

Entomophiles:

Below are the truths that surfaced during our first meeting of the 2006-2007 school year. – DAB

2 October 2006
EGSA Meeting

President Jennifer Henke, who won the election that ended 19 May 2006, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15pm. We began with new officer elections.

New Officer Elections:

Vice President – Allison Hansen
Treasurer – Jennifer Charles
~~Secretary~~ (Minister of Truth) – Donald Beasley

Allison Hansen ran unopposed while Amy Sage ran against Jennifer Charles and Christopher Briggs ran against Donald Beasley. The support for the Minister of Truth candidates was split right down the middle and took two voting rounds to determine the outcome.

Committee Sign-ups:

The committees will determine their chairs before the 6 November 2006 meeting and I shall report who these people are at that time. If you want to join a committee please contact one of the members that are listed below. Members are listed in alphabetical order.

Outreach: President Henke 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 are the go-to people. Additionally, this committee will decide what monetary amount will be required for outreach services to be performed.

Members: Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson, Rebeccah Waterworth

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: Donald Beasley, Rachel Mohr, Mary Sorenson, Deane Zahn

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: Betsy Boyd, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage

Computer: This committee keeps the computer lab working smoothly as well as presides over the website (www.entograd.org) and the forums.

Members: Donald Beasley, Chris Briggs, Rachel Mohr

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: Deane Zahn

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

Members: Donald Beasley, Jennifer Henke, Jesse Hoteling, Jason Mottern, Rebecca Waterworth

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

Representatives: Betsy Boyd, Casey Butler

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

Members: Donald Beasley, Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford

Exam Committee: This committee holds and maintains the exam folder so anyone can have access to it.

Members: Genet Tulgetske

Officer Reports:

President: President Henke reported that the Welcome Back Camping Trip was a success! Twenty-five people (including several new students and undergraduates) came, and everyone had a great time. The Welcome Back Picnic was also a success! Congratulations were made to Treasurer Charles and all of those involved in making it such a terrific event. Comments were made about the beer selection and container type. This discussion was based on the fact that several people complained about the type of beer and how a keg limits the selection to just one type. It was also noted that getting a keg seems to be the least expensive alternative.

Dr. William Walton wants everyone to use his or her department web profile. Visit or email Deidra Kornfeld, Student Affairs Officer, to update your profiles. Treasurer Charles took pictures of the new students at the student seminar day. She handed over the images to Ms. Kornfeld. Minister of Truth Beasley informed everyone of his intention in getting control of those profile pages so they are better maintained. In addition, he is going to try and get the EGSA website hosted on the department's server.

Lastly, President Henke expressed two more items that were on her mind. She stressed the point that it is her intention to keep meetings no longer than one hour. In addition, she would like to include the undergraduates associated with the Botany and Entomology Undergraduate Student Association (B.E.U.S.A) in more of our events.

ISAC Rep.: Deane Zahn announced that the Instructional and Student Affairs Committee was very impressed with all of the Student Seminar Day participants. Dr. Jocelyn Millar apologized, once again, for providing the incorrectly sized poster boards. We had 20 oral presentations and 24 poster presentations this year. This high turn out was attributed to the inclusion of interdisciplinary students.

A new course, ENTM 249: Special Topic Seminar – Fascination with Entomology, suggestion was submitted to ISAC this summer by Betsy Boyd and Dr. Mark Hoddle. ISAC did not approve the course suggestion. The submitters suggested that the course be work 1 credit on a pass/fail grading system. The submitters' goal for the course is to facilitate interactions between the UCR entomologists (faculty and extension) and the students (graduate and undergraduate).

Betsy Boyd points out that those students who have graduated from the department have stated that they felt like that didn't have an opportunity and/or a facilitated interaction to get to know the faculty, other than those associated with their lab. She attributes this predicament to the fact that we have a large department. If this course sounds like something worth having, or if you think there should be an informal seminar, Betsy requests that you send her an email stating your thoughts.

Deane requested that students send comments on whether a chasm existed between the students and the faculty to her, as ISAC is concerned about this and does not wish such a chasm to exist.

New Business:

Upcoming Outreaches: We have two outreach events slated for this month: 1) The Science and Technology Education Partnership (STEP-7) is Wednesday (9:00am – 3:00pm) and Thursday (9:00am – 12:00pm), 11-12 October 2006. 2) The Pomona Insect Festival is Saturday and Sunday (9:00am – 5:00pm), 21-22 October 2006. Amy Sage will be sending out email requests for volunteers to fill time slots. Please offer your free time to these worthwhile events.

Next Social: The date of the next social was debated. We concluded by agreeing to have our next social Friday, 27 October 2006, at 5:00pm in the courtyard behind the Entomology building. This event will be Halloween themed, so dress up and be scary.

T-Shirt Committee: The T-shirt committee will be hosting their annual design competition. They will also be soliciting for designs for a possible entomology mug. Look for an announcement soon on where to send your designs and where to vote.

Craft Fair: Rachel Mohr volunteered to organize our big fundraiser this year. Please offer your free time to Rachel and this worthwhile event.

Constitution Revision Committee: This is an *ad hoc* committee formed just for this quarter in order to review and possibly revise our constitution.

Members: Donald Beasley, Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford, Kris Tollerup, Deane Zahn

Linnaean Team: Our wonderful team won at the Pacific Branch Entomological Society of America Linnaean Games and are gearing up for the finals in Indianapolis, IN during the 2007 ESA Annual Meeting, 10-13 December 2006. Practices will be held every Thursday from 4:00pm – 6:00pm in the small conference room. The team invites anyone interested in participating to come to practices. Those interested can contact team captain Jennifer Henke.

EGSA/Departmental History: Minister of Truth Beasley asked everyone if there were any historical files kept in the department. He was recommended to talk with Cherie Skinner in the administration office.

Next Meeting: 6 November 2006 at 5:20pm in the entomology building's large conference room.

Meeting adjourned by President Henke at 6:35pm, to the relief of all who were present.

Attendees:

1. Donald Beasley
2. Elizabeth Bergman
3. Elizabeth “Betsy” Boyd
4. Christopher “Chris” Briggs
5. Casey Butler
6. Jennifer Charles
7. Sonali Deshpande
8. Lisa Friedli
9. Allison Hansen
10. Jennifer Henke
11. Jesse Hoteling
12. Rachel Mohr
13. Jason Mottern
14. Andrea Radtke
15. Christina “Chrissy” Romero
16. Amy Sage
17. Mary Sorensen
18. Candice Stafford
19. Kristen “Kris” Tollerup
20. Genet Tulgetske
21. Casandra “Cassie” Vasquez
22. Rebeccah Waterworth
23. Deane Zahn

“People don’t plan to fail, they simply fail to plan.” – Unknown

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Below are the truths that surfaced during our second meeting of the 2006-2007 school year.

– DAB

6 November 2006
EGSA Meeting

President Jennifer Henke called the meeting to order at 5:25pm.

Officer Reports:

President – President Jennifer Henke asked if there were any discrepancies in the previous meeting’s minutes. Minister of Truth Donald Beasley admitted that he wrongly accused Treasurer Jennifer Charles of making a mistake by stating, “See Cherie Skinner, Administrative Assistant, to update your profiles. Treasurer Charles did take pictures of the new students at the student seminar day. She mistakenly handed over the images to Deidra Kornfeld, Student Affairs Officer, instead of Ms. Skinner and will get that situated this week.” Motion was made and seconded to accept the corrected minutes. Corrected minutes were approved unanimously. The following is the correction that can be found in the updated minutes on our website: “Visit or email Deidra Kornfeld, Student Affairs Officer, to update your profiles. Treasurer Charles took pictures of the new students at the student seminar day. She handed over the images to Ms. Kornfeld.”

Vice President – Vice President Allison Hansen announced that she placed a formal complaint with Bill Sutton, Administrative Specialist, that our wireless Internet signal is very poor to lacking in several areas of the entomology building (mainly on the second floor).

Treasurer – Treasurer Jennifer Charles reported that we have an October bank balance of \$469.67 + \$575.50 petty cash = \$1045.17. In addition, Treasurer Charles has deposited \$98 in donations from a previous social to make our total spending money equal to \$1143.17.

Minister of Truth – Minister of Truth Donald Beasley already stated his part during the President’s report.

Representative Reports:

ISAC Representative: Representative Deane Zahn announced that she attended an Instructional and Student Affairs Committee meeting and supplied the faculty with an amalgamation of student responses concerning their feelings on the disconnect between students and faculty. Representative Zahn stated she had about half of the graduate students respond to her email inquiries. The full analysis of this issue is attached.

