

Entomological Society of America Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2021, 2:00 p.m. (ET)

Members present: Michelle Smith, Jessica Ware, Alvin Simmons, Faith Oi, Melissa Willrich Siebert, Jennifer Henke, Chris Stelzig

Members absent: Marianne Alleyne

Welcome and Agenda Review – President Michelle Smith convened the online meeting at 2:00 p.m. with a review of the agenda.

Headquarters Updates – Stelzig briefed the committee on important issues at headquarters, including financial forecasts, personnel updates, safety protocols being prepared for the meeting, and an announcement of a new grant being received from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Branch Finances Procedure Update – Oi informed the committee that several of the branches had asked headquarters to effectively take over regular administration of their checking accounts.

Strategy Day Discussion – The committee reviewed the draft report supplied by the consultants hired to conduct the “regional needs assessment” of ESA members. The draft recommendations were reviewed and discussed. Minor feedback was provided which will be supplied to the consultants for inclusion in the final draft of the report to be delivered during the September board meeting.

Revenue Diversification – Stelzig led the committee in a discussion on the need for the Society to diversify revenue streams since the pandemic has had continuing effects on the organization’s traditional business lines. A possible example was discussed and it was agreed that the committee would serve as a guiding body to discuss potential business ventures, with headquarters periodically engaging the full board into the conversation.

Ballot Initiative – The committee discussed the bylaws ballot initiative underway to add a seat on the board for an early career professional.

New Business and Adjourn – Smith called for any new business. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.