

*Dear Entomophiles,*

*I have finally compiled the minutes from the October 1<sup>st</sup> EGSA meeting. It was great to see so many new graduate students in attendance.*

*- Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth*

President Deane Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:24 pm. Future meetings will begin at 5:15 pm.

Minutes from June 4, 2007 meeting were approved.

**Officer Elections:**

*President – Deane Zahn (elected last June)*

*Vice President – Jason Mottern (ran unopposed)*

*Treasurer – Rebeccah Waterworth (also ran unopposed)*

*Minister of Truth – Chris Briggs (remarkably, was unopposed)*

**Committee Signups:**

*Computer Committee – Chris Briggs, Do-Hyoung Kim, Guanyang Zhang*

*Craft Fair Committee – Deane Zahn, Rebeccah Waterworth*

*Exam Committee – Genet Tulgetske*

*GSA Representatives (2) – Wei Song, Jen Wright*

*Outreach Committee – Rebeccah Waterworth, Jen Henke, Jen Wright, Wei Song, Adena Why*

*Recruitment Committee – Jen Henke, Rebeccah Waterworth, Kristen Hladun, Jen Wright, Melanie O’Day*

*Seminar Committee – Jen Henke, Allison Hansen*

*Social Committee – Mary Sorensen (in December), Kristen Hladun, Jen Charles-Tollerup, Allison Hansen*

*Travel Grant Committee – Deane Zahn*

*Merchandise Committee – Mary Sorensen (until December), Elissa Wampler, Adena Why, Do-Hyoung Kim*

Deane suggested that each committee choose a Committee Chair to be her contact person.

**Officer Reports:**

*President – Deane Zahn introduced herself, and suggested that new graduate students sign up for the EGSA email list-serve on our website: [egsa.ucr.edu](http://egsa.ucr.edu).*

*Camping trip recap – It was fun. Thank you to all who came. Thank you for donations of equipment (especially Jen C. and Steve McElfresh). Ask Rebeccah for reimbursements.*

*Welcome Back Picnic recap – The courtyard may have a weird vibe. We need help sorting stuff in Boyden (Taylor offered to help).*

*Update your student page at: [www.entomology.ucr.edu/graduate\\_students/](http://www.entomology.ucr.edu/graduate_students/) Do this by submitting information to Cherie Skinner in the Entomology main office.*

*Student Seminar Day recap – This was fine; it was nice and short. Awards (\$100 cash) for talks and posters were given as follows:*

Masters:	Poster: Geoff Robertson
	Talk: Mirtza Millard
PhD:	Poster: Dong-Hwan Choe
	Talk: John Lytle

*Vice President – Allison Hansen reminded us that a conference in South Africa is calling for papers now.*

*Treasurer – Past treasurer Jennifer Charles-Tollerup gave an update on our account balance and gave her annual report (see handout on last two pages).*

*ISAC Representative – Genet Tugetske had nothing to report.*

Deane Zahn: Genet is the liaison for graduate students for issues with the Entomology Department.

Allison Hansen: And fighting against requirements can be worth it.

### **New Business:**

*Seminar Selection – Jen Henke shared that we have already made our selections for this year's student-selected speakers. Dr. Michael Raupp is the first and will be visiting from Maryland on October 29. The other two speakers will visit next May. Jen will send out emails to invite students to go to lunch with the speaker, and students are welcome to schedule individual time to meet with the speaker. We can also go out to dinner with the speaker and others after the talk if we ask.*

*Outreach Coordinator Position (Faculty in charge is Alec Gerry) – The student coordinator position was approved by the department, however incoming money is no longer given directly to the EGSA due to liability issues (i.e.: Car crashes are complicated without insurance.) So, the money from our outreaches will be paid to UC Regents, put in an account under the Entomology Department, and will be available to us (entomology grad students) as travel grants. Therefore, our socials won't be very posh unless we raise money elsewhere. However, we get to continue funding graduate student travel, and our travel grants may get bigger as a result of the above changes.*

**Note #1:** Qualification for a \$100 EGSA travel grant is based on completion of one of the following:

- a) Give at least three outreach presentations;
- b) Volunteer at a minimum of two EGSA events, or
- c) Any combination of (a) and (b). Please discuss possible combinations with the Travel Grant Committee chair (Deane Zahn).

Only service within the current academic year will apply. During the Fall quarter, service within the previous year will apply.

The EGSA travel grant application form is due a minimum of two weeks before the first day of your trip.

**Note #2:** “Outreach and Display” is an option for earning departmental funding. (Other options include working as a TA or helping in the Entomology Research Museum.) Email Dr. Mike Rust if you are interested in helping with outreach. Dr. Rust hopes to find the Outreach Coordinator within the next week. (Insider information: This position has since been filled.)

*Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America* (Dec. 9-12) – The early Bird deadline for registration is October 11, and is November 9 for housing.

Attendance – applying for travel grants and GSA grants (for presenters): GSA grant applications are due before Nov. 1. They award about \$300, and our department adds another \$300.

Booth – We will have a table with recruitment brochures and merchandise. Volunteer staffers include Jen Charles-Tollerup, Rebeccah Waterworth, Genet Tulgetske, Deane Zahn, Jason Mottern, and Kristen Hladun (possibly).

*Upcoming outreaches:*

**Pomona Insect Fair – October 20-21, 9am – 4pm**

Bronco Student Center  
California Polytechnic University, Pomona  
3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona, CA 91786

For vendor applications contact: Dr. Richard S. Kaae

Email: [weevilways@earthlink.net](mailto:weevilways@earthlink.net)

Home phone: 714-960-8022

Work phone: 909-869-2183

- Taylor Lura says that we can get a free table in exchange for 20 Madagascar hissing cockroaches.

**Preview Day – October 27, 8:30am – 1pm**

If outreach people are interested in setting up a table display, please contact:  
[Robert.penman@ucr.edu](mailto:Robert.penman@ucr.edu) or [Jolene.tuz@ucr.edu](mailto:Jolene.tuz@ucr.edu).

*Next Social* – It is usually around Halloween with a Linnean Team match included

*EGSA Camera* – A digital camera is available from Allison Hansen for taking pictures of research or EGSA events. Please remove pictures from the camera when you are done.

*Café EGSA?* – Allison Hansen suggested that EGSA take over the Trumble lab food area to earn some money. She asked whether this should be done by a new committee, and whether it would be profitable. Mary replied that we would need someone to clean and restock the area every day, and that the Trumble lab might help with maintenance if EGSA buys goods when they are needed. With the prospect of help from the Trumble lab, Kristen Hladun and Jen Wright were interested in getting involved.