Representative: Deane Zahn

GSA Representatives: Our GSA representatives have been at two GSA meetings so far this quarter. These two meetings primarily consisted of elections and committee selections. Betsy Boyd joined the GSHIP Committee and Casey Butler joined the Travel Grant Committee.

There was an update on the 13th annual humanities conference entitled: '(dis)junctions 2006: lost in translation.' GSA is providing \$2000 in support of this multidisciplinary conference. The (dis)junctions committee is acquiring more funding and announced a call for papers. For more information see: <http://english.ucr.edu/gsea/disjunctions/>

Graduate Student Research Awards Committee announced that applications will be due around February, with distribution of awards occurring in April. More information is forthcoming.

The GSA Conference title this year will be 'Input:Output - Energy, Production, and Consumption' and will be held 24 February 2007. This year the committee hopes to give an award to each college/department represented. More information is forthcoming.

Pamela Rousseau resigned as GSA's administrative assistant (AA) effective 3 November 2006. GSA will be hiring a new AA with accounting skills, but it will take about a month and a half before they will be able to fill the position. GSA will announce when it has hired a new AA.

The 27th Annual James C. Young Colloquium 'Shifting Positions: Bodies in Space' hosted by the Student Association of Graduate Anthropologists will be held on 3 February 2007. This year's theme will be 'Perceiving Bodies: Representations of Power and Space'. For more information, please visit: <http://anthropology.ucr.edu/news/jamesyoung.html>

As you get emails from the GSA concerning GSA events and you have questions about these events please direct your inquiries towards Betsy Boyd and Casey Butler.

Representatives: Betsy Boyd, Casey Butler

Committee Reports:

Outreach: President Henke announced that Jason Mottern accepted to be the outreach committee's chairperson. Dr. Thomas Perring was therefore asked to add Chairperson Mottern to the Department's Outreach Representative List. There are seven paid department outreach committee representatives; Chairperson Mottern and Mary Sorenson are unpaid representatives. President Henke stated that the seven assigned students have put together an outreach brochure and a mailing list of schools, nature centers, parks, and recreation centers that are within a hours drive. Dr. Perring has these items and is reviewing them. President Henke announced the following upcoming outreach events, for which manning has already been assigned:

- 18 November 2006 – Discover UCR Day
- 18-20 December 2006 – Early Academic Outreach (1000 – 1100am each day)

President Henke expresses appreciation to everyone that has participated in the outreach events listed below:

- STEP 7 - Amy Sage (organizer), Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Mary Sorensen, and Rebeccah Waterworth.
- Pomona Insect Fair - Amy Sage (organizer), Chris Briggs, Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jesse Hoteling, John Lytle, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, and Rebeccah Waterworth. Others: Adena Why (undergrad), Peter Brabant (undergrad), and Doug Yanega (staff).

Treasurer Charles was chairperson last year and offered her assistance to Chairperson Mottern. Treasurer Charles stated that she approached Dr. Perring concerning participation in these events. The paid department outreach representatives get first pick at time slots for events because they are paid and must complete 100 outreach hours. Treasurer Charles feels that the other graduate students are being left out of these activities/experiences. Minister of Truth Beasley asked Treasurer Charles if she would join the committee since being an officer requires participation in at least one standing committee. Treasurer Charles accepted.

Members: Jennifer Charles, Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern (chair),
Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson, Rebeccah Waterworth

Social: Chairperson Beasley thanked Chris Briggs, Casey Butler, Jennifer Henke, Jesse Hoteling, Rachel Mohr, Jason Mottern, Mary Sorensen, and Rebeccah Waterworth for their help in setting up for the Halloween Social and/or cleaning up afterwards. We received \$81 in donations and we spent \$222.97 on decorations and food. We will not have another social until next quarter.

President Henke expresses appreciation to Dr. Brad Mullens, Dr. Tim Paine, Dr. John Trumble, Dr. Greg Walker, Dr. Ring Carde, Doug Yanega, Kris Tollerup, Allison Hansen, and Chris Briggs for their participation and assistance during the faculty-student Linnaean game. The students beat the faculty 70-60 by answering the 15th and last question correctly. Additionally, President Henke thanks Dr. Darcy Reed for creating and running the competition.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Rachel Mohr, Mary Sorenson, Deane Zahn

Travel Grants: At the beginning of the quarter we allocated \$1300 for these grants. Chairperson Zahn stated that she would send another email out reminding people of this opportunity and stated that she would stop accepting applications two weeks prior to the ESA National Meeting.

Members: Deane Zahn

Recruitment: Chairperson Jesse Hoteling had nothing to report.

Members: Donald Beasley, Jennifer Henke, Jesse Hoteling (chair), Jason Mottern,
Rebeccah Waterworth

Computer: Chairperson Chris Briggs reported that he is the new go-to-guy for the computer lab. His office is across the hall and his contact information is written on the dry erase board in the computer lab.

Betsy Boyd mentioned that there may be a glitch on the merchandise section of the website. Webmaster Beasley told her that was what he decided to do with the poorly taken images he had to work with. He stated that Lisa Friedli has nicer images of all of the merchandise but she has not sent them yet. This delay is largely due to the size of the image files. Deane Zahn has suggested for there to be a merchandise order form on our website. Rachel Mohr suggested a simple, straightforward, print and mail form. Webmaster Beasley asked the meeting attendees for help in finding EGSA historical material. We have former officer information ranging back to the 1996-1997 school year and we may need to go as far back as 1972. This meeting's attendees suggested that we remove anything concerning the exam folder off of the website. Webmaster Beasley requested help with the photo gallery from Rachel Mohr. Webmaster Beasley stated that we have written a letter to the department's web committee for server access and are awaiting approval. A copy of this letter is attached.

Members: Donald Beasley, Chris Briggs (chair), Rachel Mohr

Seminar: Chairperson Beasley reiterated Estella Davalos', Purchasing/Travel Assistant, email message concerning proper protocol for going to lunch with the visiting seminar speakers. Ms. Davalos and the Barn must know who and how many are attending the lunch 24 hours in advance. Since the seminars are on Mondays, this information must be turned in by the preceding Friday by noon. Chairperson Beasley stated that he had emailed Dr. Peter Atkinson the EGSA's nominations for visiting seminar speakers. Jeremy Allison had provided Chairperson Beasley the names. Chairperson Beasley said that there is possibly some confusion going on with Dr. Atkinson. Dr. Atkinson had Deane Zahn email this committee to ask us who was going to contact the nominees. Chairperson Beasley replied to the email (CCed to Dr. Atkinson) stating that Dr. Atkinson said he would contact the nominees in his reply to the Chairperson Beasley's email listing the nominees. Deane Zahn nor this committee has heard anything from Dr. Atkinson since Chairperson Beasley's reply.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford

Exam Folder: Genet Tulgetske was not present to report. President Henke suggested everyone to contribute to the exam folder and to use it.

Members: Genet Tulgetske

Constitution Revision: Chairperson Candice Stafford was ill and could not be present at the meeting. Betsy Boyd stated that Chairperson Stafford would send an email with the constitution attached for EGSA-wide input.

Members: Donald Beasley, Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford (chair), Kris Tollerup, Deane Zahn

Craft Fair: Rachel Mohr backed out of her commitment and Deane Zahn took over responsibility of organizing our big fundraiser. Please offer your free time to Chairperson Zahn and this worthwhile event. Chairperson Zahn stated that she has learned a lot about the universities rules on such events. Apparently past organizers of this event knew these rules and did a poor job getting the EGSA to stay within guidelines. For instance, we cannot have any off campus vendors, we need a food permit, and we need food handling and safety training. This is important because the department could get in trouble/fined if our event was inspected. Chairperson Zahn asked if EGSA was willing to stand in and sale vendor goods because certain vendors would not be able to be present the whole event. EGSA is willing to provide this support. Vendors must submit their paperwork and \$10 fee by 20 November 2006. The craft fair will be held in our courtyard on Thursday, 30 November 2006. Chairperson Zahn will send out an email requesting help as the date nears.

T-shirts: Chairperson Amy Sage was not present at the meeting. Several meeting attendees expressed interest in what the outcome of the t-shirt contest, held at the Halloween Social, was. The committee was reminded that having the shirts ordered and available at the Craft Fair is desired to promote sales.

Members: Betsy Boyd, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage (chair)

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"It requires a very unusual mind to undertake the analysis of the obvious." – Alfred Whitehead

Amalgamated responses from EGSA compiled by Deane (ISAC representative): "The Chasm or Disconnect between EGSA and the Faculty".

