

Section Report to the ESA Governing Board

Title: MUVE Report

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Motion/Request for Action

None

Section Leadership

Alec Gerry	President
Mustapha Debboun	Vice-President
Changlu Wang	VP-Elect (& Chair of Awards Selection)
Ellen Thoms	Secretary (out-going)
Neil Spomer	Treasurer
Dini Miller	Past-President
Chris Geden	Representative to Governing Board
Dave Taylor	Chair of MUVE Nominations Committee
Glen Scoles	Representative to ESA Publications Council
Pia Olafson	Representative to ESA Awards and Honors Committee
Jennifer Gordon jgordon13@gmailcom	Representative to ESA Science Policy Committee
Faith Oi	Representative to ESA Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Kyndall Dye	Representative to ESA Early Career Professionals Committee
Kenneth Brown	Representative to ESA Committee on Membership
A. Glen Skiles	Representative to ESA Committee on Student Affairs
Ronda Hamm	Representative to Education and Outreach Committee

Current Activities and Recent Accomplishments

See attached meeting minutes of the MUVE GC

Section Business Meeting/Symposia Updates

Total Section Symposia	Total Regular Oral Presentations	Total Regular Posters	Total Student Competition Oral Presentations	Total Student Competition Posters	Grand Total Presentations
11	98	54	51	35	238

MUVE Highlights Presentations

Veterinary – Dr. Justin Talley (Oklahoma State University)
Medical – Dr. Roberto Barrera (CDC, Dengue Branch)
Urban – Dr. Chow-Yang Lee (Universiti Sains Malaysia)

Grand Challenges Symposium (MUVE Speakers)

Donald Yee (Univ. Southern Mississippi)
Joel Hutcheson (USDA-APHIS, Iowa)

Section Governing Council Capability Reporting

Reporting, per Section 5.2 of the ESA Bylaws:

Purpose. The purpose of the Sections is to develop and implement the key capabilities for their membership that result in: outreach related to science and public policy, program development, continuing education, and fostering interest in entomology.

MUVE has not adopted Wildly Important Goals but instead will focus on developing Section Goals and Initiatives using a bottom-up approach to identify important areas in which they believe our Section should focus its energy. To this end, we have extended our final business meeting during the Annual Meeting so that as a Section we can discuss and agree on an area of importance to each of our subsections (Med/Vet/Urban) with the intent to maximize subsequent participation of members toward progress on these goals and initiatives. Initiative leaders and committees will be determined at that time. We believe that this approach will lead to a more representative set of goals that MUVE members believe to be important and which they will want to support and participate in achieving.

We are not requesting support from the GB at this time, though the continuing improvements in our ability to communicate with members as ESA staff improve our website and communication tools will go a long way toward encouraging broad participation in whatever MUVE initiatives and goals are determined.

Other Goals:

I am not reporting my numerical self-assessment scores for MUVE as this is not useful I believe to understanding where our Section is currently or where it is going – and it is simply my biased opinion. Instead I will discuss our Section goals separately below:

Transparent Leadership: MUVE Governing Council Conference Calls have been open to all members listed in the table of MUVE Leaders above. ESA staff is also invited to participate and speak on issues that they feel are important for the Section or ESA generally. Other MUVE members are invited to Conference Calls by request to report on relevant activities or to make requests of MUVE. Website changes have increased access of MUVE members to the MUVE Governing Council, providing contact information and photos of leaders.

Communication: MUVE now has a quarterly newsletter that we initiated based upon discussions with ESA Staff and a review of other Sections communication methods. The

newsletter allows MUVE GC to provide members with useful information on upcoming events, recognition of members, and other announcements that are deemed of value to members. At our last MUVE Conference Call, the sentiment of participants was that the newsletter has been helpful. MUVE requested ESA Staff provide an assessment of newsletter delivery and download by members. Statistics are shown in the attached MUVE CC minutes, but I will point out that approximately 45% of MUVE members are opening the newsletter which we were informed is excellent given that industry standards consider 30% opening to be a really good rate.

Balance in Leadership / Diversity: While we believe the MUVE has historically done very well to provide balance in our leadership, the main focus has generally been to make sure that our three subsections are similarly represented on the MUVE GC and on committees. MUVE made an adjustment this year to our Nominating Committee to also work toward greater balance in experience of our leadership and representatives. Our Nominating Committee was reduced to 3 members selected by the MUVE President representing each of our subsections, with each member serving for a 3-year term (the last they will serve as Chair); and our MUVE ECP representative was added to the Nominating Committee to serve as an ad hoc fourth member. The role of the ECP member is to assist in the identification of younger MUVE members who might be suitable for committee or leadership positions, particularly as these younger members of MUVE might not be known by the typically more established members of the Nominating Committee.

Organization of MUVE Awards: MUVE has accepted responsibility for the Shripat Kamble Award (for graduate student achievement) and now administers this award. MUVE agreed to accept the Recognition Award in Urban Entomology to begin in 2018. During the past year, MUVE worked with ESA staff to place all awards application materials online, and to require awards nominations to also be submitted through our online awards portal. This change increases visibility of our awards and simplifies the process of receiving and evaluating award nominations. Award winners also receive increased recognition now as awards outcomes are posted both online and in MUVE newsletters.

Elections: MUVE successfully filled all vacant leadership, committee, and Board positions during our summer election period. Election results are provided in the attached MUVE CC minutes.

Current Membership and Financial Status

MUVE currently has 1415 members as of August.

Treasurer's Report is on attached MUVE CC Minutes. A few changes since the meeting minutes; for example, MUVE agreed to cover registration cost for a speaker from the state of FL to discuss the recent Screwworm outbreak in the FL keys. Overall, we are right about where we want to be – MUVE will be left with approx. a \$10K buffer going into 2018.

Other Information/Comments

None

Motion/Request for Action Information

None