

February 12, 2018 5pm

**Entomology Graduate Student Association**

\*Approve January 2018 minutes – Approved 5:13pm

**Officer Reports*****President*** – Chrissy Dodge

- Thank you to everyone who helped out on Recruitment Day!
- Check out our new and improved EGSA website! Photos and Social Media sections coming soon. Additional thoughts and suggestions welcome.
- Grad Slam 2018: apply online and attend orientation by Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- EGSA Competitive Award in the works – more details to follow.

***Vice President*** – Josh Wemmer

- **ESA annual meeting in Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 11-14:** Symposia submissions are due **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**
- **ESA PacBRanch in Reno, NV, June 10-13:** Submissions for papers and posters opens **February 16<sup>th</sup>.**
- Check out this website for various funding opportunities for grad students:  
[https://nature.berkeley.edu/eso/?page\\_id=33](https://nature.berkeley.edu/eso/?page_id=33)
- **National Geographic Early Career Grant:** Proposals are due by **April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** Usually rewards less than \$5,000, considers project budgets of up to \$10,000.

***Treasurer*** – Austin Baker

Balance Jan 19, 2018: \$11,969.55

- Cash: \$492.83
- Bank: \$11,280.63
- FAU: \$196.09

Balance Feb 12, 2018: \$11,865.55

- Cash: \$389.83
- Bank: \$11,279.63
- FAU: \$196.09

- Chrissy and I have discussed ideas for using our money with Rick. The best option seems to be setting up and award for EGSA members chosen by a panel outside of EGSA for an adjustable amount that we can choose either to give out or not depending on our budget for any given year. This will have to be worked into the budget for the following year.
- Other smaller spending ideas (e.g shirts for EGSA) are also doable, but we need to make a decision as a group or at least appoint a committee.
- *Ad hoc* committee for EGSA shirts: Ben, Mari, Paul, Austin, Luke

***Minister of Truth*** – Laura Leger

### **EGSA Representatives**

#### ***GSA Representative*** – Kaleigh Fisher

- Graduate student email listserv
- Referendum – need to vote
- Mini-GSA sustainability program – bring your out dishes and flatware to events to reduce use of disposables

#### ***ISAC Representative*** – Kaleigh Russell

- I brought the outreach issue to the committee's attention but they have not met in a few weeks because of faculty meetings and recruitment day.

#### ***Seminar & Special Lectures*** – Jake Cecala & Tessa Shates

#### ***Displays, Exhibits, & Outreach*** – Nancy Power

- Summer outreach program

#### ***Website & Newsletter*** – Deena Husein

#### ***Entomology Research Museum*** – Krissy Dominguez

- Please submit your voucher specimens used in publications to the Museum. Contact Doug Yanega ([dyanega@ucr.edu](mailto:dyanega@ucr.edu)) for help or with questions.

#### ***TA Union Representative*** – Ben DeMasi-Sumner

### **EGSA Committees**

#### ***Merchandise Committee*** – Austin Baker (chair), Paul Masonick, Krissy Dominguez, Kaleigh Fisher, Carlos Rosas Sanchez, Josh Wemmer

- Paul and I will order more merchandise this month in preparation for the Insect Fair.
- UCR Urban Pest Management Conference is March 21st

#### ***Fundraising & Events Committee*** – Kelsey Schall and Kaleigh Russell (co-chairs), Tessa Shates, Erica Sarro, Kaleigh Fisher, Mari West, Gabby Martinez, Xinmi Zhang, Laura Leger

- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverside Insect Fair – Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- First planning meeting with museum on 2/14
- Call for educational booths will go out soon – all EGSA members expected to participate

- Please convince your lab to participate & think of creative, interactive, and family-friendly booths to have!!
- Purchasing insects & caretaking

*Social Committee* – Deena Husein and Mari West (co-chairs), Paul Masonick, Luke Kresslein, Rachel Norris, Josh Wemmer

- We will be hosting another taco social night (Fiesta Friday) on March 16h from 4-6pm. More information TBD in the next meeting.

*Exam Committee* – Ben DeMasi-Sumner (chair), Nancy

- Shhh. Provide materials.

*Hospitality Committee* – Jackie Serrano (chair), Ben DeMasi-Sumner

*Technology & Social Media Committee* – Paul Masonick and Sam Smith (co-chairs), Krissy Dominguez, Ryan Perry, Rob Straser

- I want to highlight our awesome hardworking graduate students! Please send me (Krissy, [cdomi009@ucr.edu](mailto:cdomi009@ucr.edu)) amazing photos of you in action in the lab, field, etc. with a short description of your research!
- Write a blog post for our EGSA blog (<http://ucr-egsa.weebly.com/>) and receive 1hr of outreach! Great way to highlight your research or other entomology interest, and looks good on a CV.
- Photos of EGSA at various events

Meeting adjourned: 5:57pm