to departments and is critical to make everything work. A better job linking with CEDAsp (department chair association).

**Secretary-Treasurer’s Report:** Mike Lees

1. Recognition of Deceased Members – the following entomologists will be recognized during the General Session Monday morning:

• Dr. Martin M. Barnes
• Mr. Donald W. Berry
• John Chemsak
• Dr. Robert Denno
• Dr. R. A. Flock
• Mr. George H. Kaloostian
• Mr. Alistair S. Ramsdale
• Dr. Stephen H. Saul
• Dr. Donald M. Tuttle
• Dr. Robert F. Whitcomb

2. Recognition of Sponsors and Exhibitors – 18 companies have provided \$7,200 in financial support for this year’s meeting. Sponsors are recognized in the printed program and will be recognized during the General Session Monday morning and during the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday. Please extend your gratitude to the following companies:

3.

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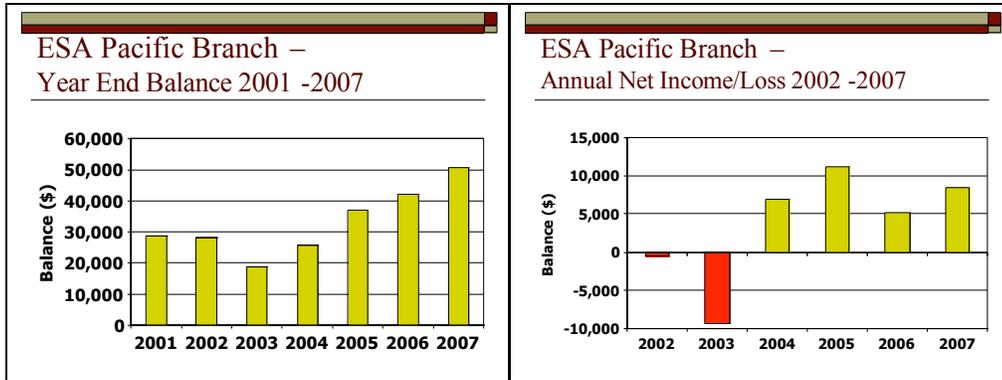
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4. Financial Update

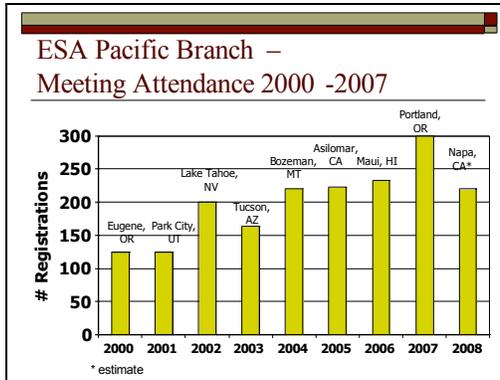
Current balance as of 12/2007 for ESA Pacific Branch is \$50,842.02. This is a net increase of \$8,532.66 over 2006. This was based on strong support from sponsors of \$6,500, Program Enhancement Funds from ESA central office of \$3,461, and high registration at the meeting in Portland (\$29,480 registration fees).

Accounts	Beg. Balance 12/31/2006	End Balance 12/31/2007
Wells Fargo Business Market Rate .....	31,033.59	42,588.23
Wells Fargo Basic Business Checking .....	11,275.77	8,253.79
Total .....	<b>\$42,309.36</b>	<b>\$50,842.02</b>

An overview of the past 6-7 years is provided. Pacific Branch balance sheet has increased since 2001 with a slight dip in 2003.



Attendance at meetings has grown since 2000. This year's meeting with over 200 attendees was very good but was exceeded by last year's record attendance in Portland.



5. Program Enhancement Funds

Program Enhancement Funds are provided by ESA central office to encourage development of a strong program at the branch meetings. This years PEFD was \$4,793. This was due to the high numbers of registrations at the 2007 meeting in Portland and the steady increase in Pacific Branch membership.

