

Minutes for MUVE Officer Conference Call February 16th, 2016; 8:00am EST

Attendees: Dini Miller, Neil Spomer, Faith Oi, Alec Gerry, Mustapha Gerry

1. Progress on goals set at the Section Leadership Council Meeting (Nov. 2015 with Scott Hutchins) for MUVE 2016.

Goals:

1. **End Dengue by 2050**
2. **Reduce human suffering by providing pest free public housing** (needs a time-based element to this goal)

Progress:

1. Identified two volunteers to attend the “2016 *Aedes* Summit” in Brazil. Volunteers are **Roberto Barrera** of the CDC/OID/NCEZID; and **Mustapha Debboun**, Director of Mosquito Control Division, Harris Co. Texas, Public Health and Environmental.
1b. MUVE is paying for “Summit” registration (\$114.00) and travel for both volunteers. Estimated \$4,000 total for travel for two volunteers. Should write-up a summary of the meeting.
2. **Dini Miller** of Virginia Tech and **Stephen Kells** of the University of Minnesota are providing a national webinar for HUD housing and managers and procurement officers on how to write an effective pest management contract on March 22nd, 2016 at 1:00pm.
3. Need to determine the following:
 - a. Will there be support from Science Policy?
 - b. Is funding is available?
2. MUVE Volunteer (requested by Lisa Junker) for new ESA journal on systematics and biodiversity journal is **Richard Wilkerson** (Walter Reed Biosystematics Unit; Smithsonian Institution)
3. Highlight Speakers- Registration is \$585.00. Typically, MUVE pays highlight speaker’s registration. Speakers to be selected before April meeting. Send an e-mail to confirm speaker after calling speaker to invite. Check MUVE website to determine previous speakers so we do not re-invite the same person. Need to be members in good standing.

Medical Highlights- recommendations: 1. Laura Herrington, 2. Laura Goodard

Urban Highlights- recommendations: Coby Schal, Jules Silverman, Ed Vargo

Veterinary Highlights- **Lee Cohnstaedt**, USDA scientist at the Arthropod Borne Animal Disease Lab in Manhattan KS. [\(785\) 537-5592](tel:7855375592); lee.cohnstaedt@ars.usda.gov

4. **STEP Judge** for evaluating travel applications- we need someone today! (Michelle Smith on Science Policy; Faith Oi on Diversity Committee). Information below from Debi Sutton regarding STEP Judge volunteer:

*Proposed Timeline:

February 11 – All judging panel appointments made by ESA Branches and Sections

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February 15-29 – Judging panel reviews and finalizes scoring rubrics
March 1-4 – ESA posts information online and begins promotion of awards
April 29 – Submission deadline
May 1-31 – Submissions judging
June 6 – Winners announced

\$1200 contribution from MUVE for STEP.

Dini to check volunteer to judge: Suggestions - Roger Moon, Univ. of Minn. – retiring this year; Janet Kist-Early, Consultant; Sharon Debesch.

(Note: continue to have sign-up sheet at annual meeting for MUVE volunteers for different activities.)

5. Treasurer update from Neil Spomer.

- a. Paying travel for Aedes Summit volunteers – ca. \$4,000.
- b. Student scholarships
- c. Paying for Highlight speaker registration – ca. \$1,800
- d. Budget for business and breakfast meeting food and beverage.

2015

Mixer Bar	\$1,059.59
Mixer Food	\$2256.49
Breakfast	\$599.18
	\$3915.26

- e. Neil to check with Chris on increasing funding, such as supporting Aedes summit. Also, will EPA rep position still be funded?
- f. Need to resolve Karen Vail registration – Neil to follow-up with ESA
- e. ESA charged MUVE for Kamble ward – Neil to follow-up with ESA.

6. Anticipated number of judges and moderators. See below from Becky Anthony:

For regular, submitted presentations, you have approximately 35-40 sessions. Ideally you will want to schedule two moderators for every session. For the student competition, there'll be approximately 10-15 sessions which will need both moderators and judges assigned.

Based on the number of anticipated sessions we will need **110 moderators and 45 judges**. Include STEP and student members. Include speakers for each session as moderators.

Have ESA send out e-mail to MUVE for members to update profile to volunteer.

Must do Confex training before April meeting. Organize sessions and identify moderators **before** April planning meeting. Needed to make certain that MUVE has a good block of rooms for the ICE and minimize conflicts for speakers for concurrent sessions.

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7. Need to keep track of the different committees – Science Policy, Diversity; include Chris Gedden on MUVE BOD e-mails.
8. Student scholarship announcement needs to go out before March 25.
9. Plan date for next meeting: March 17, 1:00 pm ET.