Entomology Graduate Student Association

*Approve February 2015 minutes
16 in favor 1 abstain

Officer Reports:

President – Amelia Lindsey
- Camping reservations for September 18th – 20th made at Silverwood Lake SRA (http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=650).
- All the beach spots were taken.
- Three sites were reserved at the lake (39, 40, 41), allowing for 9 cars and 24 people – total cost $294. The camping budget is $250. Take hand vote on keeping the third site. Last year, 16 people went camping.
- Vote to keep third spot: 13 in favor 3 abstain
- We must vote on spending over $400 that is not in the budget. Fortunately, we have been getting donations from sponsors for the Insect Fair, meaning we will be moving quite a bit of money around. There will be a vote to approve all donations that come into EGSA for the purposes of Insect Fair to be spent on the Insect Fair at the discretion of the Fundraising Committee. Voting will open on Highlander link 3/13 - 3/18.
- Please give feedback on the Vector Pathogens Interactions search to Emily McDermott, and fill out the survey.
- Decision will take place March 10

Vice President – Austin Baker

Treasurer – Levi Zahn
Income: (N/A)
Expenses:
  - $50.00 (Pizza)
  - $1.00 (Monthly Maintenance Fee)
TOTAL: $51.00

Current Balances:
  - $110.95 (Cash)
  - $8,005.91 (Bank)
TOTAL: $8,116.86

*Waiting on a $119.00 deposit from last month.

Minister of Truth – James Nick DeCarlo
EGSA Representatives:

**GSA Representatives** – Chrissy Dodge & Kristin Cole
- GradSlam begins Tues. 4/7! Applications will be available Mon. 3/9 at 12pm [http://gsrc.ucr.edu/gradslam/](http://gsrc.ucr.edu/gradslam/)
- Aviva Goldman won last year
- GradBash will be on Thurs. 3/12 - time 6:00 pm – First come first serve basis
- GSA is having the first ever art contest, winning submissions will be displayed proudly in the GSA office entries due to your AAO (ours is Nichole Ginnan) by 5pm on 3/30
- Email Chrissy for more info
- TAships with GradSuccess available, full or part-time – talk to Adena Why who holds a non-teaching TA appointment and might be a good resource for those interested and wanting perspective.

**ISAC Representative** – Chris Shogren
- Thoughts on prospective students.
- Incoming students were really good

**Seminar Representatives** – Debbie De La Riva and Sarah O’Neill
Done with candidates

Committees:

1) **Fundraising Committee** – Debbie De La Riva (Chair), Erich Shoeller, James Ricci, Allison Bistline-East:
- Please let me know by Fri. March 13th if your lab would like to reserve a table for the fair- Fair is April 18
- I will be sending out a sign up sheet to get volunteers for the day of towards the end of the month along with a list of booths. We will be needing help with set-up, take-down and manning booths during the event (10am-5pm). Students will receive full outreach credit for hours put in.
- If you have any insect horror flicks or short insect educational films, please let us know. We may be able to use some in one of the screening rooms in the museum during the fair. Please advertise to everyone you know.
- James could use some help with the kickstarter project- using indiegogo website
- For any other ideas, questions or thoughts, please contact James or Debbie.
- Allison has agreed to help James with the kickstarter project but James needs more help
- DON’T FORGET TO VOTE!
- James and Debbie are requesting advancement for the insect fair of $2500. We are not getting enough sponsors at the moment to pay for all the fees. This will be used as an investment for future fairs as well. Amelia will announce a vote by next week 3/16-3/20

2) **Exam Committee** – Ryan Perry (Chair):
3) Merchandise Committee – James Ricci (Chair), Austin Baker, Paul Masonick, Jessica Sully:
- Ordering merchandise on 3/11 but having problems with current company and may switch to another in the future

4) Hospitality Committee – Sarah O’Neill (Chair), Ben DeMasi-Sumner, Cole Symanski:
- Recruitment committee thanks all volunteers for volunteering their time to make recruitment day successful and effective. You may or may not receive outreach volunteer hours for your time - this is up to Daugherty/Choe. I’ll email them a list of names + hours worked and let them do what they will with it. Email me if you think your hours may not have been recorded.
- If anyone has suggestions on how to improve it for next year, they may email me or Melissa.
- If anyone appreciated the beer selection on Friday night, they may email me to say so. (I have made a note of the observation that Corona is not very popular).

5) Social Committee – Levi Zahn (Chair), Amelia Lindsey, Judith Herreid, Paul Masonick, James (Nick) DeCarlo, Ben DeMasi-Sumner:
- Winter social Friday March 13, from 4:30-6:30 in the entomology courtyard/large conference room
- Will be doing a hotdog feed with beverages and snacks provided by EGSA
- Volunteers to help cut veggies/cook hotdogs
- Contact Levi for more information

6) Technology Committee – Eric Gordon (Chair), Ryan Perry, James Nick DeCarlo, James Ricci:
- Graduate Student EGSA blog on Weebly: if you have photos or would like to contribute, contact Eric.

New Business:

- Next meeting on Monday, April 6th
- Sarah O’Neill: EGSA shirts for RSA Science Olympiad Students
  - 5 Middle School students – last year we donated EGSA shirts to them
  - James, Kim, Amelia also coaching 4 High School Students
  - Hand vote to donate EGSA shirts to middle school and high school students <$100
  - 17 votes in favor
- Debbie De La Riva: Union updates
  - SRC issue still in the works. Jim Sandoval is working on writing up a new agreement. We are still working with him on changing the referendum process.
  - Vote to take place around April for open Head Steward and department steward positions. If you would like more information on what it means to be a department steward or
would like to run, please let me know. ddela005@ucr.edu 10 positions are available

- Amelia Lindsey: Social media is up and running for the Insect Fair. Please check out/promote/suggest content. If you would like to post regularly I can make you an admin.
  - Twitter: https://twitter.com/InsectFair
  - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AnnualRiversideInsectFair

**Vote to End the meeting**
17 in favor

**Attendance:**

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