

## **Section Report to the ESA Governing Board**

**Title:** MUVE Report  
**Submitter:** Faith M. Oi, President  
**Date:** October 19, 2015

### **Motion/Request for Action**

N/A

### **Section Leadership**

Faith Oi, President  
Dini Miller, Vice-President  
Alec Gerry, VP-Elect  
Mustapha Debboun, VP-Elect after 2015 meeting  
Ellen Thoms, Secretary  
Neil Spomer, Treasurer  
Michelle Smith, Science Policy  
Chris Geden, Governing Board  
Wes Watson, Past-President

### **Current Activities and Recent Accomplishments**

MUVE requested consideration of two science policy statements: 1) Resistance Management, 2) Invasive Species. Comments were accepted until Sept. 11, 2015. We proposed that Michelle Smith remain as MUVE's representative to the Science Policy committee for an additional year.

MUVE requested that the Governing Board consider the draft letter titled "Science Societies Condemn Character Assassination Tactics." Dr. Blair Siegfried and Richard Levine provided an initial draft of a letter in support of scientists who are under attack by anti-science activists. The letters was circulated among the MUVE governing council and we received feedback from our Science Policy representative (M. Smith) and Governing Board representative (C. Geden). The Governing Board declined to support the letter in lieu of one being circulated by AAAS.

MUVE selected 5 students for scholarships at \$500 each. The students are Chong Chin Heo (Ph.D., Texas A&M University), Jenny Carlson (Ph.D., UC Davis), Kyndall Dye (Ph.D., University of Kentucky), Michael Bentley (Ph.D., University of Florida), and Amy Murillo (Ph.D., UC Riverside). Recipients will be recognized at the Preliminary Business Meeting when the awards are presented.

MUVE discussed procedures for naming scholarships and dedicating Highlight sessions in honor of prominent ESA members who have passed away. We also decided that potential Highlights speakers should be confirmed ESA members before offers for this honor as made.

Vernard Lewis (UC Berkeley) has accepted the nomination to be MUVE's representative and Faith Oi has accepted one of the at-large positions to the newly formed Diversity Committee.

Dave Taylor and the nominations committee has put out a call for nominations MUVE's positions to be discussed at our business meeting.

### Section Business Meeting/Symposia Updates

Total Section Symposia	Total Regular TMP Presentations	Total Regular Posters	Total Student Competition TMP Presentations	Total Student Competition Posters	Grand Total Presentations
4	65	35	71	22 + 6 VP	233

#### Highlights Speakers

- Adalberto (Beto) A. Pérez de León, Veterinary, USDA-ARS Knippling-Bushland U.S. Livestock Insects Research Laboratory, Kerrville, TX
- Donald Yee, Medical, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
- Karen Vail, Urban, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

MUVE Student Scholarships (above) will be presented at MUVE's business meeting.

#### Current Membership and Financial Status

In December 2014, MUVE had 1588 members. As of Sept 2015, there are 1,497 with members yet to renew.

Line Item	Expected Expense
Minneapolis Convention Center Charges	\$3,522.55
ESA Ann Mtg Registrations (Leon, Yee, Vail)	\$1,425.00
Student Scholarship Awards (5 @ \$500)	\$2,500.00
2014 Ann Mtg Refund Drink Tickets (\$450.13 credit)	(\$450.13)
F&B Check event refund sent to ESA)	(\$125.00)
Co-sponsor symposium: "Expand your Brand..."	\$500.00
Mark Whalon (1st Quarter-25%)	\$344.33

**Projected 2015 Expenses**

**\$7,716.75**

#### Other Information/Comments

N/A

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