The question is whether there is a divide between the faculty and the graduate students. The divide, or disconnect, or chasm, does exist in our department, just as it exists in any department. This divide is not between the students and the faculty, but between the involved people and the uninvolved people. There are those students and faculty who want to get to know others and want to be involved in the departmental activities; there are also those who feel these activities are a waste of time. This divide exists in all departments and in all work environments. Can we get the uninvolved people to care more about the department, to invest of themselves, to attend activities that are encouraged but not required? More importantly, is it necessary to do this?

While it is not anyone's desire to alienate others, it is felt that there are ample opportunities for everyone to interact if they choose to do so. EGSA provides us with socials as well as the opportunity for leadership positions. Many professors have open door policies, encouraging students to stop by with questions and concerns. There is the issue of not having many female mentors in high positions in this Entomology program to look up to, and ask personal questions to about female struggles in academia (not just social but also biological- e.g. pregnancy, menopause). This is a serious problem in this department and many male and female graduate students share a similar point of view. Moreover, talking to potential students that did not accept their fellowship to UCR stated that the all male minus one faculty was the main reason why they did not attend UCR. Most of the students feel that there are a few faculty who are unfriendly, unapproachable, or otherwise uninterested in expending any energy into any student that is not their own, or not involved in their particular field of study.

To be fair, some of these problems are the fault of students who don't know how to broaden their horizons, or just choose not to. It is not the responsibility of all faculty to make sure that all students know things that the students could very well research on their own. However, gaining knowledge of what the faculty is doing in these venues would be very helpful to those students who want to conduct good research and improve the entomological community in their professional careers. Contacting a professor directly is a great practice for every grad student to partake in, especially since this skill is necessary if students want to succeed in professional careers after graduation in research, extension, agricultural advisors, or academic positions. Most students have little concern about disturbing faculty should they need someone's help, but others are intimidated and shy.

Most students do not view this as a "crisis situation" or that the department is not functioning in a satisfactory way. It is seen merely as an area of possible improvement. Without a change in the attitudes presented by the faculty, our chances of conquering the divide are slim. Many students would follow the lead of the professors if they could, stop attending departmental seminars and student seminar day were it not required of us. While the department forces graduate students to attend seminars and to perform services to the department and the community, it cannot make us care. Only by the example of the professors can you change the attitudes of the students and the department as a whole, and possibly conquer "the chasm". There was one resounding theme from all the students that responded to my e-mails, not a single student thought that creating a new seminar class, required or not, would offer help in this situation.

Web Committee
Department of Entomology
University of California
Riverside, CA 92521

Dear Web Committee,

I am writing you all concerning the Entomology Graduate Student Association's (EGSA) wishes to have its website hosted on the department's server and to have editorial control of its member's student profiles. Currently, Rachel Mohr is hosting the EGSA website on a personal account. I am told that the EGSA has requested the use of the department's server in the past. In addition, I am told that one of the reasons why the website committee has denied this request is because of the EGSA Forum. More specifically, the website committee may be afraid of what may be written on the forum and that it may make the department look bad.

As the new Webmaster of the EGSA website, I have decided to remove the forum. The EGSA LISTSERV is a sufficient communication tool. To get a better understanding of what the EGSA website may end up looking like and what content may be found on it, please visit the following web addresses:

- <http://www.entograd.org> – This is the current EGSA website and consequently will be the major foundation for the updated version.
- <http://ueso.tamu.edu> – This is the Texas A&M University Undergraduate Entomology Student Organization's (UESO) website that I made in 2004 and maintained until April 2006. This site has everything that a student organization website should have and consequently will be my standard as I update the EGSA website. (NOTE: This site may change because I no longer manage it)
- <http://egsa.beasleyprojects.com> – This is what I have so far as the updated version of the EGSA website. (The links are broken because I have not created the other pages yet)

Rachel Mohr did a wonderful job creating the current EGSA website's look, merchandise section, and photograph gallery. The look, merchandise section, and photograph gallery will only receive minor changes. For instance, I have decided to move the navigation from the left side of the screen to the bottom of the screen. As you can see on my UESO website, I try to minimize scrolling. The EGSA website will not have any flash files (.swf) associated with it. It is too difficult to find people to maintain flash websites (That is why the UESO website still has not been updated since April 2006). Every other section will be redeveloped for this updated version.

Another change I would like to make to the current website is adding a member section. This section will be linked to the current student profiles section of the department's website. If this is done I would like to request access and editorial rights to the student profile folder in order to better maintain them. I am willing to work with Ms. Deidra Kornfeld on these files.

As you can see from the UESO website, I have experience and have proven that I can make a website any department would be proud to host on their server.

Sincerely,

Donald Beasley
Secretary, EGSA

Jennifer Henke
President, ESGA

Allison Hansen
Vice-President, EGSA

Jennifer Charles
Treasurer, EGSA

CC:

Ring Cardé
Millie Garrison
Elizabeth Grafton-Cardwell
Deidra Kornfeld

Richard Redak
Cherie Skinner
William Walton
Douglas Yanega

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Officer Reports:

President – President Jennifer Henke asked if there were any discrepancies in the previous meeting's minutes. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, as is. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice President – Vice President Allison Hansen had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Treasurer Jennifer Charles reported that we spent \$75 on pizza for the meeting. Therefore, we have a total of \$1068.17 spending money.

Minister of Truth – Minister of Truth Donald Beasley had nothing to report.

Representative Reports:

ISAC Representative: Representative Zahn announced that the ISAC committee is starting to review new student applications. Two applications have been reviewed thus far.

Representative: Deane Zahn

GSA Representatives: Representative Butler announced that GSA is sponsoring the following events:

- 1 December 2006 - Grad Bash at the Getaway from 500 – 700pm
- 10 or 17 February 2007 - GSA Research Conference: Input-Output
 - 250 word abstract
 - Specify if presenting a panel, poster, or presentation
 - Due 15 January 2007
 - More info on <http://www.gsa.ucr.edu/>

As you get emails from the GSA concerning GSA events and you have questions about these events please direct your inquiries towards Betsy Boyd and Casey Butler.

Representatives: Betsy Boyd (GSA GSHIP Committee Member), Casey Butler (Travel Grant Committee Member)

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Chairperson Mottern stated that we should participate in Upward Bound again in the future. The organizers were gracious, easy to work with, and the children were great. Contact Chairperson Mottern if you would like to help make the following event a success:

- 18-20 December 2006 – Early Academic Outreach (1000 – 1100am each day)

Chairperson Mottern expresses appreciation to everyone that has participated in the outreach events listed below:

- Discover UCR Day - Jennifer Henke, John Lytle, Rachel Mohr, Amy Sage, and Rebeccah Waterworth
- Upward Bound - Jason Mottern and Andrea Radtke

Members: Jennifer Charles, Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern (chair), Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson, Rebeccah Waterworth

Social: Chairperson Beasley announced that the winter quarter social, Beverages of the World and Cheese Social, would be scheduled at our next meeting.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Rachel Mohr, Mary Sorenson, Deane Zahn

Travel Grants: Chairperson Zahn stated that we have six travel grant applications submitted. They will be processed and given to Estella Davalos, Purchasing/Travel Assistant, soon.

Members: Deane Zahn

Recruitment: Chairperson Hoteling had nothing to report.

Members: Donald Beasley, Jennifer Henke, Jesse Hoteling (chair), Jason Mottern, Rebeccah Waterworth

Computer: Chairperson Briggs stated that we succeeded in getting the university server access for our website. Our website is officially located at <http://egsa.ucr.edu>. Chairperson Briggs also stated that we have obtained a copy of SAS Statistical Software and that it will be installed soon.

Members: Donald Beasley, Chris Briggs (chair), Rachel Mohr

Seminar: Chairperson Beasley stated that Dr. Peter Atkinson is still working on scheduling our nominees. The process is complex because the department has to make available seminar slots for three faculty positions and one special guest speaker to celebrate our department's 100-year celebration of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. It appears that we may be able to fit two of the three nominees in during the spring quarter.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford

Exam Folder: Genet Tulgetske was not present at the meeting.

Members: Genet Tulgetske

Constitution Revision: Chairperson Stafford was not present at the meeting. Deane Zahn stated that the committee would meet 18 December 2006 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Members: Donald Beasley, Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford (chair), Kris Tollerup, Deane Zahn

Craft Fair: Chairperson Zahn passed around a volunteer timeslot signup sheet during the meeting to pass out fliers, setup, man, cook, and clean up for the craft fair. In addition, she passed out a bake sale sheet for those who want to bake. Eight vendors have signed up to sell their products at the craft fair.