*T-Shirt Committee* – We will have another design contest for this year's T-shirts. The design can involve two colors at most, not counting the color of the shirt. We will vote on submissions in the next few weeks, so break out those crayons!

*Craft Fair Committee* – The Craft Fair is the main money-making event for EGSA. We provide a space for people affiliated with UCR to sell their crafts, and the EGSA gets a fraction of their profits. The Fair will be held December 6, 2007. We will need help setting up and advertising. Volunteers include Rebeccah Waterworth, Jen Henke, Jen Wright, and Adena Why.

*Linnean Team* – The EGSA Linnean Team is similar to a College Quiz Bowl, based on knowledge of entomology trivia. If you are interested, contact the team captain (Jen Henke) to sit in on practices.

Members – Casey Butler, Jen Henke (captain), Apostolos Kapranas, Jason Mottern, Rebeccah Waterworth, Deane Zahn  
Coach – Darcy Reed

*Bank of America Accounts* – Jen Henke, Deane Zahn, Rebeccah Waterworth, and Chris Briggs need to go to Bank of America to change account permissions. Our EGSA account will be put in the names of our current president (Deane Zahn) and current treasurer (Rebeccah Waterworth), and the Minister of Truth (Chris Briggs) must be present as a witness.

***Next Meeting – Monday, November 5 at 5:15pm in the large conference room.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

**Attendees:**

Sunghoon Baek  
Chris Briggs  
Jennifer Charles-Tollerup  
Allison Hansen  
Jennifer Henke  
Kristen Hladun  
Do-Hyoung Kim  
Taylor Lura  
Jason Mottern  
Melanie O'Day  
Wei Song  
Mary Sorensen  
Genet Tulgetske  
Elissa Wampler  
Rebeccah Waterworth  
Adena Why  
Jennifer Wright

Deane Zahn  
Guanyang Zhang

**Transaction Detail****September 2006 - September 2007**

Initial, MiniGrant	\$ 194.55
Initial, Cash, Change	\$ 32.50
Initial, Cash, Bills	\$ 321.00
Initial, BofA	\$ 692.64
<b>Total Initial</b>	<b>\$ 1,240.69</b>
Expense, Student Semiar Day, Food and Drink	\$ (222.00)
Expense, Socials	\$ (995.99)
Expense, Returned Check plus Fee	\$ (35.00)
Expense, Reimbursement, BEUSA, Outreach	\$ (585.00)
Expense, Merchandise, T-shirt and Mug Costs	\$ (2,598.03)
Expense, Picnic 2006, Activities	\$ (35.00)
Expense, Graduate Student Camp Trip, Food and Drink	\$ (74.00)
Expense, EGSA Meeting, Pizza	\$ (627.00)
Expense, Disbursement, miniGrant	\$ (1,300.00)
Expense, Craft Fair	\$ (183.83)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (6,655.85)</b>
Donations, Ulimited Access	\$ 1.50
Donations, Socials	\$ 645.00
Donations, Random	\$ 1.00
Donations, Outreach	\$ 3,073.00
Donations, Merchandise	\$ 2,264.00
Donations, Craft Fair	\$ 1,295.33
Donation, Reimbursement, miniGSA	\$ 365.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$ 7,644.83</b>

### **Comparison of Select Expenses and Donations**

Expense, Socials \$	(995.99)
Donations, Socials \$	645.00
Expense, Reimbursement, BEUSA, Outreach \$	(585.00)
Donations, Outreach \$	3,073.00
Expense, Merchandise, T-shirt and Mug Costs \$	(2,598.03)
Donations, Merchandise \$	2,264.00
Expense, EGSA Meeting, Pizza \$	(627.00)
Donation, Reimbursement, miniGSA \$	365.00
Expense, Craft Fair \$	(183.83)
Donations, Craft Fair \$	1,295.33

*Dearest Entomophiles, the minutes follow.  
- Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth*

President Deane Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:19 pm.

Minutes from October 1, 2007 meeting were approved.

**Special Guest:** Susan Won introduced herself. She is an Academic Affairs Officer in the Graduate Student Association, and she represents the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS) this year. She meets with Dean Cooksey once per month and acts as our liaison. In their last meeting, Susan brought up the issues of graduate student representation for the choice of a new dean and financial support for the interdisciplinary graduate student conference held on campus.

**Officer Reports:**

*President* – Deane Zahn had nothing to report.

*Vice President* – Jason Mottern will send out an email with information about international conferences.

*Treasurer* – Rebeccah Waterworth was not present, but included a summary of our finances:

As of November 2, 2007:	Bank of America:	\$2918.49
	Cash:	\$638.81
	Mini-grants:	\$100.34

We also made \$271.00 at the Pomona Insect Fair by selling T-shirts and mugs.

*ISAC Representative* – Genet Tulgetske was not present, but Allison Hansen shared Genet's message from the most recent ISAC meeting. She received ten responses to her request for student input about classes, and presented a summary to ISAC. The summary is attached. Allison noted that if students want to take a specialized entomology course that is not offered in a given quarter, we can request to take it as a ENTM 290 course.

*GSA Representatives* – Wei Song Hwang and Jennifer Wright reported that discussions at the last GSA meeting included (1) increasing travel grant caps and (2) giving students \$75 for traveling to conferences even without presenting.

**Committee Reports:**

*Craft Fair Committee* – Deane has sent out an email soliciting vendors for our Craft Fair on December 6, 2007. She has received no commitments yet, so she encourages us to find people who make things to come and sell their wares. A bluegrass band has offered to come and perform for free, so we may have them come at lunch, along with the bagpipers from last year (Dong-Hwan Choe and Erik Ragsdale).

Members: Rebeccah Waterworth, Deane Zahn (chair)

*Exam Committee* – Genet Tulgetske has a folder of old qualifying exams on her desk.

Members: Genet Tulgetske (chair)

*Merchandise Committee* – The T-shirt design contest has begun, and designs are posted near the administration office. Please vote. Also, we need to count existing merchandise to see if we have enough for the craft fair.

Members: Do-Hyoung Kim, Mary Sorensen, Elissa Wampler (chair), Adena Why

*Outreach Committee* – The members thanked volunteers and announced the Ecostar outreach on December 2, where there is space for vendors.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Taylor Lura (chair), Wei Song Hwang, Rebeccah Waterworth, Adena Why, Jennifer Wright

*Recruitment Committee* – There may be one student headed for the Heraty lab. Jason held a moment of silence.

