

**Entomological Society of America Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**July 28, 2022, 1:00 p.m. ET**

**Members present:** Jessica Ware, Michelle Smith, Marianne Alleyne, Faith Oi, Melissa Willrich Siebert, Andrew Short, Chris Stelzig

**Welcome** – President Ware convened the meeting at 1:02 p.m., welcomed the attendees, and immediately called the first item of business.

**President's Report** –The International Congress of Entomology, which had been held in Helsinki the prior week, was discussed. Other topics included updates on the implementation of the Biodiversity Task Force, which Ware introduced during the previous meeting of the Governing Board.

**Headquarters Report** – Stelzig briefed the committee on several topics, such as:

- A draft Governing Board member job description that was reviewed. When finalized, it will be included in the developing Governing Board Standard Operating Policy (SOP) Manual.
- The minutes from the prior meeting were briefly reviewed with no suggested changes.
- The past presidents' meeting at the Annual Meeting may have a change in format this year to allow for more robust discussion among all participants.
- New data on the membership was highlighted and reviewed.
- The committee discussed a letter from the federal government which contained a request for ESA to acknowledge limitations on the types of activities in which federal candidates for elected ESA office may engage. Discussion ensued. The committee passed the following motion: MOVE that ESA decline to sign the USDA ARS letter which would stipulate activities from which a federally-employed member must abstain should they win an election to become ESA's Vice President Elect.

**Strategic Planning** – The committee discussed the draft strategic plan, developed during the June Strategy Day. A few updates were noted. The board discussed a draft

vision statement but did not finalize any language. Stelzig noted that the process was ongoing, and more details would be provided at the August Executive Committee meeting.

**Recusals** – The committee discussed establishing guidelines as to when a member of the board should recuse themselves from discussions involving colleagues, with a special emphasis on when they should do so regarding the Fellows nominations. After discussion, which included adding a more robust conflict of interest statement in the forthcoming SOP Manual, the committee tasked the matter to a subcommittee on Fellows nominations, which formed after the June board meeting.

**New Business** – The committee briefly discussed finding ways in which the past presidents of the Society may be able to continue to contribute once they leave office.

**Adjourn** – Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.