

Entomophiles:

Below are my first writings as the newly appointed Minister-of-Truth. Alexis Park, your former MOT, has been appointed to other tasks, but I am sure that he wishes you well. Continue reading (if you dare) to find out the happenings of the latest EGSA meeting. --JAH

3 October 2005
EGSA Meeting
Start: 5:15 PM

Candice Stafford called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 pm (honestly, I'm not sure of when it started. I was only an attendee at the time). We began with new officer elections. Each officer ran unopposed.

New Officer Elections:

Vice President – Mary Sorenson
Treasurer – Lisa Friedli
~~Secretary~~ (Minister of Truth) – Jennifer Henke
ISAC Representative (appointed position) – Mary Sorenson

If you wish to know more about the responsibilities of these officers, please read the recently revised constitution (which I will be sending out later).

Committee Sign-ups:

Candice, with help from wiser EGSA members, presented the club with the committees of EGSA and asked for volunteers. Chairs are to be determined by the committees, and I will report these when they inform me. If you want to join a committee, contact one of the members on that committee.

Outreach: John Lytle is currently the Department Outreach Coordinator (DOC). All outreach activities come through EGSA or the DOC. Although everyone may (and is strongly encouraged!) to participate in outreach activities, these committee members will be the go-to people. Additionally, this committee will decide what monetary amount will be required for outreach services to be performed.

Members: Jennifer Charles, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern, Candice Stafford, Mary Sorenson

Social: This group is in charge of all of those fun activities that we do to get to know each other better. They buy food and alcohol, make the place look festive, and clean it up so that we don't get in trouble. They are expected to solicit volunteers so that they can have some fun at the socials too.

Members: Rachel Mohr, Stephanie Rill, Mary Sorenson, Candice Stafford, Emily Symmes, Cassie Vasquez

T-shirts: As one would expect, they run the design competition and make sure that we have shirts to sell. We expect to see notices about solicitations for designs soon.

Members: Chrissy Romero, Amy Sage, Emily Symmes

Computer: This committee keeps the computer lab working smoothly as well as presiding over the website (www.entograd.org) and the forums. Rachel reported that money existed, so look for improvements to be made when she and her crew find the time to make them.

Members: Rachel Mohr (Chair), Brian Chen, Sean Pelham

Travel Grants: The EGSA will provide a travel grant (\$100) for you provided you meet the following requirements:

1. You are going to a meeting to present something (generally a poster or an oral presentation)

AND

2. You:
 - a. Are an officer of EGSA **OR**
 - b. Are a member of one of these fine committees **OR**
 - c. Have performed 2 outreaches in the preceding year

Members: Pending Peter Jensen's return. Either he or Emily Symmes will review the applications. Find the forms in one of their mailboxes.

Recruitment: This committee helps with the recruiting of new graduate students. They are busiest in the spring, and they get to have free lunches with the recruits.

Members: Brian Chen, Jennifer Henke, Mary Sorenson, Candice Stafford, Genet Tulgetske, Cassie Vasquez

GSA Representative: This person goes to the University Graduate Student Association meetings and let's us know what's going on.

Representative: Rachel Mohr

Seminar Committee: This committee handles the invitation and care of the 3 student invited speakers.

Members: Jeremy Allison

Officer Reports:

President: Candice reported that the camping trip was a success! Many of the new students came, and everyone had a great time. The Picnic was also a success! Rachel said that she counted 127 attendees. Congratulations were made to Jennifer C. and all of those involved in making it such a terrific event.

Treasurer: Lisa wanted to be clearer than in previous years about the amount of funding we had. Recently, much activity has been occurring, but we have about \$1000 in our accounts. We will be using most of this to fund our next social and to place a t-shirt order. However, we expect to make money at the craft fair (*for the purposes of continuity, I have moved remainder of Lisa's report to new business as it was all about the Craft Fair*).

ISAC Rep.: Mary was absent from the meeting but sent her report through Candice. ISAC liked the way Student Seminar Day was arranged this year. The students seemed to like the arrangement, but discussion was made on the poor organization prior to the event, the low faculty turnout, and the lack of feedback. Feedback was supposed to come from the student's committee, which the student was supposed to invite to watch their presentation. However, some felt that the judges should have provided their judging sheets as feedback to the participants. Questions were raised over how the student judges were selected; Candice reminded everyone that she had solicited volunteers and went with those who replied first. After much discussion, it was decided that Mary and Candice will solicit feedback from the students, review the concerns, and present them to ISAC as soon as possible. Additionally, a letter will be drafted to send to Ring Carde to express the disappointment of the students at the low faculty attendance.

