

**Entomological Society of America
Executive Committee Zoom Meeting
February 13, 2020 2:00 p.m. (Eastern)**

Present: Alvin Simmons, Bob Peterson, Michelle Smith, Faith Oi, Jessica Ware, Chris Stelzig

MEETING MINUTES

- **Welcome and Agenda Review** – President Alvin Simmons convened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. and suggested a modification to the order of the agenda. Hearing no objections, the meeting commenced.
- **January Minutes** -- The minutes of the January meeting of the Executive Committee were reviewed and approved.
- **Candidate Engagement Initiative** – The Committee discussed a proposal from Research America to implement a campaign that (a) informs 2020 Presidential and Congressional candidates understand the importance of federal science funding, (b) encourages all candidates to become vocal in their support of science, and (c) communicates directly with the public about the importance of scientific funding. After a long discussion, the following motion was received, seconded, and approved: “Move to support an allocation from strategic funds of up to \$5,000 to support the Research America 2020 Candidate Engagement Initiative.”
- **Executive Director Travel** – Stelzig briefly outlined various opportunities in 2020 for him to conduct informal conversations with entomology students and other members in addition to visits with federal partners outside of the D.C. Capital region.
- **Leadership Discussion** – Several leadership issues were discussed.
- **Adjournment** – Simmons called for any additional new business. Hearing none, the Executive Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.