Members: Jennifer Henke (chair), Kristen Hladun, Melanie O'Day, Cassie Vasquez, Rebeccah Waterworth, Jennifer Wright

*Seminar Committee* – “Jen Henke is on it.”

Members: Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke (chair)

*Social Committee* – The Harvest Social is coming up at 5pm November 16, 2007. Jen C. is in charge; email her with questions. The social will include a judged baking contest, with a \$15 prize of EGSA merchandise. Taylor and Jen W. volunteered to be judges. Deane needs to book the conference room for the Linnaean competition, as well as the main lobby. We need to get professors to compete, and the questions will start flying around 5:30pm.

Members: Jen Charles-Tollerup (chair), Allison Hansen, Kristen Hladun, Cassie Vasquez

*Travel Grant Committee* – Three people have applied so far, and the money is only for people presenting at the conference. As far as we can tell, the \$100 grant is not matched by the department. [Revision: The Entomology Department matches up to \$500 in travel grants received by a student. This money can be from multiple sources, including the EGSA and GSA.]

Members: Deane Zahn (chair)

**New Business:**

*Annual Meeting of the Entomological Association of America* – We talked about applying for travel grants and EGSA grants for presenters, and confirmed that we have staffers for our booth at the conference.

*No Café EGSA* – The Trumble lab is not comfortable with an expansion of the already questionably legal vending area. It will just stay small.

*Merchandise Committee* – The winning T-shirt design will be announced at the Harvest Social. Another T-shirt order will probably be submitted before the Craft Fair and ESA conference. If anyone has ideas about new types of merchandise, let Elissa know.

Deane: “Pens!”

Melanie: “Stuffed-animal insects!”

*Craft Fair Committee* – Even if the things you make are dumb, come sell them. Items can also be donated to EGSA, and we will sell them instead. Vendors are only asked to give us 5% of their profits for the day.

*Next social?* – Last year, we had a Wine and Cheese social in February. Allison and Rebeccah are interested in getting a group of musicians together to play classical, jazz, or blues music. We don’t want to crowd the department holiday social with our plans, though, because according to Deane, “They bring in a shtons of food.”

Did our Department Chair Ring Cardé steal a box of mugs? No, he paid for those.

**Next Meeting – Monday, December 3 at 5:15pm in the large conference room.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

**Attendees:**

Chris Briggs  
Allison Hansen  
Kristen Hladun  
Wei Song Hwang  
Taylor Lura  
Jason Mottern  
Melanie O’Day  
Mary Sorensen  
Adena Why  
Susan Won  
Jennifer Wright  
Deane Zahn

*Dearest Entomophiles, the minutes follow.  
- Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth*

President Deane Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Minutes from the November 5, 2007 meeting were approved with the following revisions:

- (1) "Linnaean" was misspelled, and
- (2) a revision was needed regarding fund-matching by the Entomology Department for travel grants. (The department will match up to \$500 from multiple sources for a given trip.)

**Officer Reports:**

*President* – Deane Zahn passed around a sign-up sheet for helping at the Craft Fair.

*Vice President* – Jason Mottern reported that the ESA meeting is coming up.

*Treasurer* – Rebeccah Waterworth reported:

As of November 2, 2007:	Bank of America:	\$3038.47
	Cash:	\$422.27
	Mini-grants:	\$0.34 (\$100 will be replaced here after a mistake by the accounting department.)

Rebeccah asked that outreach checks be brought to her so that she can sign them over to the department.

*ISAC Representative* – Genet Tulgetske reported that the information in her last report to ISAC will be taken to a different level; namely, the Entomology faculty meeting. The faculty as a group will then decide which courses to keep.

*GSA Representatives* – Wei Song Hwang and Jennifer Wright asked about our status as a mini-GSA. (Deane says that we are indeed one of those.) The GSA has a new Financial Officer, responsible for travel grant approval, among other things. UCR is also going through WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation, and sometime soon there will be an open forum for any students to talk about the quality of education at UCR.

**Committee Reports:**

*Craft Fair Committee* – Presented with other New Business

Members: Rebeccah Waterworth, Deane Zahn (chair)

*Exam Committee* – Genet Tulgetske has a folder of old qualifying exams in her mailbox.

Members: Genet Tulgetske (chair)

*Merchandise Committee* – Elissa Wampler reported that orders of three T-shirt designs are in, including the famous “smog borer” in a relevant grey. She suggested that we sell old misspelled shirts for \$3, and donate the unsold remainder.

Members: Do-Hyoung Kim, Mary Sorensen, Elissa Wampler (chair), Adena Why

*Outreach Committee* – There are no upcoming outreaches because of winter break, and Cherie Skinner is in charge of printing our new department outreach brochures.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Taylor Lura (chair), Wei Song Hwang, Rebeccah Waterworth, Adena Why, Jennifer Wright

*Seminar Committee* – Jen Henke thanked students for joining speakers for lunches this quarter, and reminded us to check our email about the talk the following week.

Members: Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke (chair)

*Social Committee* – The Harvest Social was a success, and we were glad to see that so many people lingered and enjoyed each others’ company.

Members: Jennifer Charles-Tollerup (chair), Allison Hansen, Kristen Hladun, Cassie Vasquez

*Travel Grant Committee* – Deane Zahn reported that not all travel grant applications have been processed, and she is (was) still working on them.

Members: Deane Zahn (chair)

**New Business:**

*Craft Fair* – Including the EGSA and the honey table, we will have eleven vendors! This makes it the biggest craft fair ever! Dong-Hwan Choe and Erik Ragsdale will play their bagpipes to chase, er, lead people into the courtyard around lunchtime. Deane passed around a sheet to sign up to help with various aspects:

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| Before Thursday: | Pass out flyers – put half-sheet flyers on colored paper in the faculty and staff mailboxes of all departments on campus |
|                  | Purchase food for the lunch – hot dogs, buns, condiments   |
| Day of:          | Work the EGSA table – sell honey, donated items, T-shirts  |
|                  | Set up or clean up – post signs giving directions to the courtyard, and remove them later                                |
|                  | Lunch prep – take money so that the dedicated cook can concentrate   |

*Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America* – We passed around another sign-up sheet to help staff the EGSA booth at the ESA meeting. Sign-ups were for two-hour segments, and rumors flew about Ring Cardé asking our department faculty to help staff the booth.