Members: Deane Zahn

T-shirts: Chairperson Sage was not present at the meeting. Meeting attendees expressed disconnect between the ways the design contest was conducted this year versus last year. Some attendees stated that they did not have a chance to vote because the designs were only available at the Halloween social. [[After the Fact: Via email communication, Chairperson Sage did display the t-shirt designs for voting in the mailroom during the week following the Halloween social. There was no communication to the masses that this was being done, at the time. Chairperson Sage redisplayed the designs on Tuesday so those that had not voted could.]] It was determined that a presale for this year's design would be conducted at the craft fair along side the selling of previously designed t-shirts, due to the fact that we had not placed an order for them yet.

Members: Betsy Boyd, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage (chair)

New Business:

President Henke announced that the following Entomological Society of America events are in full swing:

- 10-13 December 2006 – ESA National Meeting in Indianapolis, IN
 - Those of you going: have fun, good luck, and have a safe trip
- 25-28 March 2006 – ESA Pacific Branch Meeting in Portland, OR
 - Abstracts due end of January 2007
 - Half Century of Entomology in the Pacific Branch Symposium
 - ◆ Graduate Student Organized Symposium
 - ◆ Contact President Henke for information
 - More info at <http://www.oregonstate.edu/pbesa/>

Next Meeting:

8 January 2007, 5:30pm in the entomology building's large conference room.

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12. Kristen "Kris" Tollerup
13. Deane Zahn

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm."
– Sir Winston Churchill

Entomophiles:

Below are the truths that surfaced during our fourth meeting of the 2006-2007 school year.

– DAB

8 January 2007
EGSA Meeting

President Jennifer Henke called the meeting to order at 5:25pm.

Officer Reports:

President – President Jennifer Henke asked if there were any discrepancies in the previous meeting's minutes. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, as is. Motion approved unanimously.

President Henke announced that Betsy Boyd and Jeb Owen won first place in the Student Competition for the President's Prize 10-Minute Oral Presentations at the Entomological Society of America's annual meeting held in Indianapolis, IN, December 2006, while Jeremy Allison, Jason Mottern, and Candice Stafford all received Honorable Mentions (a.k.a. runner-up).

Lastly, President Henke stated that we, as an organization, must actively communicate with each other. Last quarter there was miscommunication about whether the t-shirt designs were voted on sufficiently. It was believed by many, including elected officers, that voting only took place during the Halloween Social. Weeks later it was reported that designs were displayed in the mailroom the whole week following the Halloween Social. Therefore, President Henke requested that everyone make a conscious effort to actively communicate in order to prevent future mix-ups from happening.

Vice President – Vice President Allison Hansen announced that there are two international conferences taking place in the coming months (Evolution 2007 Conference, June 2007, in Christchurch, New Zealand AND International Congress of Entomology, July 2008, in Durban, South Africa) and recommended that people should think about attending and try to obtain travel grants from the Society for the Study of Evolution and the National Science Foundation.

Treasurer – Treasurer Jennifer Charles reported that we have a total of \$1,825.05 spending money.

Minister of Truth – Minister of Truth Donald Beasley had nothing to report.

Representative Reports:

ISAC Representative: Representative Zahn announced that the ISAC committee is still reviewing the 5 new student applications received so far.

Representative: Deane Zahn

GSA Representatives: Representative Boyd announced the following GSA events:

- The GSA needs people to join a number of committees. Please contact Representatives Boyd or Butler for details.
- 16 February 2007 - 2006-2007 Graduate Research Awards. Detailed instructions and application: <http://www.gsa.ucr.edu/documents/ResearchAwardsApp.pdf>
- 16-17 February 2007 – 17th annual LGBTQIA College Conference. Details at <http://www.comeoutwest.org>
- 17 February 2007 - GSA Research Conference: Input-Output
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 - Extension: Due 31 January 2007
 - More info on <http://www.gsa.ucr.edu>

Representative Boyd stated that the university commencement committee announced that there will be a separate graduate student commencement Monday, 18 June 2007 7:00pm, at Pierce Lawn near the bell tower. She also reminded everyone that every graduate student is eligible to join the UC Teaching Assistant Union (UAW Local 2865), even if they do not teach. For details about the union, please go to <http://www.uaw2865.org>. Lastly, our Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan (GSHIP) includes an additional optometrist, Dr. E. V. Cooper, whom is now an alternative to Dr. Gary Fishberg.

Representatives: Betsy Boyd (GSA GSHIP Committee Member), Casey Butler (Travel Grant Committee Member)

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Chairperson Mottern stated that there are no events scheduled for 2007, yet.

Members: Jennifer Charles, Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern (chair), Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson, Rebecca Waterworth

Social: Chairperson Beasley announced that the winter quarter social, Beverages of the World and Cheese Social, would be scheduled at our next meeting.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Rachel Mohr, Mary Sorenson, Deane Zahn

Travel Grants: Chairperson Zahn stated that we awarded seven travel grants for the Entomological Society of America's Annual Meeting. Applications are now welcome for the Entomological Society of America's Pacific Branch Meeting.

Members: Deane Zahn

Recruitment: Chairperson Hoteling had nothing to report.

Members: Donald Beasley, Jennifer Henke, Jesse Hoteling (chair), Jason Mottern, Rebecca Waterworth

Computer: Chairperson Briggs announced that with help from Donald Beasley and Rachel Mohr all four of our working computers now have Statistical Analysis Software (SAS 9.1.3) installed. In June 2007 we will have to obtain another annual license for the program.

Members: Donald Beasley, Chris Briggs (chair), Rachel Mohr

Seminar: Chairperson Beasley stated that those who are in labs that host visiting speakers should make sure the student body is invited to have lunch with the visiting speaker. He stressed that it is important to have a strong student presence for the new faculty and applicants for these new positions.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford

Exam Folder: Genet Tulgetske stated that she has the folder on her desk.

Members: Genet Tulgetske

Constitution Revision: Chairperson Stafford was not present at the meeting. Minister of Truth Beasley stated that after the committee met on 18 December 2006 he and Betsy Boyd have made their contributions and are waiting for contributions from the remaining committee members. He further stated that he believed that the revisions would be ready to present to the organization as a whole at the next meeting.

Members: Donald Beasley, Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford (chair), Kris Tollerup, Deane Zahn

Craft Fair: Chairperson Zahn announced that we grossed \$1,260.

Members: Deane Zahn

T-shirts: Chairperson Sage was not present at the meeting. She suffered injuries over the holiday break. It was decided to purchase a get well soon card and have everyone in the department sign it. T-shirts with Candice Stafford's winning design have arrived and can be purchased in the entomology department's administrative office. President Henke recommended that this committee be sure to have plenty of merchandise available by spring break to sell at the Urban Entomology Conference and possibly the Entomological Society of America's Pacific Branch meeting.

Members: Betsy Boyd, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage (chair)

New Business:

President Henke announced that the following Entomological Society of America event is in full swing:

- 25-28 March 2006 – ESA Pacific Branch Meeting in Portland, OR
 - Abstracts due end of January 2007
 - Half Century of Entomology in the Pacific Branch Symposium
 - ◆ Graduate Student Organized Symposium
 - ◆ Contact President Henke for information
 - More info at <http://www.oregonstate.edu/pbesa/>

President Henke also announced that Linnaean Game practices will take place every Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm in the small conference room.

Next Meeting:

5 February 2007, 5:30pm in the entomology building's large conference room.

Meeting adjourned by President Henke at 6:00pm, to the relief of all who were present.

Attendees:

1. Donald Beasley
2. Elizabeth "Betsy" Boyd
3. Christopher "Chris" Briggs
4. Casey Butler
5. Jennifer Charles
6. Allison Hansen
7. Jennifer Henke
8. Jesse Hoteling
9. Jason Mottern
10. Andrea Radtke
11. Christina "Chrissy" Romero
12. Mary Sorensen
13. Kristen "Kris" Tollerup
14. Genet Tulgetske
15. Deane Zahn

"I believe in God, only I spell it Nature." – Frank Lloyd Wright

Entomophiles:

Below are the truths that surfaced during our fifth meeting of the 2006-2007 school year.

– DAB

5 February 2007
EGSA Meeting

President Jennifer Henke called the meeting to order at 5:25pm.