## **New Business**

1. Update of By-laws was raised as an issue last year and Lucia Varela and Brian Bret edited the sections for Secretary/Treasurer and Registration. Current by-laws are very outdated. Larry distributed copies to committee chairs and most updated their sections. It was decided that there wasn't enough time to finalize everything at this time so the action was forwarded to new President Walt Bentley. He will convene an ad hoc by-laws committee this spring to review and update. Suggestion made to change many of the by-laws to policies and guidelines. That will allow greater flexibility for Executive Committee to change guidelines to meet existing needs.
  
2. C.W. Woodworth Award Selection Criteria Committee (Vicki Yokoyama)  
President Godfrey reinstated the C.W. Woodworth Award Selection Criteria Standing Committee for 2007-08.
  - The committee finalized the addition of a sentence in the Award criteria indicating that Pacific Branch participation can be included as a criterion in choosing an award recipient. The committee approved this last year and the Secretary was instructed to add this sentence to the award criteria sent to Pacific Branch members soliciting nominations.
  - The committee also took up the issue of more actively soliciting nominations for the award. This was brought up at the 2007 Executive Committee meeting. To help increase the interest in and understanding of the importance of this award and the connection to the historical importance of C.W. Woodworth, the committee proposed an addition to paragraph 2 of the current award description. The executive committee voted and approved this addition. The Secretary was instructed to add this verbiage to the award description.

7:00 **Adjourn**

**ESA Pacific Branch  
Awards Luncheon  
*Pinot Ballroom*  
Tuesday April 1, 2008**

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

CW Woodstock Award – Brian Federici, UC Riverside  
John Henry Comstock Student Award – Chris Barker, UC Davis  
ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension Award – Eric Mussen, UC Davis  
ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology – Richard Redak – UC Riverside  
ESA Distinguished Achievement in Teaching – Marc Klowden, Univ. of Idaho  
ESA Recognition Award in Entomology – Michael Rust, UC Riverside  
ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology – John Klotz, UC Riverside  
ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology – Richard Stouthammer, UC Riverside  
Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management – Jocelyn Millar, UC Riverside  
Integrated Pest Management Team Award – Almond Pest Management Alliance Team, Carolyn Pickel, Walter Bentley, Mario Viveros, Roger Duncan, Joe Connell, Barat Bisabri and Frank Zalom  
Photo Salon – Best of Show - \$50 and award certificate – David James, Washington State Univ.  
Best of Show Student - \$50 and award certificate – Dominic Reisig, UC Davis.

2007 PBESA Student Competition Award Winners

Award certificates and \$150 to first place winners/\$100 to second place winners as follows:

MS Poster

1<sup>st</sup> place – Becky Como, Whitman College  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Christopher Briggs, UC Riverside

MS Paper Presentation

1<sup>st</sup> place – Andrew Pedersen, UC Davis

PhD Poster

1<sup>st</sup> place – Jason Mottern, UC Riverside  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Eleanor Blitzler, UC Berkeley

PhD Paper Presentation

1<sup>st</sup> place Session 1 – Rebecca Waterworth, UC Riverside  
1<sup>st</sup> place Session 2 – Sara Bothwell, UC Santa Cruz  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Session 1 – Jennifer Henke, UC Riverside  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Session 2 – Ashfaq Sial, Washington State Univ.

**ESA Pacific Branch  
Final Business Meeting  
Chardonnay A Room  
Wednesday April 2, 2008, 7:30 – 8:00 am**

**I. Announcements**

Next Pacific Branch Meeting

Bahia Resort, San Diego, CA March 29 – April 1, 2009

**II. Old Business**

**Committee updates**

**Program** - Excluding cancellations, there were a total of 118 papers and 25 posters.

**Registration** – 210 total with 24 One-day registrations for Tuesday

**Meeting Debriefing**

Comments on the meeting and suggestions for improvement:

- Excellent meeting. Great turn out and great program.
- Reaction to on-line registration was very positive. It should be offered again next year.
- Sponsors were recognized for their generous contributions.

