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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES,
Monday, March 7, 2011.
Amarillo, TX**

The Executive Committee meeting was held at 10 am on Monday, March 7, 2011 prior to the start of the SW Branch meeting. In attendance were President Tom Royer, Vice-President Allen Knutson; ESA President Del Delfosse; ESA Executive Director, David Gammel; Governing Board Representative, Bart Drees; and Secretary-Treasurer elect, Jesus Esquivel. Del Delfosse discussed membership and the 2010 and 2011 ESA National Meetings. The 2010 meeting hosted the highest attendance ever recorded for a national meeting; current membership is at 6500 members. The meeting in Reno in 2011 will have the theme: "Identify, Clarify, Speak Out." David Gammel discussed the current situation at ESA central, Dawn Braun is the new contact for the ESA website. Tom Royer then led a discussion on the current branch meeting. He proposed that due to the high cost of meals at the meeting (\$22, per person) that student volunteers be given a refund check for \$10. The motion was approved. Online payment should be available for all branches by 2012. ESA Central will be able to put minutes for branch meetings online. A discussion followed on how the site is maintained. Though the Society of Southwestern Entomologists will maintain a separate website, it may maintain a link through the branch at ESA Central. A discussion from the previous year on possibly merging the Youth Science Committee and the Insect Expo Committee was covered. The former committee had little official activity, though quite a bit of activity occurred in individual states. The committees are to remain separate. Tom also pointed out that the branch president should make sure to contact the chairs of all committees to see if they are willing to continue to serve in that capacity. The Public Information Committee needs to be followed up on this year as it is not active and would be a benefit to the branch. Allen Knutson led a discussion on the Nominations Committee. Currently, voting takes place at the final business meeting. Allen put a motion forward to 1) change the method of voting for President-elect from the annual business meeting to prior to the annual business meeting and allow all members to vote electronically for this office and 2) require the Nominating Committee to put forward two candidates for President-elect. The motions were discussed and approved by the members of the Executive Committee. Allen suggested that a change be made in the constitution and will bring it up at the final business meeting. The current status of the Ta-que-ne-whap Award was discussed. The bust is created by Grant Kinzer (NMSU) and the base by Allen Dean (Texas A&M). One base currently remains, but no bust. Scott Bundy agreed to discuss the production of more busts with Grant Kinzer; particularly, would Dr. Kinzer be willing to make more for future awards as the bust is his original artwork. Jesus Esquivel agreed to house the remaining base. Allen Knutson discussed the 2012 joint Branch meetings of the Southwestern and Eastern Branches in Little Rock, Arkansas. It will be at the Peabody Hotel. Coordination will be particularly important for Registration, Linnaean Games, and business meetings. There

will be a reception at the Clinton Library. The agenda for the current meeting was then discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS, November 2010 through MAY, 2011

The Executive Committee met on April 14, 2010 following the final business meeting in Cancun, Mexico. The Executive Committee did not meet again until the March 7, 2011 meeting reported above. However, during this interval the Executive Committee conducted business via e-mail telephone and those activities are as follows:

Support for Second Place Branch Linnaean Team. On November 4, 2010 a request was made of the EC to provide financial support (\$500) for the 2010 second place Branch Linnaean Team from Texas A&M to help travel to the National ESA meeting in San Diego in December 2010. Standard policy of the branch was to offer a team check for \$500 only to the first place branch winners. Discussions led to support by EC members with the caveat that this is fair only if the branch makes the support available to future runner-up branch teams as well.

Later in November 2010, members of the EC were asked to vote via e-mail on the following action:

1. Financial support (\$500) will be offered to the 2010 second place branch Linnaean Team winning team and to future second place branch Linnaean teams to support their attendance at the National ESA meeting representing the Southwestern Branch of the ESA. Similar support will remain in place for the first place Linnaean team.

This motion received a majority vote and passed.

Waivers for Registration Fees. On February 10, 2011 members of the EC were asked to vote via email on the following action:

1. Waive registration fees for three invited, non-members (Dr. Charlie Rush, Dr. Dana Porter, and Mr. David Gibson) presenting at a symposium at the branch meeting in Amarillo, TX.

This motion received a majority vote and passed.

ESA Southwestern Branch: Minutes, 2010 Final Executive Committee Meeting. April 14, 2010, Cancun, Mexico

Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Cancun, MX. 10 am.

Present: President Tom Royer, Vice-President Allen Knutson, Secretary-Treasurer Scott Bundy; and Secretary-Treasurer elect, Jesus Esquivel.

President Royer called the meeting to order. Discussion and actions were as follows: Scott Bundy is now Secretary-Treasurer but Allen will continue as Treasurer to pay final bills, balance the account, work with the Audit Committee and then transfer financial records to Scott sometime in July following the final Audit. The 2013 meeting was briefly discussed: Dr. Royer brought up the point that the National ESA meeting will meet that year in our region (Austin, TX) and asked whether or not we should consider holding the branch activities during the meeting in November, instead of our normal spring branch meeting. It was decided that the branch meeting should take place as usual to avoid disrupting branch Linnaean Games, student awards, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Scott Bundy
Secretary-Treasurer, 2010-2011