New Business:

Craft Fair: EGSA has organized a craft fair for the past two years. It is held the Thursday before finals so that it doesn't interfere with UCR Market Days. This year the Fair will likely be on Thursday, December 8. A committee was formed. Members are Sean Pelham, Stephanie Rill, Candice Stafford, and Genet Tulgetske. Since Lisa Friedli has all of the old material, she has agreed to help, but she will not serve as chair.

Next Social: The date of the next social was debated. Some wanted more socials; however, at this time, money is a bit tight. The next social will likely be Friday, November 18, and the committee will consider holding it indoors so we don't freeze.

ESA: The Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from November 6-9.

Refreshments: We stopped having refreshments due to the drain on the budget. Candice asked if we might have snack food. Lisa thought there are enough funds available for that.

Linnaean Team: Rachel and I will be looking for recruits for the Linnaean Team. Watch for an e-mail explaining what it is and why you want to be involved.

Next Meeting: It will be November 14 at 5ish in the Entomology Large Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned by Candice at 6:34 pm, to the relief of all who were present.

Attendees:

Jennifer Charles
Brian Chen
Lisa Friedli
Jennifer Henke
Do-Hyoung Kim
Rachel Mohr
Jason Mottern
Sean Pelham
Erik Ragsdale
Stephanie Rill
Chrissy Romero
Amy Sage
Candice Stafford
Emily Symmes
Genet Tulgetske
Cassie Vasquez

“Any fool can tell the truth, but it requires a man of some sense to know how to lie well.”
Samuel Butler *English composer, novelist, & satiric author (1835 - 1902)*

Entomophiles:

This month's meeting was great – only 32 minutes long. But we discussed a lot in that short time. See what you missed below. Feeling left out of the student government? Contact the chair of one of the committees to see how you can be involved! --JAH

14 November 2005
EGSA Meeting

President Candice Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Candice had nothing to report.

Vice President – Mary Sorenson had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Lisa Friedli reported that our cash account has \$1568.

Expenses include the Halloween social \$300

Income includes \$299 from the raffle at the social

\$185 T-shirt sales (\$130 from the Pomona Insect Fair)

12 people applied for travel grants for ESA. If you are not going because ESA was postponed, please tell Lisa (and GSA). Also, she currently does not have all of the forms, so please let her know if you applied.

Expected Expenses: \$1000 T-shirt order
Craft Fair

Expected Income – Craft Fair

There was discussion regarding the number of raffles that we should have. It was generally agreed that maybe 3 times per year is enough raffles. Raffles that match the theme are good.

Minister of Truth – Jennifer Henke reported that the last meeting's minutes and constitution were dispersed last month. If you didn't get them, you're not on the EGSA list-serve.

ISAC Representative – Mary Sorenson has been to two meetings. ISAC has been discussing budgets and potential new courses. Mary reported the comments regarding Student Seminar Day to the committee. They are as follows (paraphrased):

Positive: The number of talks was not overwhelming.

Practice in making posters was useful for those who hadn't made them before.

Poster viewing time is a good opportunity to discuss current research with other students and faculty.

Presentation feedback from student judges was beneficial.

Audience questions during presentations were appreciated.
Students who had never created posters were grateful for the opportunity.

Needing Improvement:

More efficient communication needed, especially for the new students, but for all requiring more detailed information.

A larger space for poster viewing is needed – suggestion of the courtyard outside the lecture hall.

More feedback about the presentations needed. Students would like for the judging forms to be returned with comments.

More attendance from the faculty. Students perceived an increase in attendance from previous years, but they would like to see all of the faculty attending.

Clarification regarding the role of students' committees. Some students were told to invite their committees to get feedback from them; others were not.

Some of those who did invite their committees were disappointed in the lack of feedback from their committees.

GSA Representative – Rachel Mohr was absent. Jen H. reminded everyone that Grad Bash is Friday, November 18 at the Getaway from 5-7. Free pizza and happy hour specials will be available.

T-Shirt Committee – Chair Emily Symmes reported that the superhero wasp girl won. Because there were so many good designs, the committee is planning a possible revote to make mugs, possibly in late January. Shirts will be sold at the Craft Fair and order forms will be sent to Entomology alums (via Elena?). The order form will be updated.

