

# ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

**Governing Board Meeting  
Minutes  
April 10, 2012  
Meeting by Conference Call**

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Grayson Brown, President  
Robert Wiedenmann, Vice President  
Frank Zalom, Vice President-Elect  
Ricardo Bessin, Treasurer  
Douglas Pfeiffer, Eastern Branch Representative  
Robert Peterson, Plant-Insect Ecosystems Section Representative  
Carol Anelli, Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology Section Representative  
Tim Lysyk, Medical, Urban and Veterinary Entomology Section Representative  
John Obrycki, North Central Branch Representative  
Nancy Hinkle, Southeastern Branch Representative  
Bart Drees, Southwestern Branch Representative  
John Oswald, Systematics, Evolution and Biodiversity Section Representative  
Wendy Johnson, Student Representative

## **ABSENT:**

Ernest Delfosse, Past-President  
Charles Vincent, International Branch Representative  
Michael Parrella, Pacific Branch Representative

## **Staff:**

David Gammel, Executive Director

1. **Call to Order** -- The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Grayson Brown, who welcomed participants. The agenda was reviewed with no modifications.
2. **Ratification of Cybermotion** – The following cybermotion was ratified unanimously:

**Cybermotion:** Move to approve the amended minutes of the November 2011 meeting of the Governing Board.

Yes- 13; No - 0; Abstain- 0; Not Voting-3; Motion passes
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3. **Executive Committee Actions** – Brown reviewed the actions of the Executive Committee since the last Governing Board meeting. Discussion ensued about the Jefferson Fellows and the ESA Public Policy committee, encouraging follow through on

these important items.

4. **ESA Bid to Host the 2016 ICE**: Brown reported that ESA's bid to host the 2016 International Congress of Entomology was finalized and about to go to print. An early review of the draft bid by the ICE Council was received very favorably overall. Any concerns expressed by the Council members were mainly about ease-of-entry to the US (including the visa process) and the proposed dates. The bid was revised to address those concerns in more detail.
5. **Annual Meeting Update**: Brown reported on progress for the 2012 Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN. 105 symposia were submitted to the meeting, which is the highest total submitted in recent memory. The exhibit hall is 70% sold and early indications point to very strong attendance.
6. **Governing Board Summer Meeting**: Brown and Executive Director David Gammel reviewed plans for the summer Governing Board meeting, which includes a strategy day with the program committee. Gammel indicated that travel and logistical information would be distributed soon. The strategy session will be focused on extending the work done last year to help guide ESA's activities over the next several years.
7. **Public Policy Update**: Brown reviewed group letters that ESA had signed onto supporting various statements and positions regarding US Federal funding of research and other issues relevant to the profession of entomology and entomological science.
8. **Branch Meeting Update**: Brown reviewed activities at the Branch meetings held to date. Attendance has been strong at all the meetings, including almost 400 at the joint SWB/SEB event in Little Rock. It was noted by both Brown and Vice President Wiedenmann that the increased staff support and presence at Branch meetings was positive and very helpful to the Branch volunteers running the meetings.
9. **Executive Director's Update**: Gammel briefed the Governing Board on the following topics:
  - a. **ESA HQ Office Space**: Gammel reviewed exploration for new office space for the ESA staff and current status.
  - b. **International Membership Research**: Gammel reviewed the findings and recommendations from a consulting project conducted to better understand the international entomology market. More detailed information will be provided prior to the summer Governing Board meeting.
  - c. **Public Relations Update**: Gammel reviewed activities that led to press and media mentions highlighting ESA, ESA members, and/or articles published in ESA journals.

- d. **Conference Discussion:** Gammel reviewed discussions held to date with organizers of an outside entomology conference who are considering bringing the event into ESA as an official event of the Society. If talks progress, a proposal will be on the summer meeting agenda.
  - e. **Staff Departure:** Gammel briefed the Governing Board on a recent staff departure and plans to fill the position.
  - f. **Reserve Fund Performance:** Gammel reported that ESA's invested reserves have performed very well so far this year with substantial appreciation due to gains in the stock market.
10. **International Membership Models:** Brown reported that the ESA Membership Committee has developed suggestions for growing international membership in ESA. Doug Pfeiffer, liaison to the committee, also commented about the ideas in the proposal. Brown has also been exploring potential student membership packages with other national societies. All of these ideas and proposals, including the consulting project recommendations, will be brought to the strategy session and Governing Board meeting in July for consideration. Staff will work on recommendations to harmonize or combine all of the various proposals into a coherent approach.
11. **Common Names Agenda Brief:** Gammel reviewed the following motion from the Committee on the Common Names of Insects.

Move that the following common names recommended by the Committee on Common Names of Insects be approved by the ESA Governing Board:

<u>Common name</u>	<u>Scientific name</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Family</u>
white-shouldered bumble bee	<i>Bombus appositus</i> Cresson	Hymenoptera	Apidae
high country bumble bee	<i>Bombus balteatus</i> Dahlbom	Hymenoptera	Apidae
California bumble bee	<i>Bombus californicus</i> Smith	Hymenoptera	Apidae
yellow head bumble bee	<i>Bombus flavifrons</i> Cresson	Hymenoptera	Apidae
Franklin bumble bee	<i>Bombus franklini</i> Frison	Hymenoptera	Apidae
Hunt bumble bee	<i>Bombus huntii</i> Greene	Hymenoptera	Apidae
black tail bumble bee	<i>Bombus melanopygus</i> Nylander	Hymenoptera	Apidae
fuzzy-horned bumble bee	<i>Bombus mixtus</i> Cresson	Hymenoptera	Apidae
Morrison bumble bee	<i>Bombus morrisoni</i> Cresson	Hymenoptera	Apidae
Nevada bumble bee	<i>Bombus nevadensis</i> Cresson	Hymenoptera	Apidae
Sonoran bumble bee	<i>Bombus pennsylvanicus subsp. sonorus</i> Say	Hymenoptera	Apidae
Sitka bumble bee	<i>Bombus sitkensis</i> Nylander	Hymenoptera	Apidae
forest bumble bee	<i>Bombus sylvicola</i> Kirby	Hymenoptera	Apidae
van Dyke bumble bee	<i>Bombus vandykei</i> Frison	Hymenoptera	Apidae
Vosnesensky bumble bee	<i>Bombus vosnesenskii</i> Radoszkowski	Hymenoptera	Apidae

After discussion, the motion passed.

Yes- 8; No - 5; Abstain- 0; Not Voting-3; Motion passes

12. **Emeritus Membership Requests**: Two requests for emeritus membership status were unanimously approved by the Governing Board.
13. **Fellows**: Brown updated the Governing Board on the process and procedures for reviewing nominees for ESA Fellow. The Governing Board will select up to 10 nominees for Fellow during the summer Governing Board meeting.
14. **Responsible Conduct of Research Training**: Brown shared an inquiry from Past President Del Delfosse, who has offered to conduct training on the responsible conduct of research during the Annual Meeting in Knoxville. After discussion, the consensus was to encourage Delfosse to do so.
15. **Branch Realignment**: Brown reported on a discussion held during the SWB/SEB joint meeting in Little Rock about realigning the geographic boundaries of ESA's Branches. Members in the SWB initiated the dialogue and Brown has encouraged them to conduct a town hall session at the Annual Meeting to fully explore the issue with the broader membership.
16. **Nancy Beckage**: The passing of Nancy Beckage was discussed. A symposium on her life and work is being organized for the Annual Meeting and an obituary is in production for the next issue of American Entomologist.
17. **Adjournment**. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



C. David Gammel, CAE  
Executive Director