

Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America (SEB-ESA)

Final Business Meeting

May 11, 2020

The minuting was 43 minutes in length and was led by SEB-ESA president Yasmin Cardoza. To review the 2020 final business meeting, a link is available at: [2020-05-11 15.00 SEB Business Meeting.mp4 \(dropbox.com\)](#)

1. Overview and Acknowledgements, Yasmin Cardoza

A full meeting was planned for 2020, and the theme was diversity and inclusion. The secured plenary speaker was Dr. Jessica Ware from the American Museum of Natural History in New York. We sponsored our first ever D&I breakfast, invited 1890's university representatives to organize and present in symposia, and in total 22 symposia were organized and a total of 484 registrations occurred two weeks prior to the meeting. Specifically, 107 student competition oral presentations, 43 student competition posters, 91 oral presentations, and 56 posters were submitted. We also had planned for a welcome reception with the Silkworm Smugglers, a photo salon, and a Linnaean Games competition. Sponsorship was historically high as this was also our first and historic joint meeting with the Eastern Branch for \$25,000 in sponsorship. Dr. Brian Nault, Professor of Cornell University, was the President of the Eastern Branch during the 2019-2020 meeting planning process.

Committee chairs for 2019-2020 included:

Program Co-Chairs: Dr. Babu Srinivasan, University of Georgia and Dr. Art Agnello, Cornell University

Local Arrangement Chair: Dr. Brett Blaauw, University of Georgia and Clemson University

Sponsorship Committee Chair: Dr. Alejandro Arevalo, UPL, RTP, NC

Student Competition Co-Chairs: Dr. Esmaeil Amiri, UNC-Greensboro and Dr. Brenna Traver, PSU-Schuylkill

Staff Acknowledgements: Becky Anthony, Program and Meetings Manager; Rosina Romano, Director of Meetings and Membership Most sponsors agreed to split the sponsorships between the two branches and apply sponsorship towards the 2021 meetings. 2020 meeting sponsors included: Corteva AgriScience, BASF, Syngenta, Cotton Inc, Nichino America, FMC, TRECE Incorporated, Bayer CropScience, LabServices, ALFA Farms, AMVAC, FMC, and UPL.

2. Student Award Winners, Esmaeil Amiri

Student awards committee acknowledgements: Dr. Alton Sparks (UGA), Dr. Kristen Healy (LSU AgCenter), Dr. Justin George (UF), Dr. Hugh Smith (UF), Dr. Nannan Liu (Auburn), and Dr. Esmaeil Amiri (UNC Greensboro, Chair)

2019 John Henry Comstock, Lina Bernaola, PhD Louisiana State University

2020 Kirby L. Hays, Morgan Pinkerton, MS, University of Florida

2020 John Henry Comstock, Casey Parker, PhD, University of Florida

3. Minutes from Last Meeting, Amanda Hodges

Meeting minutes and budget discussion were provided. Some of the 2019 meeting minute highlights included service acknowledgement for Dr. Oscar Liburd as the 2019 SEB-ESA president and Dr. Yasmin Cardoza as the 2020 SEB-ESA president. Dr. JC Chong was also acknowledged as the past Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. David Held as the Local Arrangement Chair, and Dr. Ayanaya Majumdar as the Program Chair. ECP support was discussed during the 2019 meeting and is mentioned in the minutes. The budget was extensively discussed during the 2019 meeting in Mobile, AL as the SEB had several years of a negative balance. During the 2020 virtual meeting, Amanda Hodges reported that the Mobile, AL meeting was the first meeting in four years without a negative balance (a positive balance of \$4,4720.80 occurred for the Mobile, AL meeting). A motion occurred to approve the minutes without a further reading of the minutes. Voting approved the minutes as presented. The budget was approved as presented.

4. Committee Chairs/Nominations and Committee Approvals

The nominating committee selected for 2020-2021 was Katherine Parys (Government, Co-Chair), Shimat Joseph (University, Co-Chair), Shine Taylor (Industry), Mallory Everett (Industry), Godshen Pallippambil (University), and Ted Cottrell (Government)
Newly Elected SEB Officers, 2020-2021

Michelle Samuel-Foo (Incoming President-Elect)

Brett Blaauw (Incoming Secretary-Treasurer-Elect)

Kevin Chase (Incoming Member-at-Large)

Congratulations to our Incoming SEB-ESA 2020-2021 Officers!

5. 2021 PR Meeting Update, Jose Carlos Verle Rodriguez

Information related to the Sheraton Puerto Rico in San Juan, PR for the meeting planned for March 12-16, 2021 was presented.

6. 2022 Meeting Time and Location, John Adamczyk

John Adamczyk briefly discussed Little Rock, AR as the site for the 2022 meeting.

7. Introduction of 2020-2021 SEB President, Yasmin Cardoza

Dr. John Adamczyk, USDA-ARS was introduced.

8. Closing Remarks, John Adamczyk

Dr. Adamczyk expressed his thanks for serving as the next SEB-ESA President.