Computer Committee: Chair is Rachel Mohr, but no one from the committee was present. Let Rachel know if you have any problems with the computer lab. Mary asked for SAS to be installed which Rachel is working on. Jen C. asked for paper to be in the lab.

Outreach Committee: Chair Jennifer Charles reminded everyone about the upcoming outreach MESA is on campus this Saturday, November 19 from 9 until 12. John Lytle (DOC) let us know that we will be giving 2 10-minute presentations as well as showing live insects to middle and high school students, primarily to expose them to entomology.

Jen C. asked that we receive as much detail about the outreaches as possible.

We've been filling all of our outreaches (yay!).

Discussion about how outreaches aren't bringing in money was brought up, but Jen C. has talked with John Trumble (Faculty Outreach Contact). We may have one with Melissa and some high school students.

Genet Tulgetske suggested that we contact the libraries in the surrounding area because they have money to bring in outside speakers. Jen C. will look into it.

Recruitment Committee: Chair Jen H. reported that the new student webpages are up. Don't know who all of these strange people are running around the building? Check them out online. Don't have a webpage up? Contact Elena Arnold in the office. Candice remarked that she would remind Rachel to put up pictures of the new students on the student board.

Social Committee: Chair Candice reported the general success of the Halloween social. We hope the pictures will be up soon on www.entograd.org. The next social will be next quarter, and it will be the Wine and Cheese Social.

Craft Fair Committee: Chair Stephanie Rill passed around sign-up sheets for volunteers to work the table and to bake things. The Craft Fair will be Thursday, December 1 from 10-3. If you haven't signed up to help out, please e-mail Stephanie (stephanie.rill@email.ucr.edu). We have 5-6 vendors, so you can still sign up to be one and make some extra money for Christmas. Stephanie is contacting Kirk Visscher about making sure EGSA has honey to sell. We have another raffle; Candice's mom made an insect-themed blanket which will be on display in the T-shirt display on the 2nd floor (tickets are \$1 each). The other departments need to be informed about the Fair. Jen C. will be putting a sign on the Bell Tower.

Travel Grants: Chair Peter Jensen was absent, but see him if you are giving a presentation for a conference and need travel money.

Seminar Committee: Chair Jeremy Allison was absent, but see him if you have suggestions for seminar speakers.

Exam Committee: If you have questions to donate, give them to Cassie Vasquez.

New Business

ESA: The Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from December 15-18. Make sure to change your flight and hotel if you need to.

Linnaean Team: Life's been busy. The Linnaean Team will be meeting after Thanksgiving to prepare for next year. Contact Jen H. if you're interested in joining.

Next Meeting: It was not set and will be called on the president's whim. I'm guessing January.

Meeting adjourned by Candice at 5:42 pm (gasp! a short meeting!).

Attendees:

Jennifer Charles
Lisa Friedli
Alison Hansen
Jennifer Henke
Rodrigo Krugner
John Lytle
Jason Mottern
Alexis Park
Andrea Radtke
Stephanie Rill
Chrissy Romero
Amy Sage
Mary Sorensen
Candice Stafford
Emily Symmes
Genet Tulgetske
Cassie Vasquez

For the optimists:

“If you can solve your problem, then what is the need of worrying? If you cannot solve it, then what is the use of worrying?” – Shantideva

And the realists:

“One of the symptoms of an approaching nervous breakdown is the belief that one's work is terribly important.” – Bertrand Russell, *Conquest of Happiness (1930) ch. 5 British author, mathematician, & philosopher (1872 - 1970)*

Entomophiles:

Lots of news to report. Scroll down to see burning issues on the department requiring us to teach, a wine and cheese (and beers of the world) social next month, and what the chances are of the Linnaean Team winning at Hawaii. Next EGSA meeting is Monday, February 27.

--JAH

23 January 2006
EGSA Meeting

President Candice Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Candice first extended congratulations to Dave Tanner and Kris Tollerup for each winning the President’s Prize at the Entomological Society of America Meeting last month in Fort Lauderdale in Social Insects and Crop Protection, respectively. (And Candice received Honorable Mention in Ecology and Behavior). Way to go!

Speaking of ESA, if you went and you haven’t turned in your forms, you might want to do that. How else are you going to get reimbursed?

Vice President – Mary Sorenson had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Lisa Friedli reported that our balances are currently \$2035.58 in the cash account, and after counting the 7 people who applied for mini-grants for ESA, \$868.21 in the mini-grant account.