*Working scanner for computer lab* – Melanie O’Day asked about how to get a scanner for the Boyden computer lab. The current equipment does not work. Chris Briggs said that there is money available to buy things for the Boyden lab, and that a scanner should be simple to procure. Others also suggested purchasing a color LaserJet printer, since they can be found for about \$300. Chris then gave the impression that he would work on finding both.

*Bioquip Open house* – Adena Why announced that Bioquip is having an open house December 15, 2007 from noon – 6 pm. The owner, Louise Fall, extends a personal invitation to EGSA to attend. They have raffles for gift cards worth \$50, as well as food, drink, discounts, and sale items. There is a link on their website, and Art Evans will be there.

*Soda bottles* – Jen Henke asked for donations of empty two-liter bottles for a demonstration at the ESA conference.

*Mugs* – Adena Why reported that \$300 is the cheapest order for more mugs, and plans to have EGSA put up the money for the order, as is usually the case.

*EGSA eligibility* – Chris Briggs had a question from Donald Beasley. Donald asked whether there are any restrictions on membership in the EGSA, which may be important if someone asks for a travel grant without clear connections to our department. Deane Zahn pointed out that we have conditions on eligibility for our grants, including participation in outreaches. Otherwise, the general consensus was that any student whose professor is in the Entomology Department is automatically a member of EGSA.

**Next Meeting – Monday, January 7, 2008 at 5:15pm in the large conference room.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

**Attendees:**

Chris Briggs  
Allison Hansen  
Jennifer Henke  
Wei Song Hwang  
Jason Mottern  
Melanie O’Day  
Mary Sorensen  
Genet Tulgetske  
Elissa Wampler  
Rebeccah Waterworth  
Adena Why  
Jennifer Wright  
Deane Zahn  
Guanyang Zhang

President Deane Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:23 pm. She also introduced Elizabeth Murray, a new student in the department.

Minutes from the December 3, 2007 meeting were approved.

**Officer Reports:**

*President* – Deane Zahn had nothing to report.

*Vice President* – Jason Mottern had nothing to report.

*Treasurer* – Rebeccah Waterworth presented a summary of our finances:

As of January 5, 2008:

Bank of America:	\$4390.10
Cash:	\$ 771.32
Profit from craft fair:	\$1644.90
Profit from ESA meeting:	\$ 512.00

(merchandise and honey combined)

This was our best Craft Fair so far in terms of profits, since in 2005 we made about \$1100, and made about \$1200 in 2006. Dr. Visscher was very generous with his honey; he sold us honey for \$20 per box, and we then sold it for \$40 per box. He essentially only charged us for the bottles.

*Minister of Truth* – Chris Briggs had nothing to report.

*ISAC Representative* – Genet Tulgetske had nothing to report.

*GSA Representatives* – Wei Song Hwang and Jennifer Wright reported that while the last Grad Bash (held at The Barn) ran out of food, the issue is being worked on for future events, so do not lose hope!

**Committee Reports:**

*Computer Committee* – Chris Briggs reported that we now have a scanner / color printer in the Boyden computer lab. He has a Purchase Order being processed for Photoshop software for one of the computers.

Members: Chris Briggs (chair), Do-Hyoung Kim, Guanyang Zhang

*Craft Fair Committee* – Deane Zahn reported that the Craft Fair was held in the Entomology Courtyard rather than someplace else on campus because the courtyard is free for us to use, while other parts of campus have associated fees.

Members: Rebeccah Waterworth, Deane Zahn (chair)

*Merchandise Committee* – Elissa Wampler reported that we sold all of our newest T-shirt design, ensuring its place in fashion fame. She had prices for a new mug order, and said that the final counts of merchandise sold at the Craft Fair and the ESA meeting are

unknown. Jennifer Charles-Tollerup pointed out that in the past we've often only counted merchandise before new events to ensure that we have enough.

Members: Do-Hyoung Kim, Elissa Wampler (chair), Adena Why

*Outreach Committee* – Taylor Lura asked people to sign up for events on January 15 and February 2; she will send email reminders.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Taylor Lura (chair), Wei Song Hwang, Rebeccah Waterworth, Adena Why, Jennifer Wright

*Recruitment Committee* – Jennifer Henke had no new information.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Kristen Hladun, Melanie O'Day, Cassie Vasquez, Rebeccah Waterworth, Jennifer Wright

*Seminar Committee* – Jennifer Henke had no new information.

Members: Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke (chair)

*Social Committee* – Jennifer Charles-Tollerup is arranging a Mardi Gras social for February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Members: Jennifer Charles-Tollerup (chair), Allison Hansen, Kristen Hladun, Cassie Vasquez

*Travel Grant Committee* – Deane Zahn gave travel grant information to Estella and Millie in the Entomology office. Please submit information from ESA as soon as possible. The travel expense worksheets are by Ralph Fowler's desk. Genet mentioned that the department reimburses for food, while the GSA does not. Deane said that it would be a while before money is distributed from the department, since they often wait to receive a check from GSA first. Deane also asked that in the future we use the travel grant application forms found in her mailbox.

Members: Deane Zahn (chair)

**New Business:**

*Pacific Branch meeting* – Deadlines for paper submission are online (and since postponed to January 31). The registration deadline is also January 31.

*Ecological Society of America* – Abstract deadlines are approaching (February 29).

*Café Press* – Dustin Vanoverbeke brought up an online T-shirt printing company (Café Press) that prints, sells, and ships T-shirts. All we do is buy an account for the number of designs and colors we want, and the site does the rest. A possible benefit is that when we run out of colors or sizes at an event, we can point people to the website. Dustin will

look more carefully at costs and report back at the next meeting, and is thrilled by the thought that he will then be in the middle of his qualifying exams.

“*Geek-chic*” – Jennifer Wright suggested that we make jackets or hoodies for the Linnaean Team, or to wear on outreaches, possibly in a vintage design. Dustin quickly conjured up the phrase “*Geek-chic*” to reflect his mental images of the likely results.

*Butterfly design* – Adena and Elissa mentioned that they are looking for a new butterfly T-shirt design for girls and children. Deane suggested that they come up with some designs and bring them to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting – Monday, February 4, 2008 at 5:15pm in the large conference room.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

**Attendees:**

Chris Briggs  
Jennifer Charles-Tollerup  
Wei Song Hwang  
Taylor Lura  
Jason Mottern  
Elizabeth Murray  
Melanie O’Day  
Genet Tulgetske  
Dustin Vanoverbeke  
Casandra Vasquez  
Elissa Wampler  
Rebeccah Waterworth  
Adena Why  
Jennifer Wright  
Deane Zahn  
Guanyang Zhang

*Dearest Entomophiles, the minutes follow.*  
*- Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth*

President Deane Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:26 pm.

