

**Opening Session**  
**16 March 2009**  
**St. Louis, Missouri**

Call to Order – By President Yaninek at 8:00 am

**ESA Central Presentations:**

**Marlin Rice, President of the Entomological Society of America**, gave a presentation on ESA central's work for the members

- + Upcoming Annual Meeting: December 13-16, 2009 at Indianapolis, Indiana Convention Center
- + New Award:
  - o Nan-Yao Su Award for Innovation and Creativity in Entomology,
    - Endowed with \$250,000
    - Cash Award in Teaching, Research or Extension
  - o Editors' Choice Award, \$1,000
    - Recognize outstanding publication for the year, chosen by the Editors of ESA journals
- + Program for Indianapolis
  - o 32 Submitted Symposia – 17 selected
  - o Senior authors were restricted to 2 presentations, that can now be a total of 3 with a maximum of 1 invited presentation
  - o Electronic Posters for international scientists – an idea worked on by Grayson Brown
    - instant communication is planned
  - o Plenary Speaker, Dr. Ned Walker at Michigan State recognizing Dr. George Craig
    - Special presentations – Plenary Speakers each day
      - Monday, TBA
      - Tuesday, Dr. Mark Moffett, National Geographic Society photographer,
      - Wednesday, Dr. Peter Raven, Missouri Botanical Garden
  - o YouTube Your Entomology Contest – submitted to ESA Channel with Details upcoming in ESA Newsletter. Cash award in Discovery (research), Instruction (teaching), Outreach (extension). Voted to call the award, the Stinger Award (others were O'Riley and Chrysalis Award)

**Robin Kreigel – Executive Director ESA**

- + Membership
  - o NCB – 1363 members (largest branch in ESA with 795 regular, remainder student, emeritus, etc.) with a total just over 6,000 members for the society
  - o International Branch will be formed this year and they do not identify with any branch. Over 450 members don't belong to any branch. Canadian Provinces will remain with their current branches
- + Website: Entsoc.org
  - o ESA has a Facebook page, MySpace page and an ESA Channel on YouTube and are considering Twitter.
    - Asking Student Affairs to institute this web presence
- + Student Volunteers at Annual Meeting
  - o In return to 4 hours of work, students get a complimentary registration
  - o Students will work at Membership Booth, YouTube Videographers and Interviewers

**Steve Yaninek – Report on the Executive Committee**

Introduced Branch Exec. Committee Members present  
Introduced Chairs of the Various Committees present  
Introduced our newly elected Governing Board Representative, Susan Weller

**Bruce Barrett – Local Arrangements Chair**, Welcome to St. Louis

Wireless Internet Access is available free of charge, charges will be reversed on the final bill

**Tom Coudron – co-Chair for the Program** (Holly Popham, could not attend this year)

180 presentations at the meeting. General submissions and student presentations are up this year.  
Broadway I and II closed due to water damage. So AV Room and Undergrad competition for today

**David Ragsdale – Secretary Treasurer**

Reserves of \$94,777.10 on hand with a directive of the Executive Committee to start to bring the reserves down as we don't need to cover the entire cost of a canceled meeting (ESA Central covers this meeting with meeting cancellation insurance).

**Linnaean Games Committee** – thanked by the President, Dr. Wyatt Hoback and the committee that reviewed the questions and answers

**Awards and Nominations:**

Streamlined the process and consolidated all the dates to a single submission  
President Yaninek urged

**Website:**

Branch Website will migrate this summer to the ESA Central Office  
Substantially revised the website and made it a repository of previous programs, past winners of awards, minutes of the Exec. Committee and Business sessions.

**2010 Meeting – President elect, John Obrycki**

Louisville, Kentucky, March 13-17, 2010.

**Old Business:** – nothing from the floor

**New Business:****Deceased Members**

Les Depew, Kansas State University Faculty at Garden City, KS  
Bruce Godby, Purdue Grad in Norwood, PA  
Charlie Hromada, Purdue grad, VP Terminex (retired)  
John Lofgren, University of Minnesota, Extension Specialist (retired)  
Robert Pfadt, University of Minnesota grad, University of Wyoming faculty (retired)  
John “Ted” Shultze, North Dakota State University, past NCB Secretary/Treasurer and President, and Department Head, NDSU

**Elections for Branch Officers:**

Rick Foster (President Elect)  
Tiffany Heng-Moss (member at Large)

**Nomination for Vice President Elect - ESA**

Executive Committee endorsed Grayson Brown as President of ESA from the NCB – a recommendation to the membership. The Southeastern Branch will also endorse Grayson and the Veterinary/Public Health network also endorses Grayson's nomination.

**Entomological Foundation – Michelle Smith**

Increased the number of councilors for the Foundation.

Three programmatic goals of the Educational Non-profit organization – <http://www.entfdn.org>

Outreach activities directed toward children in K-12 Educators  
Scholarships to students  
Educators awards

Investment from Foundation Funds are down substantially.

Recently announced campaign to raise \$400,000

The branch with the highest fund raising will receive \$40,000 to fund their own educational efforts locally.

Funds contributed are voluntary and tax deductible.

Flyer at registration table to explain the new fund raising drive.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Gary Brewer and seconded by Ernest “Del” Delfosse.

Meeting Adjourned by 9:05 am.