Income – the Craft Fair! Super success at \$1500 profit. The approximate breakdown is \$575 from shirts and bake sale, \$500 from honey sales, \$122 from the raffle, \$128 from the vendor percentages, and \$100 from the grill. Lisa noted that the vendor percentage is the lowest that it’s been in three years, but this may be in part due to a lower number of vendors. Also, we sold more honey than ever, so it all balanced out.

Expenses - \$850 T-shirt order (have you bought one of the new design?)

With the Pacific Branch Meeting coming up in Hawaii, Lisa wants to move \$150 from the cash account to the mini-grant account so that 10 full mini-grants will be available. Lisa also noted that so far this year, we’ve given out more mini-grants than we have the entire year in the past.

Minister of Truth – Jennifer Henke. As usual, I have nothing.

ISAC Representative – Mary Sorenson had lots to report from her meetings.

ISAC formally stated that they appreciate EGSA's outreach efforts. (Woo hoo!)

ENTM 250 Seminar – Mary was asked to remind everyone that you must attend 70% of the seminars in any quarter. If we have 10 seminars, you may miss 3 without an excuse. If we have less, than check the precise number with the professor in charge for the quarter. Remember, there are penalties for not attending (like writing reports).

International Students – The Grad Division will start a policy next fall that international Ph.D. students who pass their qualifying exams will be charged resident tuition for 9 quarters following their advancement to candidacy. The 10th quarter will be reverted to non-residency charges. This is to encourage students to finish. Mary was unsure as to whether this would be retroactively enforced.

Prospective New Students – 8 students have currently been accepted, though financial packages haven't been finalized for all of them yet. Overall, application numbers and international applications were up.

Teaching Assistant News – Several things.

First, the minimum GPA to TA has been lowered from 3.25 to 3.0

There are more ENTM 10 discussions this quarter with fewer numbers of undergraduates in each section. This is because the department might have lost those positions, and those students needing to TA would have had to teach in other departments.

A big issue with ISAC at the moment is whether the department should require us students to TA. Currently, there is no department requirement. Because of the change in how TA positions are assigned (they are now going to be assigned by the College), we may lose our TA positions. Speaking of which, if you want to teach a specific course, fill that course in on your form and have the professor request you as the TA.

Have strong feelings on whether you should have to teach? Email Mary (mary.sorensen@email.ucr.edu). Let her know how many quarters for which degree programs.

GSA Representative – Rachel Mohr was absent. Jen H. went to the last GSA meeting. The main points were changes in the amount of funding for mni-GSAs and mini-grants. Mini-GSAs will now be receiving \$100 per quarter, so we're registering with them. Secondly, and more dear to everyone's hearts, the caps for the mini-grants have been lowered to reflect what is usually being given. The new caps are \$64 for attending only, \$240 for presentations in the southwest, \$320 in North America, and \$400 for international travel. As a reminder, applying for funding for Pacific Branch is due February 1st.

T-Shirt Committee – Chair Emily Symmes was absent. Lisa reported that the supplier of the mugs that we were looking at required a minimum order of 500 mugs. Amy Sage and Emily are looking for new sources, keeping in mind that we want the insulated to-go coffee mugs.

The committee was also reminded that an inventory of shirts would be good considering how many we sold at the Craft Fair. Maybe we can get the new design in the 2nd floor display case?

Computer Committee: Chair Rachel Mohr was absent. It was noted that only 2 computers currently have access to the Internet and the printer. It was thought by those attending that maybe this year's money should be put into upgrading the computers we have rather than getting more computers.

Outreach Committee: Chair Jennifer Charles was absent. Lisa Friedli is the DOC this quarter. She wanted to straighten out some information on the outreaches. If the outreach is a university event (and thus, mandatory), then the DOC must do the event as part of his or her service, and EGSA can help the DOC. If the event is non-mandatory, then either the DOC or EGSA may be in charge, and the DOC should work with EGSA. If the event is a paid outreach, EGSA must be in charge in order for EGSA to get the money. If the DOC is in charge, the department gets the money. The DOC can help if someone else is in charge.

Recruitment Committee: Chair Jen H. pointed out that our first new student was visiting (Yay for Elizabeth Bergman!). Expect that more will be coming soon, and she'll be bugging you to have fun entertaining them.

Candice wanted Amy to turn in her information to get her webpage so that all of the students would be on the website.

Social Committee: Chair Candice stated that our next social would be the traditional Wine and Cheese Mixer (with Beers of the World for those who don't like grapes). It was decided that the social will be held on Friday, February 24 at 5ish.