Officer Reports:

President – President Jennifer Henke asked if there were any discrepancies in the previous meeting's minutes. Deane Zahn stated that the minister of truth had no right to filter out announcements made at meetings and for him to add Betsy Boyd's announcement concerning the 17th annual LGBTQIA College Conference. Motion was made and seconded for Minister of Truth Beasley to stop filtering out such announcements and to add that announcement to last meeting's minutes. Motion approved, with Minister of Truth Beasley being the only one to vote against placing such announcements in the minutes.

President Henke explained Department Chair Dr. Ring Cardé's reasoning for picking Andrea Radtke to sit on the Molecular Biology of Chemoreception and Behavior Faculty Search Committee, Genet Tulgetske to sit on the Insect-Plant Interactions Faculty Search Committee, and Rebecca Waterworth to sit on the Extension Entomologist Faculty Search Committee. Simply put, these individuals are not students of each respective committee chair and thus are less likely to be manipulated by these chairpersons.

Vice President – Vice President Allison Hansen announced the following events:

- 10 March 2007 – GRADFEST 2007. Contact James (jruss002@ucr.edu) or Quresh (qureshlatif@yahoo.com) if you are interested.
- 10-14 June 2007 – International Symposium on Ectoparasites of Pets in Lexington, KY. Details at http://www.pestmanagement.info/ISEP_LIWC/.
- 5-9 August 2007 – Debating Science Workshop (NSF Program in Graduate Education). Details at http://www.umt.edu/ethics/debating_science/.
- 6-12 July 2008 – The International Congress of Entomology takes place in Durban, South Africa. Details at <http://www.ice2008.org.za>.

Treasurer – Via President Henke, Treasurer Jennifer Charles reported that we have a total of \$1,829.05 spending money.

Minister of Truth – Minister of Truth Donald Beasley had nothing to report.

Representative Reports:

ISAC Representative: Representative Zahn announced that the ISAC committee is still reviewing new student applications and have been reviewing the state of graduate level curriculum.

Representative: Deane Zahn

GSA Representatives: Representative Butler announced the following GSA events:

- The GSA needs people to join a number of committees. Please contact Representatives Boyd or Butler for details.
- 16 February 2007 - 2006-2007 Graduate Research Awards. Detailed instructions and application: <http://www.gsa.ucr.edu/documents/ResearchAwardsApp.pdf>
- 16-17 February 2007 – 17th annual LGBTQIA College Conference. Details at <http://www.comeoutwest.org>
- 17 February 2007 - GSA Research Conference: Input-Output
 - 250 word abstract
 - Extension: Due 9 February 2007
 - More info on <http://www.gsa.ucr.edu>
- 21 February 2007 – Grab-n-Go Coffee Social
- 22 February 2007 – Applications due for the 2008-2009 UC Student Regent
- 16 March 2007 – Grad Bash at the Getaway from 500 – 700pm

If you any questions about any of these events, please contact Representatives Boyd and Butler for more information.

Representatives: Betsy Boyd (GSA GSHIP Committee Member), Casey Butler (Travel Grant Committee Member)

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Chairperson Mottern had President Henke announce the following scheduled outreach events:

- 24 February 2007 – Chancellor’s Picnic to recognize all graduating high school students that have received a full 4 year scholarship to UCR, from 12:30-3:00pm.
- 31 March - 01 April 2007 – “Buggin’ Out in the Garden,” (in coordination with the Botanic Gardens Plant Sale) from 9:00am-5:00pm and 9:00am-3:00pm, respectively.
- 26 April 2007 – “Head Start” (a paid outreach), two shifts: 8:30-10:00am & 1:00-2:30pm

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Chairperson Mottern for more information.

Members: Jennifer Charles, Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern (chair), Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson, Rebeccah Waterworth

Social: Chairperson Beasley announced that the winter quarter social, Beverages and Cheeses of the World Social, would be Friday, 23 February 2007, after the Student vs. Faculty Linnaean Game #3 competition.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Rachel Mohr, Mary Sorenson, Deane Zahn

Travel Grants: Chairperson Zahn stated that we awarded seven travel grants for the Entomological Society of America's Annual Meeting. In addition, Chairperson Zahn stated that she wants to change the rules and requirements on the travel grant form. She wants the forms turned in by the 1st of the month prior to the month the meeting is being held. Also, she was concerned about who is eligible to receive a grant. Everyone feels that it should be service related instead of money making related.

Members: Deane Zahn

Recruitment: Chairperson Hoteling stated that we have one prospective student visiting 5-7 March 2007.

Members: Donald Beasley, Jennifer Henke, Jesse Hoteling (chair), Jason Mottern, Rebecca Waterworth

Computer: Chairperson Briggs announced that Webmaster Beasley is currently trying to get the photo gallery up and running, but is having trouble logging into the gallery and obtaining old photos from certain sources.

Members: Donald Beasley, Chris Briggs (chair), Rachel Mohr

Seminar: Chairperson Beasley stated that he is unclear of the status of our invited seminar speakers. He believes that at least two of them may come in the spring. Andrea Radtke stated that the next five seminars are going to be for applicants for the Molecular Biology of Chemoreception and Behavior position.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford

Exam Folder: Genet Tulgetske stated that she still has the folder on her desk. In addition, after recently going through her qualifying exams there are a few more examples in the folder.

Members: Genet Tulgetske

Constitution Revision: Chairperson Stafford was not present at the meeting. Deane Zahn stated that after the committee met earlier today and have made their final edits. She further stated that a few more things have to be researched before adding the final touches to the Bylaws and that electronic copies would be emailed soon.

Members: Donald Beasley, Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford (chair), Kris Tollerup, Deane Zahn

Craft Fair: Chairperson Zahn had nothing to report.

Members: Deane Zahn

T-shirts: Chairperson Sage was not present at the meeting. President Henke recommended that this committee be sure to have plenty of merchandise available by spring break to sell at the Urban Entomology Conference (29 March 2007) and kid sizes for the “Buggin’ Out in the Garden” outreach event (31 March - 01 April 2007). Chrissy Romero suggested that we have plenty of XL, XXL sizes for the Urban Entomology Conference.

Members: Betsy Boyd, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage (chair)

Next Meeting:

5 March 2007, 5:30pm in the entomology building’s large conference room.

Meeting adjourned by President Henke at 6:15pm, to the relief of all who were present.

Attendees:

1. Donald Beasley
2. Christopher “Chris” Briggs
3. Casey Butler
4. Allison Hansen
5. Jennifer Henke
6. Jesse Hoteling
7. Jason Mottern
8. Andrea Radtke
9. Christina “Chrissy” Romero
10. Mary Sorensen
11. Genet Tulgetske
12. Rebeccah Waterworth
13. Deane Zahn

“The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources.” – Albert Einstein

Entomophiles:

Below are the truths that surfaced during our sixth meeting of the 2006-2007 school year.

– DAB

5 March 2007
EGSA Meeting

President Jennifer Henke called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Officer Reports:

President – President Jennifer Henke asked if there were any discrepancies in the previous meeting's minutes. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, as is. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice President – Vice President Allison Hansen announced the following events:

- 10 March 2007 – GRADFEST 2007 at ENG2 from 8:00am – 5:00pm
- 24-28 March 2007 – Pacific Branch ESA Meeting

Treasurer – Via President Henke, Treasurer Jennifer Charles reported that we have a total of \$1,647.94 spending money.

Minister of Truth – Minister of Truth Donald Beasley had nothing to report.

Representative Reports:

ISAC Representative: Representative Zahn announced that the ISAC committee has completed reviewing 16 applications. Of those applicants, 10 were given offers (3-M.S., 7-Ph.D.). Of those given offers, 2 have accepted and 1 has withdrawn.

Representative: Deane Zahn

GSA Representatives: Via President Henke, Representative Boyd announced the following GSA events:

- 16 March 2007 – Grad Bash at the Getaway from 500 – 700pm
- 10 April 2007 – 2006-2007 Graduate Research Awards will be announced
- Run for a paid GSA Officer Position for the 2007-2008 school year.

For more information you can read the GSA meeting minutes at <http://gsa.ucr.edu/Council.html>. If you any questions about any of these events, please contact Representatives Boyd and Butler for more information.