Minutes from January 7, 2008 meeting were approved.

**Officer Reports:**

*President* – Deane Zahn had nothing to report.

*Vice President* – Jason Mottern reported that we are low on sodas for EGSAs meetings, and the beer had to be hastily redistributed throughout the building after EH&S was flustered at seeing it all in the first floor cold room.

*Treasurer* – Rebeccah Waterworth presented a summary of our finances:

Bank of America:	\$4557.59
Cash:	\$622.32

Deane: “We’re rich!”

*ISAC Representative* – Genet Tulgetske reported that the department has received some applications for graduate students to enter in Fall 2008. The department has funding for ten new students: 6 U.S. residents and 4 international students. Most of the applications are for the Master’s program. (Yes, as ISAC Representative Genet gets to see the applications.)

*GSA Representatives* – Wei Song Hwang and Jennifer Wright reported on:

- Grad Fest applications – the EEOB department has issued a call for topics to be presented at their symposium on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Genet: These events are good practice for giving presentations, and the food is plentiful.

- UCR Homecoming – February 19-23. The HEAT music festival will be held in conjunction, on Feb. 23. The GSA has requested that in the future, the number of tickets reserved for graduate students reflect the proportion of the student body that they comprise (about one-sixth).

▪ UC Regents – have been given \$33 million less for upcoming budget. Estimated 7% or more fee increase expected. Less funding from Graduate Division expected. This is an issue mainly for incoming graduate students.

- GSA Vice President Louise Hendrickson elected as UCSA President.
- UC Student Regent application open, due Feb. 21, 2008 (2 year position).
- Student Lobby Conference in Sacramento in March – GSA will pay for student travel and accommodation (already filled).
- Mini-GSA reimbursements – there is an extra form for our Treasurer to fill out.

## **Committee Reports:**

*Computer Committee* – Chris Briggs reported that Photoshop software is installed in the Boyden computer lab, on the computer attached to the color printer.

Members: Chris Briggs (chair), Do-Hyoung Kim, Guanyang Zhang

*Exam Committee* – Genet Tulgetske has a folder of old qualifying exams in her mailbox, which results in a fair amount of harassment because it suggests that she never checks her mail.

Members: Genet Tulgetske (chair)

*Merchandise Committee* – Elissa Wampler reported that Dr. Carde will buy 40 more mugs for the department.

Members: Do-Hyoung Kim, Elissa Wampler (chair), Adena Why

*Outreach Committee* – Taylor Lura reported that we have two upcoming outreaches, on Feb. 23 and 28. Jen Henke has already agreed to help.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Taylor Lura (chair), Wei Song Hwang, Rebeccah Waterworth, Adena Why, Jennifer Wright

*Recruitment Committee* – Jennifer Henke reported that when once accept applications from incoming students, she will send out emails to ask us to join the students for lunch and give them places to stay when they visit.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Kristen Hladun, Melanie O'Day, Cassie Vasquez, Rebeccah Waterworth, Jennifer Wright

*Social Committee* – The Mardi Gras Social will be held Friday, February 15 in the first floor lobby. Kristen is recruiting help, and asked about sources for good fried chicken and cheap beads.

Members: Jen Charles-Tollerup (chair), Allison Hansen, Kristen Hladun, Cassie Vasquez

*Travel Grant Committee* – Travel grant applications are due March 1 for the ESA meeting in Napa.

Members: Deane Zahn (chair)

**New Business:**

Jen Wright: Sweatshirts are way too expensive, so she suggested a bag design to the Merchandise Committee. The bag would be a co-op bag or large shopping bag with a design on it – possibly a butterfly. Suggested prices were \$10, and our first order could be 20 bags. The Merchandise Committee plans to investigate further.

Deane Zahn: Our department is conducting a search to fill a new faculty position, for an Invasive Species Ecologist / Entomologist. The search committee needs a graduate student to join them to help review applications and rate the applicants. They prefer the help of an experienced student, and the individual cannot be part of the Trumble, Klotz, Morse, or Hare labs because of potential conflicts of interest. Serving on the committee involves about 1.5 – 2 hours for a meeting on each candidate, time coordinating lunches with students, and time to review 25-30 applications. The student then has one vote regarding selection. This can be good exposure to the selection process. Deane needs a student name by Friday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

***Next Meeting – Monday, March 3, 2008 at 5:15pm in the large conference room.***

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

**Attendees:**

Chris Briggs  
Jennifer Henke  
Kristen Hladun  
Wei Song Hwang  
Taylor Lura  
Jason Mottern  
Elizabeth Murray  
Melanie O'Day  
Genet Tulgetske  
Casandra Vasquez  
Elissa Wampler  
Rebeccah Waterworth  
Jennifer Wright  
Deane Zahn

*Dearest Entomophiles, the minutes follow.  
- Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth*

President Deane Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Minutes from the February 4, 2008 meeting were approved.

**Officer Reports:**

*Vice President* – Jason Mottern reported that for people going to the International Congress of Entomology in South Africa, the due date for abstract submissions has been extended to March 8. They will still accept submissions after that date, but there is no guarantee that you will receive a slot for a verbal presentation.

*Treasurer* – Rebeccah Waterworth was not present; a summary of our finances as of March 2, 2008 follows:

Bank of America:	\$4405.18
Cash:	\$656.32
Total spent on Mardi Gras Social:	\$260
Donations from social:	\$106 and \$15 iTunes gift card (used as a raffle item in the future?)

*ISAC Representative* – Genet Tulgetske reported that the department has accepted seven graduate applications so far, and has received no acceptance notices yet. The seven consist of three domestic M.S. students, two domestic Ph.D. students, and two international Ph.D. students.

*GSA Representatives* – Wei Song Hwang and Jennifer Wright reported that a graduate student survey is being circulated.

**Committee Reports:**

*Exam Committee* – Genet Tulgetske has a folder of old qualifying exams in her mailbox.

Members: Genet Tulgetske (chair)

*Merchandise Committee* – Elissa Wampler reported that she will order canvas tote bags, more “Bugs run the world” shirts, darker “Smog-borer” shirts, and damselfly and polo shirts. Deane asked that the profit margins on our merchandise be emailed to her.