Craft Fair Committee: Chair Stephanie Rill was thanked for her amazing amount of dedication. Stephanie in turn thanked the volunteers who helped to make it a smashing success. Jason Mottern and Genet Tulgetske were thanked for the delicious hot dogs they grilled. If you want to be next year's chair, we'd love to know now. Stephanie's made it easy for next year's chair.

Travel Grants: Chair Peter Jensen said Lisa covered everything.

Seminar Committee: Chair Jeremy Allison was absent, but see him if you have suggestions for seminar speakers.

Exam Committee: If you have questions to donate, give them to Chair Cassie Vasquez.

New Business

Linnaean Team: The team's been picked. The members are dedicated. We are currently the only school with a team registered for the meeting. (Hooray!)

Next Meeting: will be Monday, February 27. Same bat time (after seminar), same bat place (the large conference room).

Meeting adjourned by Candice at 5:50 pm (not quite the record, but a good time with all that was discussed).

Attendees:

Elizabeth Bergman
Betsy Boyd
Lisa Friedli
Jennifer Henke
Deane Huffman
Peter Jensen
Jason Mottern
Stephanie Rill
Chrissy Romero
Amy Sage
Mary Sorensen
Candice Stafford
Genet Tulgetske
Cassie Vasquez

As an adolescent I aspired to lasting fame, I craved factual certainty, and I thirsted for a meaningful vision of human life – so I became a scientist. This is like becoming archbishop so you can meet girls. ~ M. Cartmill

Entomophiles:

Low turnout at the meeting (I blame it on the rain – and yes, that was totally to get that song stuck in your head). Lots of outreaches in March and April – sign up with Lisa (mill01@student.ucr.edu) or Jen C. (Jennifer.Charles@email.ucr.edu). Next EGSA meeting is Monday, April 3.

--JAH

27 February 2006
EGSA Meeting

President Candice Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:13 pm.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Candice had nothing to report.

Vice President – Mary Sorenson had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Lisa Friedli was absent so Candice gave the report. Our balance is approximately \$1800 in the cash account.

Expenses - \$260 on social. We still have a lot of wine.

Income – Brought in \$58 in the social. A lot of money was given to the tip jar which while we think she totally deserves money for her hard work, we want there to be less confusion as to where the money goes. Perhaps we could buy a card table to put our jar closer to hers. We can also carry the donation jar around at the next social.

Minister of Truth – Jennifer Henke. As usual, I have nothing.

ISAC Representative – Mary reported that they were almost done going through applications.

GSA Representative – Rachel Mohr was absent. Jen H. went to the last GSA meeting. Grad Bash is this Friday, March 3 from 6-8 at the Getaway. Go get Happy Hour prices on beer and free pizza. Go hang out with students from other departments.

T-Shirt Committee – Chair Emily Symmes was absent. Chrissy reported inventory will be done soon so that a reorder for the Urban Entomology Conference. Volunteers for selling the T-shirts at the Urban Entomology Conference will be needed on March 29th.

Computer Committee: Chair Rachel Mohr was absent. Any problems with the computer lab should be given to her.

Outreach Committee: Chair Jennifer Charles reported the list of upcoming outreaches.

March outreaches:

March 2nd (Thursday) – Jr. high/ high school tours of the department

March 2nd (Thursday) – Science Fair Judging (email Jen C.)

March 4th (Saturday) – MESA zone in the Commons. Chrissy Romero agreed to help.

March 18th (Saturday) - Discover UCR Days. This is a recruitment day with different departments participating.

March 27th-30th (Monday-Thursday) - Early Outreach Tours for high school students. One hour of presentations/lab tours in the department at 11 or noon. We can choose the day/s that we participate (ie; whenever I can get the most volunteers).

April outreaches:

Riverside Christian School (not sure of a date yet). I need someone for this outreach that will agree to not talk about or mention evolution.

April 2nd (Sunday) - Riverside Museum is hosting an invertebrate event. They will have a mobile tide pool set up in front of the museum and would like us to also set up in front with insects and displays. We have done something similar to this in the past, and it is a lot of fun interacting with the kids and the community.

April 7th (Friday) - Four classes of 4th graders will be coming through the department in two groups (one before lunch and one after lunch). These are the same teachers who brought their classes last year (Central Elementary School, Banning). For this event we need at least three volunteers for each group (each group is split into three to make them more manageable). Volunteers - one to do live insect showing/handling, one to talk about the mobile display boxes, and one to take the kids through the building displays or do a show-and-tell of their insects.