**III. New Business**

**Elections**

The following nominations for ESA Pacific Branch officers were approved by voice vote:

- Douglas Walsh, Washington State University - President-elect (2009/10)
- Mark Wright, University of Hawaii, and Robin Rosetta, Oregon State University - Executive Committee (2008-2011 - replacements for Sue Blodgett and Arnold Hara whose terms expired)

No nominations were brought from the floor. Motion was made by Marshall Johnson and seconded by Walt Bentley to accept the slate of officers as nominated. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

No nominations were brought forward for national offices.

**Resolutions – Luis Espino**

See attached. Proposed resolutions were passed by voice vote.

**VII. Close**

Walt Bentley assumed position of President for Pacific Branch for 2008-2009. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

**RESOLUTIONS**  
**92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America**  
**Embassy Suites Napa Valley, Napa, CA**  
**March 30 – April 2 2008**

1. Whereas: the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America has lost several of its steadfast members through death since our last annual meeting in 2007;  
Be it resolved: that the Secretary be instructed to communicate the heartfelt condolences of the Pacific Branch to the families of our deceased members.
2. Whereas: the committees of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America admirably carried out their work by organizing an annual meeting that was intellectually stimulating, professionally productive and enjoyable;  
Be it resolved: that the Pacific Branch express its thanks to each of the Chairs and all of the members of the 21 committees listed in the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting program.
3. Whereas: the University of California at Davis hosted and managed the 92<sup>nd</sup> Pacific Branch Annual Meeting website, which provided at no cost to our society a user-friendly site with readily downloadable programs and other important details about the Annual Meeting;  
Be it resolved: that the Pacific Branch express its gratitude to Meeting Website Chair, Wade Pinkston, for a job done with excellence.
4. Whereas: the management and personnel of the Embassy Suites Napa Valley conference grounds enhanced our 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting through their superior facilities, gracious service and other assistance to our members;  
Be it resolved: that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of thanks to the management of the Embassy Suites Napa Valley.
5. Whereas: the generous funding and other support provided by the sustaining sponsors of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America contributed to the success of our 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting;  
Be it resolved: that the Secretary be instructed to communicate the sincerest gratitude of the Pacific Branch to our 2007-2008 Gold sustaining sponsors, BASF Corporation and Syngenta Crop Protection; to our Silver sustaining sponsors, AgraQuest Inc., Bayer Crop Science, Dow AgroSciences, DuPont Crop Protection, Suterra LLC and Valent BioScience; and to our Bronze sustaining sponsors, Arysta LifeScience, Chemtura, Exosect Ltd., Gowan Company, MANA Crop Protection, Nichino America Inc., Orkin Pest Control Inc. and Tom Heard, Pacific BioControl and United Phosphorus Inc.
6. Whereas: the assistance and cooperation of various industrial organizations and educational institutions contributed to the success of our 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting;  
Be it resolved: that the Secretary be instructed to communicate the sincerest gratitude of the Pacific Branch to the University of California at Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Lodi Winegrape Commission, Bogle Vineyards, Bronco Wine Company, Chateau St. Michelle Wine States, Paramount Farms, Dosanjh Farming, University of California Lindcove Research and Extension Center, and Sunsweet.
7. Whereas: the president of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America, Larry Godfrey, dutifully and commendably participated in and facilitated the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting;

Be it resolved: that the Pacific Branch convey its appreciation to President Godfrey for the informative reports and other helpful contributions he made at our Executive Committee meeting, Business meeting and General Program meeting.

8. Whereas: Brian Holden, the great grandson of C. W. Woodworth, and his wife, Joann Wilfert, have generously provided financial support for the C. W. Woodworth Award;

Be it resolved: that the Pacific Branch convey its appreciation to Brian Holden and Joann Wilfert for their generous gift.

9. Whereas: Michael Gray, National Entomological Society of America President, and Robin Kriegel, Entomological Society of America Executive Director, attended and participated in the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting;

Be it resolved: that the Pacific Branch convey its appreciation to Michael Gray and Robin Kriegel for their participation at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting.

10. Whereas: David Cox organized the Employment Opportunity Workshop conducted during the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting;

Be it resolved: that the Pacific Branch convey its appreciation to David Cox for his initiative and effort.