Genet: “Are you ordering kid’s sizes?”

Adena: “Yes.”

Deane: “Especially for Bugging Out [in the Garden]. Grandparents love buying those.”

Genet: “Did you just call me a grandparent?”

Members: Do-Hyoung Kim, Elissa Wampler (chair), Adena Why

*Outreach Committee* – Taylor Lura reported that we have an hour-long outreach on March 14 at an elementary school in Fallbrook.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Taylor Lura (chair), Wei Song Hwang, Rebeccah Waterworth, Adena Why, Jennifer Wright

*Recruitment Committee* – Jennifer Henke reported that we'll have visits from prospective students soon. Our roles are to be hosts, eat food with them, and be generally enticing.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Kristen Hladun, Melanie O'Day, Cassie Vasquez, Rebeccah Waterworth, Jennifer Wright

*Seminar Committee* – Jennifer Henke reported that we will host the two student-invited speakers in May.

Members: Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke (chair)

*Social Committee* – Jennifer Charles-Tollerup stepped down as chairperson, and Allison Hansen was appointed in her place. Deane started a discussion about EGSA expenditures on department socials. We concluded that the Social Committee should plan to spend less than \$200 per social, and shop around for deals on food, alcohol, and decorations. Other suggestions included reusing themes and decorations over multiple years, cutting back on expensive meat, providing interesting microbrews rather than wine, shopping at Costco for food and Trader Joe's for drinks, and investing in bushels of corndogs.

Members: Allison Hansen (chair), Kristen Hladun, Cassie Vasquez

**New Business:**

*Bugging Out in the Botanic Garden* – Jennifer Henke reported that this event is happening April 5-6. This is an outreach event and volunteers will be needed. The event includes a plant sale put on by the Garden staff, while the EGSA has four tables for playing games with kids.

*EGSA Outreach* – Deane Zahn led a discussion about a letter from Alec Gerry regarding EGSA involvement in outreach events. We brought up topics including how much advance notice from the school is required to conduct an outreach, insufficient notification to EGSA of upcoming outreaches, miscommunications among outreach personnel, at what point events are offered to all of EGSA rather than just the paid students, needs for constant email reminders, and needs for new information placards. Jennifer Henke offered to introduce new outreach students to the demonstration insects we have. Deane concluded that she will send Dr. Gerry's letter to the EGSA list for additional comments, and then write a reply.

*Job Search* – Allison Hansen reported that she is the student representative on a job search within the department. The search is for an Invasive Species Ecologist. Some talks by job candidates will be given on Thursdays. Please give her input about

impressions of the candidates, so that she can communicate our opinions to the search committee.

***Next Meeting – Monday, April 14, 2008 at 5:15pm in the large conference room.***

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

**Attendees:**

Chris Briggs  
Allison Hansen  
Jennifer Henke  
Kristen Hladun  
Wei Song Hwang  
Jason Mottern  
Elizabeth Murray  
Genet Tulgetske  
Elissa Wampler  
Adena Why  
Jennifer Wright  
Deane Zahn  
Guanyang Zhang

*Dearest Entomophiles,  
After a fair amount of chiding, I have completed the minutes – just in time for our  
next meeting.  
- Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth*

President Deane Zahn called the meeting to order at 4:23 pm.  
Minutes from the March 3, 2008 meeting were approved.

### **EGSA Outreach Involvement: Special Discussion**

Dr. Alec Gerry led a discussion of our Outreach Program. Dr. Gerry started with some opening points:

- He wants to improve the program and communication.
- He wants to carry knowledge over to following years.
- He may have started with some misconceptions about how the program works.
- He only has an oversight job; Outreach is mainly an EGSAs program.
- Dr. Gerry passed around a list showing the number of outreaches done by each student.

GSR = student paid by the department to do outreach

OC = outreach coordinator

DC = display coordinator

- In January and February, several outreaches were cancelled because of a lack of volunteers. Since then Dr. Gerry has limited GSRs to three outreaches per month, to reduce the total number of outreaches we offer.
- The EGSAs has been very involved in the bigger productions – are these more interesting or fun? Are the outreaches at schools mundane?
- What should Dr. Gerry assign GSRs to do? What can he expect to find volunteers for? Have the financial arrangements with the department changed our enthusiasm since last year?

We discussed many concerns and issues, including the following:

- Big outreaches are often on weekends, while school visits often conflict with core classes.
- A one-hour outreach can require three hours total.
- Taylor's weekly emails are helpful.
- It is helpful to know when outreaches must have volunteers to continue, and how many volunteers are needed.
- Coordinating outreaches is a difficult job for a first-year graduate student.
- Personal emails to students are often more effective in soliciting help.
- The EGSAs Outreach Committee and the Outreach Coordinator should probably interact more.
- Outreaches are cancelled seven days in advance if no volunteers are found in time.
- Maybe the outreach schedule should be posted on an iLearn site. The ENTM 250 roster includes all current students in the department.

- We may need a “carrot and stick” approach to securing volunteers. The “carrot” may currently be the travel grants, and a potential “stick” could be to make any lack of participation public information.
- Students supported by the department may be asked to perform outreaches.
- The Botany and Entomology Undergraduate Student Association (BEUSA) is still interested in outreach involvement. In return for their volunteer hours, we could give them financial support to attend undergraduate meetings, but such meetings are mostly for presenting research.
- If all graduate students did one outreach per quarter, we could do lots!
- We need a training program for new students and those unfamiliar with conducting outreaches.

We arrived at several conclusions:

- A presentation should be planned for the Student Seminar Day in September, with the goal of showing graduate students how to lead an outreach program.
- The EGSAs mission may need to be changed to include outreach. (The mission does currently include outreach.)
- An iLearn site for the Outreach Program needs to be investigated, probably through Leo Shouest.
- The email updates are currently helpful, but should include the number of student volunteers still needed for each outreach.
- The core entomology classes may need to be taken into account when scheduling outreaches during weekdays.
- Information sheets and keys for the “Oh, my!” displays are available or in the works.

Dr. Gerry concluded our discussion by saying that one of his main goals is to improve the outreach program for the next academic year (08-09).