April 8th (Saturday) - CNAS Discover CNAS recruitment. Similar to the March 18th outreach.

April 17th (Monday?) - Earth Day Celebration 2006 - Garden Friendly Bugs. I believe this event will be held on a one-acre water conservation garden run by the Western Municipal Water District. This would be live and mounted insects.

April 29th (Saturday) - Discover UCR Days. Same as March 18th outreach.

Email Lisa (milll01@student.ucr.edu). You are encouraged to participate! How else can you get EGSA to give you money for conferences!

Outreach committee rocks for responding as soon as things are posted! Problems are still occurring with caring for insects. No buying new insects until we take care of the ones that we have. Jen C. is looking forward to better things with outreach.

Recruitment Committee: Chair Jen H. thanked Jason Mottern and Rebeccah Waterworth for hosting not one, but **two** prospective students. She also thanked Alexis Park, David Tanner, Brian Chen, Mary Sorensen, Chrissy Romero, Rachel Mohr, Dustin VanOberbeke, Cassie Vasquez, Allison Hansen, Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford, and Apostolas Kapranas for helping out. Elizabeth Bergman did sign with the department.

Social Committee: Chair Candice said the social was fabulous. Thank you to Jocelyn Millar for donating a case of wine that he made; Tom Miller, his wife, and his mother-in-law made the delicious sushi; and Joe made 6 hunks of smoked cheese and 4 hunks of smoked salmon. Linnaean Exhibition Match was great. Thanks go to Jen H. for organizing and Deane Zahn for helping wrangle the profs. Greg Walker was especially funny. Thanks to setup crew and Jason and Chrissy for helping to clean.

Some discussion was had over number of socials per quarter. We can have more socials per quarter if more people help.

Next Social – Cinco de Mayo (Friday, May 5th). Piñata and maybe some games.

Travel Grants: Chair Peter Jensen is leaving. Deane will be taking over (Yay!)

Seminar Committee: Chair Jeremy Allison was absent, but see him if you have suggestions for seminar speakers.

Exam Committee: If you have questions to donate, give them to Chair Cassie Vasquez.

New Business

Someone needs to go the next GSA meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at 6 pm at the Terrace Vista Conference Room. I won't be there, and we need someone to go so that we can get our money.

Next Meeting: will be Monday, April 3. Come; join us, after the seminar in the large conference room.

Meeting adjourned by Candice at 5:46 pm (33 minutes; I think the rain kept attendees away.).

Attendees:

Jennifer Charles
Allison Hansen
Jennifer Henke
Do-Hyong Kim
Chrissy Romero
Mary Sorensen
Candice Stafford
Deane Zahn

Forgive me for any oversights; the classes are getting to my brain:

Personally, I have nothing against work, particularly when performed, quietly and unobtrusively, by someone else. I just don't happen to think it's an appropriate subject for an "ethic." ~ Barbara Ehrenreich

If I had learned education I would not have had time to learn anything else. ~ Cornelius Vanderbilt

Entomophiles:

Nominations are due for next year's president, outreaches are coming up, and elections are being held for GSA. Read below for more info. Next meeting is May 15.

--JAH

10 April 2006
EGSA Meeting

President Candice Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Candice asked Rachel Mohr to update the graduate student webpage (www.entograd.soc). Rachel asked for more photos from people of recent outreaches and socials. Candice asked about the link to the department page; Rachel has had problems since our site is not on the UCR server.

Candice is redoing the outreach board, so if you have pictures of you doing sometime entomological, please give her copies (not originals unless you don't want them anymore). She is able to convert slides. The pictures will be laminated and removable so that we can cater the board to the outreach.

We need more outreach insects, so if you have ideas on friendly critters please let Candice (candice.stafford@email.ucr.edu) or Jen Charles (jennifer.charles@email.ucr.edu) know.

Nominations for president are due to Candice **before May 15**. Please contact the person you are nominating to make sure that he or she will accept the presidency if elected. Elections will take place shortly thereafter (I got confused on the dates because Candice was talking in the abstract – sometime that week).

Congratulations to the awesome Linnaean Team for winning at the Pacific Branch!

Vice President – Mary Sorenson had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Lisa Friedli reported that we spent \$362 on T-shirts prior to the Urban Pest Management Conference. We sold \$655 worth of shirts at the conference and \$45 worth of shirts at the museum. So \$700 of income.