Representatives: Betsy Boyd (GSA GSHIP Committee Member), Casey Butler (Travel Grant Committee Member)

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Chairperson Mottern announce that due to the success of the mass mailing the following outreach events have been scheduled:

- 14 March 2007 – Rings Ranch Elementary from 7:50 – 11:30am
- 20 March 2007 – Hyatt Preschool from 9:00 – 11:00am
- 22 March 2007 – UCR Kindergarten from 10:00 – 11:30am
- 23 March 2007 – La Sierra High School from 9:50am – 1:30pm
- 26-27 March 2007 – Campus Tours from 10:00 – 11:00am, both days
- 31 March-1 April 2007 – “Buggin’ Out at the Garden” (in coordination with the Botanic Gardens Plant Sale) from 9:00am – 5:00pm and 9:00am – 3:00pm, respectively
- 3 & 5 April 2007 – Campus Tours TBD
- 18 April 2007 – Jurupa Hills Middle School from 7:30 – 10:30am
- 26 April 2007 – HeadStart two shifts from 8:30 – 10:00am and 1:00 – 2:30pm

We decided that if undergrads participate in any of our outreach events then they get a proportional cut of income earned from outreach events.

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Chairperson Mottern for more information.

Members: Jennifer Charles, Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern (chair),
Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson, Rebecca Waterworth

Social: Chairperson Beasley expressed appreciation for all that had helped to set up and clean up for the wine and cheese social (Chris Briggs, Casey Butler, Jennifer Henke, Jesse Hoteling, Jason Mottern, Mary Sorenson, Rebecca Waterworth, and Deane Zahn). President Henke wrote a memo to the department chair (See Attached) stating that we will ask for permission and take all responsibility for what happens at these events. Deane Zahn announced that \$227 groceries – \$134 donations = \$93 spent. In addition, she expressed that we should acknowledge Dr. Tom Perring’s previous support of our socials. We decided to purchase a thank you card to give to him. Chairperson Beasley announced that the spring quarter social would be announced at the next meeting and that he would only organize one social a quarter.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Rachel Mohr, Mary Sorenson, Deane Zahn

Travel Grants: Chairperson Zahn stated that she has received a number of applications and has decided to make the deadline this Friday, 9 March 2007, for the Pacific Branch ESA meeting. Also, she was concerned what to do about if a person turns in an application after a meeting. We decided if the application does not state a deadline then the person gets the money.

Members: Deane Zahn

Recruitment: Jesse Hoteling had to resign as Chairperson and Rebeccah Waterworth has decided to take his place. She stated that we have two prospective students, Melanie O'Day and Beth Irwin, visiting 6-7 March 2007.

Members: Donald Beasley, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern, Rebeccah Waterworth (chair)

Computer: Chairperson Briggs announced that Donald Beasley networked all of the Boyden Computer Lab's computers together so that people can save their files within a shared folder under their name and access those files from any computer. Mary Sorenson suggested that we take advantage of the recent department website upgrade and update our profiles. Webmaster Beasley announced that he has decided to abandon the idea of having a photo gallery on the website and thus that link will be deleted for the time being. He expressed the desire to improve the merchandise section. Andrea Radtke and Genet Tulgetske expressed interest in helping out.

Members: Donald Beasley, Chris Briggs (chair), Rachel Mohr

Seminar: Chairperson Beasley stated that he is unclear of the status of our invited seminar speakers. He believes that at least two of them may come in the spring. This is doubtful due to faculty position applicants being given priority for the seminar dates.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford

Exam Folder: Genet Tulgetske stated that the folder was recently utilized and is now back on her desk.

Members: Genet Tulgetske

Constitution Revision: Chairperson Stafford was not present at the meeting. Donald Beasley stated that he is unsure of what the delay is all about. He further stated that a few more things had to be touched up and electronic copies should be emailed soon.

Members: Donald Beasley, Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford (chair), Kris Tollerup, Deane Zahn

Craft Fair: Chairperson Zahn had nothing to report.

Members: Deane Zahn

T-shirts: Amy Sage has resigned as Chairperson. Mary Sorenson announced that 50 Mugs have been ordered, will arrive late March, and will be sold for \$10 each. Mary Sorenson further stated that she has inventoried the t-shirts and thinks we have enough to sale at the up coming Urban Entomology Conference (29 March 2007) and "Buggin' Out in the Garden" outreach event (31 March - 01 April 2007). She also expressed that only 4 shirt designs (current one plus three other bestsellers) should be kept in circulation and the others need to be sold on clearance.

Members: Betsy Boyd, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson

New Business:

President Henke announced that we should bring back the Annual Faculty Award. 2002 appears to be the last year such award was given. Please email your nominations to President Henke with a synopsis of why you think they deserve the award. Award will be given to the deserving faculty member during our May social.

Minister of Truth Beasley announced that he feels that the core course could be improved if exams were replaced by engaging assignments that get students to research topics taught in the class about their insect of interest. He plans on working with Deane Zahn, ISAC, and Dr. Cardé in the near future to explore the possibilities of such a change.

Next Meeting:

2 April 2007, 5:30pm in the entomology building's large conference room.

Meeting adjourned by President Henke at 6:30pm, to the relief of all who were present.

Attendees:

1. Donald Beasley
2. Christopher "Chris" Briggs
3. Casey Butler
4. Allison Hansen
5. Jennifer Henke
6. Jason Mottern
7. Andrea Radtke
8. Mary Sorensen
9. Genet Tulgetske
10. Rebeccah Waterworth
11. Deane Zahn

"The role of the infinitely small in nature is infinitely great." – Louis Pasteur



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To: Ring Cardé, Chair
Rick Redak, Vice Chair

From: Jennifer Henke, President
Entomology Graduate Student Association

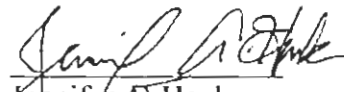
Donald Beasley, Social Chair
Entomology Graduate Student Association

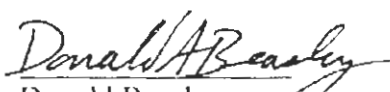
Re: EGSA Socials in the Entomology Building Courtyard

The Entomology Graduate Student Association (EGSA) has traditionally hosted the Entomology Department socials in the courtyard of the new Entomology building since its completion. These socials are designed with the goal of fostering relationships between faculty, staff, post-docs, and students in a relaxed atmosphere. EGSA feels that these socials are a vital part of keeping the lines of communication open within the department by allowing its members to discuss their research and personal lives in a non-threatening environment.

As alcohol is traditionally part of these events, EGSA will be responsible for having someone to check IDs to protect the department against underage drinking. EGSA is responsible for the set-up and clean up of these events as well as for providing the refreshments.

In the event that the Chair feels that it is no longer appropriate for EGSA to host such events or that alcohol no longer has a place at the socials, he/she will inform the President of EGSA.


Jennifer A. Henke
President, EGSA 2006-07


Donald Beasley
Social Chair, EGSA 2006-07

Ring Cardé
Dept Entomology Chair

Cc: Allison Hansen, Vice President
Jennifer Charles, Treasurer
Donald Beasley, Secretary

Entomophiles:

Below are the truths that surfaced during our seventh meeting of the 2006-2007 school year.

– DAB

Vice President Allison Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Officer Reports:

President – President Henke was unable to attend and asked Vice President Hansen to preside over the meeting. President Henke announced via Vice President Hansen that Chrissy Romero won the M.S. Oral Presentation competition at the Entomological Society of America Pacific Branch Meeting. In addition, our team won the Pacific Branch Linnaean Games by beating Oregon State University and University of California at Davis. [Casey Butler, Jennifer Henke, Rebekah Waterworth, Deane Zahn competed in the first game and Casey Butler, Jennifer Henke, Apostolos Kapranas, and Rebekah Waterworth competed in the second game.]

Lastly, President Henke has scheduled our annual camping trip for 21-23 September 2007 at Cuyamaca Rancho in San Diego County. A total of five campsites providing room for 40 campers have been reserved near the lower end of Anza Borrego National Park.

Vice President – Vice President Allison Hansen asked if there were any discrepancies in the previous meeting's minutes. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, as is. Motion approved unanimously. In addition, she announced the following events:

- 7-9 June 2007 – 15th International Conference on Environmental Bioindicators, Hong Kong, China. More information at: www.ibclifesciences.com/ebi/5788.xml
- 21-25 July 2007 – 44th Animal Behavior Society Annual Meeting, Burlington, VT. More information at: www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Program/
- 5-10 August 2007 – Ecological Society of America / Society of Ecological Restoration Joint Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA. More information at: www.esa.org/sanjose/
- 9-12 December 2007 – 55th Entomological Society of America Annual meeting, San Diego, CA. More information at: www.entsoc.org/annual_meeting/current_meeting/
- 6-12 July 2008 – 23rd International Congress of Entomology, Durban, South Africa. More information at: www.ice2008.org.za/
- 14-18 July 2008 – 13th International Auchenorrhyncha Congress, George, South Africa. More information at: www.ricecrc.org/Hort/ascu/tymbal/meetings.htm

Treasurer – Treasurer Jennifer Charles reported that we have a total of \$1,942.74 spending money. We brought in \$727 from the Urban Entomology Conference and the Buggin' Out in the Garden outreach event.