### **Officer Reports:**

*Treasurer* – Rebeccah Waterworth presented a summary of our finances as of April 11, 2008:

Bank of America:	\$4573.56
Cash:	\$623.32
Income from the Urban Entomology Conference:	\$493
(with thanks to Melanie O’Day, Andrew Ernst, Jennifer Henke, and Rebeccah Waterworth)	
Income from Botanic Garden Sale: “Woot!”	\$356

*ISAC Representative* – Genet Tulgetske reported that the department has admitted six Ph.D. and four Master’s students, and four out of these ten students have accepted our offers. She does not know when she can tell us who these students are. Three additional students are admissible without funding, but no faculty members have signed for them. Signing for a student signifies that a faculty member is willing to take the student into their lab.

Regarding her survey about the classes that Entomology grad students want offered, Genet shared that we liked the techniques class option. The faculty is now developing one-unit modules to teach various research methods. Within the next two weeks she will survey us regarding these modules.

*GSA Representatives* – Wei Song Hwang and Jennifer Wright reported that we now pay \$15 less for health insurance, that an ice-cream social is being held this week along with GSA elections, and that 500 out of 2000 graduate students completed the survey about graduate experiences.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Computer Committee* – Chris Briggs reported that only three out of six computers in the Boyden Computer lab are working. His question, “Does anyone have a problem with that?” met with blessed complacency. (Insider update: As of late April, four of six are working.)

Members: Chris Briggs (chair), Do-Hyoung Kim, Guanyang Zhang

*Exam Committee* – Genet Tulgetske has a folder of old qualifying exams in her mailbox.

Members: Genet Tulgetske (chair)

*Merchandise Committee* – Elissa Wampler reported that the EGSA has made back the \$600 we spent on our last merchandise order. We have sold more than 60% of the T-shirts and tote bags. Elissa had some more information about the Café Press option for producing T-shirts, and offered to investigate the profit margins and report back.

Members: Do-Hyoung Kim, Elissa Wampler (chair), Adena Why

*Outreach Committee* – Taylor Lura thanked all who helped with the Botanic Gardens event: Lucio Rodriguez for providing cockroaches for the races; Rebeccah Waterworth, John Lytle, Jason Mottern, Deane Zahn, Elizabeth Murray, Sonali Deshpande, Kristen Hladun, Wei Song Hwang, Jen Thieme, Andrew Ernst, Guanyang Zhang, Elissa Wampler, Genet Tulgetske, Jen Wright, Frank Byrne, and Doug Yanega helped during the event, and with set-up and clean-up. Additionally, Taylor is always looking for tips and advice on outreach coordination.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Taylor Lura (chair), Wei Song Hwang, Rebeccah Waterworth, Adena Why, Jennifer Wright

*Recruitment Committee* – Jennifer Henke thanked all who have helped thus far with our prospective student visits.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Kristen Hladun, Melanie O’Day, Cassie Vasquez, Rebeccah Waterworth, Jennifer Wright

*Seminar Committee* – Jennifer Henke reported that we will host the two student-invited speakers in May.

- May 5, Dr. Marjorie Hoy, University of Florida
- May 19, Dr. Molly Hunter, University of Arizona

Members: Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke (chair)

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*Travel Grant Committee* – Deane Zahn reported that she will be discussing future travel grant eligibility with Dr. Rick Redak. Genet suggested that we change our focus from the number of outreaches to the number of hours worked. Taylor shared that graduate students are typically allotted four hours of service for each outreach they perform.

Members: Deane Zahn (chair)

**Next Meeting – Monday, May 12, 2008 at 5:15pm in the large conference room.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

**Attendees:**

Chris Briggs  
Alec Gerry  
Jennifer Henke  
Kristen Hladun  
Wei Song Hwang  
Taylor Lura  
Jason Mottern  
Elizabeth Murray  
Melanie O'Day  
Tom Perring  
Rick Redak  
Genet Tulgetske  
Dustin VanOverbeke  
Casandra Vasquez  
Elissa Wampler  
Rebeccah Waterworth  
Jennifer Wright  
Deane Zahn  
Guanyang Zhang

*Dearest Entomophiles, The minutes follow. - Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth*

President Deane Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.  
Minutes from the April 14, 2008 meeting were approved.

**Officer Reports:**

**Treasurer** – Rebeccah Waterworth presented a summary of our finances as of May 9, 2008:

Bank of America:	\$4633.56
Cash:	\$523.32

**ISAC Representative** – Genet Tulgetske thanked all those who responded to the Microtechniques Survey (14 graduates, 4 undergraduates, and 15 faculty). She will report back later on results of continuing discussions. Genet also shared that a total of five new students have accepted our offers of admission to the department. We have another student visiting on Tuesday, May 13.

Genet reported on the ISAC (Instruction and Student Affairs Committee) meeting. Some faculty members are concerned about reinvigorating our recruitment of new graduate students, with the goal of receiving more numerous and higher quality applications. This led to a discussion of concerns stemming from the graduate student responses to job candidates – responses which included some thinly-veiled criticisms of the faculty in general. This, in turn, led to a discussion of a perceived disconnect between students and faculty within the department. Genet pointed out that this issue has surfaced almost every year, with varying triggers and responses. At our meeting we talked about ways that we see a disconnect, and ways we saw to improve relations with our faculty. We came to several conclusions:

1. New students (on campus visits or in their first year with us) can often feel neglected or ignored, and this may be partially responsible for recruitment levels. Uncomfortable feelings in students may stem from their perception of coldness or distance when walking through the halls.
2. No formal events or systems need to be instituted to address this issue. Instead, the meeting attendees agreed to make extra efforts to exemplify good social behavior: to say hello to faculty members in the halls, make eye contact, and generally be very approachable. This is especially important during Student Seminar Day and in the months afterward, when our new students are getting adjusted.

**GSA Representatives** – Jennifer Wright reported that (1) 30% of graduate students took the survey, (2) the Life Sciences building is constructing a vegetarian / vegan restaurant, (3) the Barn will host a happy hour Monday through Friday and will serve breakfast, (4) Phase 2 of the Commons will include a salad bar, (5) a Farmer's Market is being held today (May 12) as a trial run on Linden St. near the dorms, and (6) UCR currently employs a service that sorts all campus waste for recyclable items, but more dedicated bins are being distributed at the same time. The recycling effort is part of a goal to recycle 50% of all campus waste.

**Committee Reports:**

**Computer Committee** – Chris Briggs reported that a fourth computer in Boyden is now working, and he concluded from a short discussion that the peeling wall paint is not worth any

concern. Rebeccah asked that Chris compose a witty sign to tell folks to turn off the scanner when it is not in use.