Minister of Truth – Jennifer Henke. As usual, I have nothing.

ISAC Representative – Mary reported that 5 students have confirmed for the fall (Donald Beasley, Elizabeth Bergmann, Chris Briggs, Casey Butler, and Annette Roug) and 10 offers still out.

The committee has also begun the process of reworking the undergraduate major. If you have opinions on things that should be corrected, talk with Bill Walton or Mary.

As for the TA requirement, there is already a requirement of all graduate students should teach 2 quarters. However, this will continue to not be enforced at this time.

GSA Representative – Jen H. reported that elections are upcoming for the UCR GSA (April 17-21). Although most of the offices have only one candidate, there are constitutional amendments and fee modifications that are on the ballot. Please go to the website (elections.ucr.edu) and vote.

Grad Bash is Friday, April 21 from 6 to 8 at the Getaway.

Our health insurance will change for the 2006-07 year. Instead of being a 100 referral/ 70 non-referral payment by the insurance, we will have a 95/65 which is much less than what the administration wanted. This does not change what is charged at the health center, the emergency room, or your co-pays. So go take care of your medicines now.

T-Shirt Committee – Chair Emily Symmes decided that they would order more t-shirts for the 100th Anniversary Open House on April 22nd. Coffee mugs have been tabled for the moment until we decide on a logo. It was decided that we would vote on a logo for the fall and look into ordering mugs then.

Computer Committee: Chair Rachel Mohr reported that we had \$1787 left to fix the computers. She's decided that we will get rid of 2 of the non-functioning towers and buy two new Dells. She is trying to get in touch with the site licensor on campus so that we can have SAS again. Rachel will be cleaning out the lab (I assume with the help of the committee). Let her know if there is anything that you can think of that we need there. (And on a side note, Rachel leaves us next year, so think about who might replace her and her incredible computing skills).

Outreach Committee: Chair Jennifer Charles shared the details from this quarter's DOC is Cassie Vasquez.

April 17th (Monday) Earth Day Celebration - covered

April 22nd (Saturday) – 100th Anniversary Open House – sign up on the mailroom door. Please help (especially since Cassie is finishing quals).

April 29th (Saturday) - Discover UCR Days.

Again, all outreaches have been covered, and Jen C. thanked the outreach committee for their hard work.

Recruitment Committee: Chair Jen H. reported that Annette Roug is coming to visit on April 26. I'll be asking for volunteers for taking care of meals soon.

Social Committee: Chair Candice announced that the next social will be Cinco de Mayo (Friday, May 5th) in the courtyard at 5. She needs volunteers to help out (Rachel volunteered; you should too!). Since Jen C. won't be there, Mary will be the tip person.

Travel Grants: Chair Deane Zahn was absent, but the folder is in her mailbox.

Seminar Committee: Chair Jeremy Allison was absent, but see him if you have suggestions for seminar speakers.

Exam Committee: If you have questions to donate, give them to Chair Cassie Vasquez.

New Business

I reminded everyone that the Botany and Plant Sciences Retreat is May 5th. We are welcome to compete and give talks (if we work on plants or insects and plants). Abstracts are due to Sundrish Sharma (sundrish.sharma@email.ucr.edu) by April 20th. Prize money is available, and you get breakfast and lunch at the Botanical Gardens.

Chrissy Romero has an Angel Food Program at her church where you can get \$65 worth of food for \$25. See her for information (christina.romero@email.ucr.edu)/

Next Meeting: will be Monday, May 15 at 5 in the Large Conference Room (just like always).

Meeting adjourned by Candice at 6:12 pm (Phew!).

*“Laughing is the sensation of feeling good all over and showing it principally in one spot.”
~Josh Billings*

And prom's tonight, so...

*“If all the girls who attended the Yale prom were laid end to end, I wouldn't be a bit surprised.”
~Dorothy Parker*

Attendees:

Betsy Boyd, Jennifer Charles, Lisa Friedli, Jennifer Henke, Do-Hyong Kim, Rachel Mohr, Jason Mottern, Andrea Radtke, Chrissy Romero, Amy Sage, Mary Sorensen, Candice Stafford, and Emily Symmes

Entomophiles:

Elections for president are on-going. Help is needed for Orange Blossom Festival. Teaching assignments are changing. Read on....