Minister of Truth – Minister of Truth Donald Beasley had nothing to report.

Representative Reports:

ISAC Representative: Representative Zahn was not present at the meeting. Representative Zahn via Vice President Hansen announced that Donald Beasley and Jennifer Henke have volunteered to test out the new Teaching Assistantship Allocation Committee website.

Representative: Deane Zahn

GSA Representatives: Representative Boyd announced the following items:

- GSA Online Officers Elections, 16-20 April 2007. More information at: www.elections.ucr.edu
- GSA is still looking for an administrative assistant.
- The university is thinking about increasing fees so they can hire more mental health service employees.
- A group of mechanical engineering students have requested funds to create 3-D imaging of the campus for a google maps competition.

For more information you can read the GSA meeting minutes at <http://gsa.ucr.edu/Council.html>. If you any questions about any of these events, please contact Representatives Boyd and Butler for more information.

Representatives: Betsy Boyd (GSA GSHIP Committee Member), Casey Butler (Travel Grant Committee Member)

Committee Reports:

Outreach: Chairperson Mottern announced the following outreach events have been scheduled:

- 3 & 5 April 2007 – Campus Tours 9:30-1:30 both days
- 16 April 2007 – Earth Day with Western Municipal Water District 10:00am – 1:00pm
- 18 April 2007 – Jurupa Hills Middle School from 7:30 – 10:30am
- 21 April 2007 – Discover CNAS Day 8:30am – 1:00pm
- 21 April 2007 – Agriculture Experiment Station 100th Aniversery (Citrus Tasting Day) 9:00am – 5:00pm
- 26 April 2007 – HeadStart two shifts from 8:30 – 10:00am and 1:00 – 2:30pm
- 28 April 2007 – Discover UCR Day 8:30am – 1:00pm
- 30 April 2007 – Immanuel Lutheran Preschool 9:30 – 10:30am

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Chairperson Mottern for more information.

Members: Jennifer Charles, Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern (chair), Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson, Rebeccah Waterworth

Social: Chairperson Beasley announced that our next social would be held Friday, 4 May 2007, at 5:00pm. The theme will be Cinco de Mayo.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Rachel Mohr, Mary Sorenson, Deane Zahn

Travel Grants: Chairperson Zahn was not present at the meeting. We all decided that we should make more money available for travel grants in December since the ESA Annual Meeting is being held in San Diego, CA.

Members: Deane Zahn

Recruitment: Chairperson Waterworth stated that Melanie O'Day has accepted. She also expressed appreciation to Donald Beasley, Betsy Boyd, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern, Chrissy Romero, and Mary Sorenson for all the help provided so far in hosting the prospective students.

Members: Donald Beasley, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern, Rebeccah Waterworth (chair)

Computer: Webmaster Beasley announced that our website is now listed on the Entomological Society of America's student clubs page, www.entsoc.org/resources/links/student_clubs.htm.

Members: Donald Beasley, Chris Briggs (chair), Rachel Mohr

Seminar: Chairperson Beasley stated that due to President Henke's keen eye we now know when our invited seminar speakers will present their work. The dates are as follows:

- 04/23/2007 – Dr. Diana Six, University of Montana, Missoula.
- 05/14/2007 – Dr. William Wagner, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Members: Donald Beasley (chair), Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford

Exam Folder: Genet Tulgetske stated that the folder is on her desk.

Members: Genet Tulgetske

Constitution Revision: Chairperson Stafford stated that the old and revised constitution are available online. Vice President Hansen stated that the officers are going to convene on 9 April 2007 to vote on ratification.

Members: Donald Beasley, Betsy Boyd, Candice Stafford (chair), Kris Tollerup, Deane Zahn

Craft Fair: Chairperson Zahn was not present at the meeting.

Members: Deane Zahn

T-shirts: Chairperson Sorenson announced that pictures have been taken of the merchandise and given to Webmaster Beasley. Webmaster Beasley suggested that the pictures may not be good enough for the website and that he may have to take his own pictures of the merchandise.

Members: Betsy Boyd, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson

New Business:

Art Evans from the American Natural History Museum is giving a seminar about Californian Coleoptera at California State University at Fullerton Wednesday, 11 April 2007 at 4:00pm.

The search for assistant professor position examining the molecular basis of olfaction and chemoreception in insects is finished. Please send Andrea Radtke, aradt002@student.ucr.edu, your comments concerning these candidates by 9 April 2007.

Annual Faculty Award nominations will be accepted 9-23 April 2007. Please email your nominations to President Henke with a synopsis of why you think they deserve the award. Voting will be 25 April – 2 May 2007. Award will be presented to the winner at our social Friday, 4 May 2007.

EGSA President nominations will be accepted 7-21 May 2007. Please email your nominations to President Henke with a synopsis of why you think they will be an effective leader. Voting will be 23-31 May 2007. Winner will be announced at the 4 June 2007 meeting.

Next Meeting:

7 May 2007, 5:30pm in the entomology building's large conference room.

Meeting adjourned by Vice President Hansen at 6:30pm, to the relief of all who were present.

Attendees:

1. Donald Beasley
2. Elizabeth "Betsy" Boyd
3. Christopher "Chris" Briggs
4. Allison Hansen
5. Mirtza "Mitzi" Millard
6. Jason Mottern
7. Christina "Chrissy" Romero
8. Mary Sorensen
9. Candice Stafford
10. Genet Tulgetske
11. Rebeccah Waterworth

"The spin stops here!" – Bill O'Reilly

President Jen Henke called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Officer Reports:

President – Jen Henke welcomed Chris Briggs as our new Minister of Truth, to hold the position until the end of the October meeting. Jocelyn Millar received the Faculty Award; he was very touched, and he will be getting a plaque. The EGSA constitution will be sent back to the Constitution Committee for further revisions, possibly next academic year. And finally, nominations for EGSA President are now open, and nominees will write a paragraph about themselves.

Vice President – Allison Hansen shared that Genet has the exam folder on her desk. She also mentioned some upcoming conferences announced in the ESA newsletter:

June: Pollination Symposium (Iowa State)

July 28 – Aug. 1: Phytopathology conference (San Diego)

July: Rocky Mountain Conference of Entomologists (Colorado), including a presentation competition with prize money

August 5 – 10: Annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America (San Jose)

August: Carabid Conference (Bulgaria)

Treasurer – Jennifer Charles stated that our account has some peculiar fractions of dollars, and that she will look into any unusual transactions. Our migrant fund has been increased to \$1500 to prepare for an onslaught of travel-grant requests for the Entomological Society annual meeting. Our most recent total is a healthy \$4409.05, owing much to the hard work of the people doing outreaches. This total will soon be bolstered by \$300 from the department for mugs already delivered.

Minister of Truth – Chris Briggs had nothing to report.

ISAC Representative – Deane Zahn stated that the department Student Seminar Day has been scheduled tentatively for either Weds. or Thurs., September 19 or 20, 2007.

Representative: Deane Zahn

GSA Representatives – Betsy Boyd had lots to report. Our GSA elections lacked sufficient participation to approve any candidates, so the GSA had to vote to approve the voting majority. We were just nine votes short of the required 400. Elections results can be found at <http://gsa.ucr.edu/>. The spring Grad Bash is coming up on Thursday, May 24 from 5-7pm at the Getaway. Finally, our EGSA should be sure to use our funds to prevent them from being reallocated elsewhere.

Representatives: Betsy Boyd (GSA GSHIP Committee Member), Casey Butler (Travel Grant Committee Member)

Outreach Committee – Jason Mottern wearily announced that our mailings to schools have generated an overwhelming response, and we currently average five to six outreaches every week! A summary of upcoming outreaches is below, and updates are sent out by email. We also discussed the possibility of working at the Orange County Fair in mid-July. It involves a big time commitment, but we decided

that with more information, we could rally enough volunteers to pull off three or four days of staffing a table. We hope to sell lots of merchandise, and the organizers have offered us \$200 for working the event. Jason will send out additional announcements.

Tuesday, May 8. Highgrove Elementary School. Visit to UCR. 8:30 - 10:30 am.

Wednesday, May 9. Highgrove Elementary School. Visit to UCR. 8:30 - 10:30 am.

Thursday, May 10. Little Lake Elem. School. in Hemet. Between 8am and noon.

