

## **Entomological Society of America Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 18, 2021 2:00 p.m. (Eastern)**

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

- **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 several operational updates, including several personnel, programmatic, and operational issues.
- **Executive Session** – At the conclusion of the headquarters report, Smith called the committee into Executive Session to discuss an ethical matter related to a member of the Society. The session lasted approximately five minutes.
- **Common Names** – The committee reviewed a proposal advanced by the Common Names of Insects committee related to their 2021 Presidential Charge. The proposal is expected to be presented to the full Governing Board in March and the opinion of the committee was sought in advance of that. There was consensus that the proposal should advance to the full board.
- **Strategic Planning** – Smith and Stelzig reviewed the 2009 ESA Strategic Plan with the committee, noting areas where either the landscape had changed or that the objectives identified remain undone. The committee agreed that it would be better to start fresh with a new Strategic Plan rather than refine the old one. The timing for the strategic planning process was not finalized but could begin as early as late 2021.
- **New Initiatives** – The committee discussed two proposals that are in the early phases of consideration. The first dealt with a proposed new insect-rearing network for a group of members who feel that their needs are not being met in the current structure. After discussion, the committee opted to not support advancing the initiative at this time.

The second initiative envisioned a new class of membership targeting the non-professional entomologist. After some discussion the committee felt that it would be more productive to consider this request as part of the overall strategic

planning process.

- **Governing Board Meeting Preview** – The committee reviewed the list of topics currently being considered for the March Governing Board meeting. Stelzig reminded them of the deadlines for adding new topics.
- **New Business and Adjournment** – Smith called for any additional new business. Hearing none, the Executive Committee adjourned at 3:01 p.m.