--JAH

15 May 2006
EGSA Meeting

President Candice Stafford called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Candice announced that this was the last meeting of the year, so we are electing a new president. Betsy Boyd and Jennifer Henke are both running for president. Everyone can vote until Friday, May 19. Ballots are in Candice’s mailbox, so vote and put your ballot in the envelope.

The camping trip will be at the same camp site as last year. Date is not yet scheduled because Student Seminar Day hasn’t been scheduled yet. Once Bill Walton is able to schedule, the new president will be able to send out dates regarding both Student Seminar Day and the Camping Trip.

The Welcome Back Picnic will be Friday, September 29th. Jen Charles has agreed to head up the picnic again this year (yay!). Ring Carde has agreed to fund 125 people’s worth of food. EGSA will be providing the alcohol (likely a Summerfest keg).

Vice President – Mary Sorenson had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Lisa Friedli was absent. I assume no major problems with money.

Minister of Truth – Jennifer Henke. As usual, I have nothing.

ISAC Representative – Mary reported that 6 students have confirmed for the fall. We had 1 late application, and potentially 2 students are visiting. So we may be up to 9 students.

As for the TA changes, we will now be filling out major forms to deal with TA requirements. Please see the forms that have been sent out now twice, or you can see Mary. Basically, the main thing is that you will have to fill this out online by June 1st, and if you want a specific class, the professor of the class needs to request you as well.

Another change in teaching is that Ent 10 TAs will now be required to have taken Ent 100 (somewhere). Not a major change, but means that our students will be the ones teaching our courses.

Congratulations to Candice for receiving the Outstanding Teaching Assistant of the Year!

GSA Representative – Rachel Mohr reported that we approved a very tight budget for next year. So they may be less generous when it comes to travel grants (but maybe not). We did not approve the UCSA budget because they are playing dirty politics.

As for elections, the 4 propositions (constitutions changes and fee increases) all passed, but there were not enough voters. But thanks for voting.

The appointed positions are opening up. Look for an email about Travel Grant Coordinator, Academic Affairs Officer, Secretary, and other exciting positions.

T-Shirt Committee – Chair Emily Symmes is looking for a replacement. This will likely be Amy Sage.

Computer Committee: Chair Rachel admitted that she thought she had ordered the computer, but it was only ordered on Friday. It should be here this week. The bad computers are leaving. New licenses for virus protection and SAS are going in on Saturday. The webpage and pictures have been updated. Rachel was reminded that she will need a replacement next year.

Outreach Committee: Mary encouraged people to sign up for Orange Blossom Festival for Saturday and Sunday (May 20-21). The sheet is outside of the mailroom.

Chair Jen C. encouraged someone to help Candice with the Friday, May 26th outreach. First graders are touring our department and Plant Pathology. 10-11:30 and 12:30-2 are the times. Let Candice know if you can help with one or both.

Tuesday, June 6 – 9-1 in Van Nuys. We are using a university van to get there, and it is a paid outreach (\$100 for the club). Let Jen C. know if you can help.

We did a lot of outreaches this year. Yay! Jen C. is going to cook for outreach people!

Recruitment Committee: Chair Jen H. reported that Jesse Hoteling was coming to visit Tuesday, May 16 and one more potentially coming to visit.

Social Committee: Chair Candice asked how the social went. Jen C. (official donations wrangler) announced that we brought in at least \$120 in donations. Between that and the reimbursement from GSA for the food, this social was a net profit, perhaps one of the first in EGSA history! Yay for Jen C. and those that helped out! Boo to us for not taking pictures.

It was suggested that we have a summer Tiki social again. So if you're excited to this, then let the next president know.

Travel Grants: Chair Deane Zahn was absent, but the folder is in her mailbox. She said that things were fine, and we've given some grants. Yay!

Seminar Committee: Chair Jeremy Allison was absent, but see him if you have suggestions for seminar speakers.

Exam Committee: If you have questions to donate, give them to Chair Cassie Vasquez.

New Business

After the election results are announced, the new ISAC representative will need to be chosen. If you are interested, then talk with the next president.

Next Meeting: will be set by the next president.

Meeting adjourned by Candice at 5:51 pm

Closing remarks:

“There are people who think that everything one does with a serious face is sensible.”

~Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

“Those are my principles, and if you don’t like them... well, I have others.” ~Groucho Marx

Attendees:

Betsy Boyd, Jennifer Charles, Jennifer Henke, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Chrissy Romero, Mary Sorensen, Candice Stafford, Emily Symmes, and Genet Tulgetske.