Members: Chris Briggs (chair), Do-Hyoung Kim, Guanyang Zhang

**Craft Fair Committee** – Deane Zahn reported that the Craft Fair will be happening again in the fall. Rebeccah will help with advertisements. It is only \$5 to reserve a table, so work on your crafts now!

Members: Rebeccah Waterworth, Deane Zahn (chair)

**Exam Committee** – Genet Tulgetske: “Yup...”

Deane Zahn: “Yup?”

Genet: “Yup.”

Members: Genet Tulgetske (chair)

**Merchandise Committee** – Elissa Wampler reported that she is in touch with Dustin VanOverbeke about the online T-shirt company.

Members: Do-Hyoung Kim, Elissa Wampler (chair), Adena Why

**Outreach Committee** – Taylor Lura reported that while e-mail announcements have mentioned a few outreaches in June, information about additional outreaches is on its way.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Taylor Lura (chair), Wei Song Hwang, Rebeccah Waterworth, Adena Why, Jennifer Wright

**Recruitment Committee** – Jennifer Henke reported that we have a student visiting on Tuesday May 13. Drs. Walton and Beckage have signed for him.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Kristen Hladun, Melanie O’Day, Cassie Vasquez, Rebeccah Waterworth, Jennifer Wright

**Seminar Committee** – Jennifer Henke reported that we will host Dr. Molly Hunter on May 19. She is from the University of Arizona. Please sign up to join her for meals and discussions during her visit.

Members: Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke (chair)

**Social Committee** – Kristen Hladun led a discussion of possible dates for our next social. June 13 coincides with a large graduate student party (“Prom”), so we anticipate planning for either June 6 or June 20. We are also planning a social for graduate students this summer.

Members: Allison Hansen (chair), Kristen Hladun, Cassie Vasquez

### **New Business:**

**New EGSA President** – Deane Zahn reminded us that our election for EGSA president is coming up, so please think about great candidates. She nominated Jen Wright, and Jen accepted the nomination.

**Travel Grants** – Deane Zahn reported that she spoke with Dr. Rick Redak about Outreach incentives and participation. They discussed measures that could be implemented if Outreach

events do not attract enough participants. These measures increase in their “motivating power” from (1) to (3):

- (1) Have the Entomology Department stop matching GSA travel grants for students who do not participate in outreach. In other words, only students eligible for the EGSAs travel grant would have their GSA grants matched by the department.
- (2) Half-time T.A.s (10 hours/week) would spend their other 10 hours on outreach events.
- (3) Have students work during all three quarters, rather than the current system of giving students a “free” quarter with departmental support.

Deane pointed out that outreach is a mandate of our department and the University of California as a whole. As an alternative to the measures mentioned above, more students could start participating in outreach events. More outreaches make more money available for travel grants. We also discussed the possibility that graduate students may emulate faculty involvement in outreach events.

**Club Registration** – SOLAR is an online system for student clubs, and there is a requirement that our club president attend meetings to learn to use the system. Our new president will need to attend these meetings this summer. Deane Zahn also sent out an email about signing in on the SOLAR website to confirm participation in EGSAs.

**Faculty Award** – Jen Henke reminded us about nominating faculty members, so that we can recognize one at our next social. Deane will send out an email about this process. Dr. Jocelyn Millar was chosen last year.

**Next Meeting – Monday, June 2, 2008 at 5:15pm in the large conference room.**  
The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

**Attendees:**

Chris Briggs  
Jennifer Henke  
Kristen Hladun  
Wei Song Hwang  
Taylor Lura  
Elizabeth Murray  
Melanie O’Day  
Genet Tulgetske  
Elissa Wampler  
Rebeccah Waterworth  
Jennifer Wright  
Deane Zahn

*Dearest Entomophiles, The minutes follow. - Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth*

President Deane Zahn called the meeting to order at 5:23 pm.  
Minutes from the May 12, 2008 meeting were approved.

**Officer Reports:**

**President** – Deane Zahn reminded us that we are conducting elections for the EGSA president, and the results will be announced on Friday. Additionally, she has received four nominations for the faculty award.

**Vice President** – Jason Mottern had nothing to report, except: “If I die in Africa, you can have my stuff.”

**Treasurer** – Rebeccah Waterworth presented a summary of our finances as of June 2, 2008:

Bank of America:	\$4633.56
Cash:	\$548.32

**Committee Reports:**

**Merchandise Committee** – Adena Why reported that \$25 for a T-shirt through the online company is probably too much. Deane Zahn suggested that if the start-up cost is small, it may make sense to post some of designs on the Café Press site.

Members: Do-Hyoung Kim, Elissa Wampler (chair), Adena Why

**Outreach Committee** – Taylor Lura reported that everything is in the e-mail announcements, and the next outreach is on June 17.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Taylor Lura (chair), Wei Song Hwang, Rebeccah Waterworth, Adena Why, Jennifer Wright

**Recruitment Committee** – Jennifer Henke thanked everyone for their help with recruitment events. If anyone has information (such as housing tips) for our new graduate students, Jen can send it out.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Kristen Hladun, Melanie O’Day, Cassie Vasquez, Rebeccah Waterworth, Jennifer Wright

**Seminar Committee** – Jennifer Henke asked that Allison Hansen take over as chair of this committee; Allison accepted. We will be selecting new invited speakers this summer.

Members: Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke (chair)

**Social Committee** – Allison Hansen reported that we are having a social on June 20. She is deciding on a theme. Deane reminded us that June 20 is the beginning of commencements, we’ll need to reserve the courtyard in the main office, and the Tiki social is usually held in late July or August.

Members: Allison Hansen (chair), Kristen Hladun, Cassie Vasquez

**New Business:**

**Voting** – Deane Zahn reminded us that our election for EGSA president is happening the week of June 2. Voting for the EGSA Faculty Award is taking place the week of June 9.

**Dr. Weirauch** – Deane Zahn shared that Dr. Christiane Weirauch may be leaving to a position in Ohio. Please share your feelings about this possibility with Dr. Weirauch, Dr. Ring Carde, and/or Dr. Rick Redak.

**ESA in Reno** – Jason Mottern suggested that we start looking for plane tickets to the next ESA meeting soon.

**Next Meeting – TBA by our next president.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

**Attendees:**

Chris Briggs  
Allison Hansen  
Jennifer Henke  
Kristen Hladun  
Taylor Lura  
Jason Mottern  
Elizabeth Murray  
Melanie O'Day  
Genet Tulgetske  
Rebeccah Waterworth  
Adena Why  
Jennifer Wright  
Deane Zahn