Tuesday, May 15. Jurupa Hills Middle School. 7:30 – 11am.

Wednesday, May 16. Washington Elementary, Norco. 2:45 - 5:30.

Thursday, May 17. Edgemont Elementary - 9am-11am.

Friday, May 18. Central Elementary from Banning visit to UCR. 10:30 - 12:30 am.

Saturday, May 19. Discover UCR Days - Transfer students. 8:45 setup - 1pm. Rivera Arches.

Members: Jennifer Charles, Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern (chair),
Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson, Rebecca Waterworth

T-shirt Committee – Mary Sorenson announced that we will stop ordering all T-shirts except the smog borer, the praying mantis, and the newest design in any given year. These were the best-selling designs this year. Jennifer Charles asked for more kids' sizes to be ordered, Deanne Zahn expressed her concern that three designs might not appeal to the widest range of people possible, and Jen Henke stated that she has received many requests for hats. Mary also said that with fewer active T-shirt designs, we will have extra room in our display case on the second floor of the Entomology building.

Members: Betsy Boyd, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson

Social Committee – Deanne Zahn announced that we had a good social, with tasty food and possibly overly spicy guacamole. We spent \$286 on supplies and received \$148 in donations, giving a net cost of \$138. Our next social will probably be during the summer.

Members: Rachel Mohr, Mary Sorenson, Deane Zahn (chair)

Computer Committee – Chris Briggs announced that Donald Beasley installed Sophos Anti-Virus software on our computers in Boyden, free from UCR. We have also switched to 30% recycled paper for our printer. The paper is available from the UCR Storehouse, and it performs identically to the 100% new stuff. The Boyden computer room was full for the first time on Monday, and Chris and Donald are working on getting the fifth and sixth computers working again. Finally, Chris asked for an update of internet problems in main building, and he will be contacting Bill Sutton for a reminder of how to troubleshoot connection problems.

Members: Donald Beasley, Chris Briggs (chair), Rachel Mohr

Travel Grants Committee – Deane Zahn had nothing to report.

Members: Deane Zahn

Recruitment Committee – Rebecca Waterworth shared that prospective student Jennifer Wright will be visiting from Lancaster on May 14.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern, Rebecca Waterworth (chair)

Seminar Committee – Jen Henke is working on arranging Dr. William Wagner's schedule for his visit on May 14.

Members: Betsy Boyd, Jen Henke (chair), Candice Stafford

Exam Committee – Genet Tulgetske was not present at the meeting.

Members: Genet Tulgetske

New Business

Presidential Nominations – Nominations are open until May 21, and we will vote between May 23 and May 31. The new president will be announced at the June 4th meeting.

Travel Grant Payouts – Deane Zahn proposed changing the payout of each travel grant, changing travel grant eligibility to require three outreaches within the past year, and eliminating committee service as an option for eligibility. The eligibility change may take place in October, and we will wait until the end of the academic year to change the payout amount. Issues addressed included increased travel expenses, the ability of new students to help with three outreaches before the ESA meeting in December, increasing the amount of the award to get more interest in outreaches, and questions about why the Entomology department does not match EGSA travel grants.

Jennifer Charles asked why we use the business office on campus to transfer funds. Betsy said that we are getting matching funds from them, and Jen Henke pointed out that the office is useful for intradepartmental transfers and for accountability on travel grants.

Cooperative Extension Position for Insect Pests of Ornamentals – Rebecca Waterworth has collected feedback from students about our job candidates, and she thanked students for joining the candidates at meals.

New Students – Deane shared that we have 10 or 11 new graduate students coming next year.

Next Meeting: **Monday, June 4 at 5:30 pm**

The meeting was adjourned by President Jen Henke at 6:30 pm, long before anyone wanted to leave.

Attendees:

Chris Briggs
Betsy Boyd
Casey Butler
Jennifer Charles
Allison Hansen

Jen Henke
Jason Mottern
Chrissy Romero
Mary Sorensen
Cassie Vasquez
Rebecca Waterworth
Deane Zahn

What follows is a rough transcript of views shared during a special EGSA meeting.

President Jen Henke called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Jen Henke: This special meeting was convened to discuss establishing an Outreach Coordinator Position, or Outreach Chair, to coordinate all Entomology Department outreaches. The EGSA would be responsible for all outreaches, which are assumed to be sustained at about 50 per year. One of the reasons Department Vice Chair Rick Redak has given for this change is that there are not enough faculty to fill all committees within the department, so EGSA might be able to take over outreach.

We then discussed several options for the Outreach Coordinator Position, which follow:

Version 1: Unpaid position elected by the members of EGSA. Contact person for all outreaches performed by the department (paid and unpaid). Coordinates outreaches and sends emails to EGSA about the scheduled outreaches. Allows paid outreach person/people to sign up first.

Version 2: Unpaid position elected by the members of EGSA. Coordinates volunteers to fill outreaches scheduled by the paid outreach person/people.

Version 3: Rotating position among the paid outreach person/people. Schedules and coordinates volunteers, relying on people on the outreach committee first.

Genet: We need a paid position, year-round

Jason: An unpaid person supervising paid workers would not be great.

Jen Charles: Would having someone paid for 2 quarters leave us with problems during the third quarter, or during the summer?

Mary: Having a paid student in charge of timesheets could lead to problems, so the supervisor must be a professor.

Jen H.: Officially, paid people only do displays, but currently all do outreach.

Mary: Concerned about continuity if not a year-long position.

Jen C.: We need someone doing summer stuff, and a separate outreach email address.

Others: And a phone line with an answering service.

Jen H.: Would anyone want this position? (Rebecca and Jason say yes. Jason would be excited about not having to TA.) How about 200 versus 100 hours for the position?

Adena: Could the person judge the time commitment at the beginning of the year during planning stages?

Betsy: This sounds like purely an administrative position.

Jen C.: Is 200 hours enough for a year?

Mary: We would still have the EGSA Outreach Committee, presumably, that could step in to help.

Cassie: And if the worker was running out of hours, we might be able to sign on another paid person.

Jen H.: The worker might be less busy in the fall than in the spring.

Adena: Especially given insect-related teaching material in the spring, such as butterfly emergence projects, and more field trips.

Jason: So the person would need to know that the spring will be busy.

Jen C.: But this isn't great for someone studying living organisms.

Deane: So applicants could say whether they have a field season and otherwise indicate their availability.

Cassie: Does the money come to the EGSA or the department?

Jen H.: The money would come to the EGSA, and some would be sent to the undergrad club.

Genet: The EGSA was responsible for outreach three years ago, and we need to not lose our other paid outreach people.

Jen C.: The coordinator needs to not drop the ball because they represent the department, and so they need to be paid.

Jen H.: So do we have a favorite version of the position?

General murmurs abound in support of :

Version 4: Paid position appointed from a list of qualified students, to be paid for two quarters (200 hours).

Cassie: So is version 4 entirely run by the EGSA?

Jen H.: Yes, because there is no faculty supervisor in charge of arranging outreaches.

Mary: What about this person's accountability? We may need some faculty oversight. Will the Faculty Vice Chair know what is happening with outreaches?

Genet: Students doing outreaches will have to tell the faculty member if things aren't happening.

Jason: Have we discussed appointed versus elected positions?

Jen H.: If we want it elected, we may need to do it immediately.

Mary: I think this means ISAC would appoint.

Jen C.: Is this position paid through the summer?

Jen H.: How about if they are paid for 200 hours, and if the hours aren't filled by summer, they will continue working into the summer. If the 200 hours are finished before summer, the outreach chair will take over and we will rework the position next year.

Jen C.: What about issues like making sure insects are fed, jobs currently performed by someone in Dr. Perring's lab? If outreach helpers aren't doing their jobs, the Outreach Coordinator must talk with the Vice Chair. The EGSA ISAC representative should also consult for dependable helpers.

Chrissy: We need a clear outline of the job because of the heavy spring workload.

Jen C.: Sounds like a job for a taxonomist.

Genet: There are lots of other ways to fill hours also, like writing outreach grants and making flyers.

Jen H.: This year we have:

- Fall: 1 outreach and 1 display worker
- Winter: 1 outreach and 1 display worker
- Spring: 2 outreach and 1 display worker

Optimally, with this new position we would have:

- Fall: 2 outreach and 1 display worker
- Winter: 2 outreach and 1 display worker
- Spring: 3 outreach and 1 display worker

with one outreach person as the Outreach Coordinator.

Deane: Keep in mind that with more department involvement with outreach, we further open the can of worms regarding where the money goes, especially because the EGSA is a kind of private organization within the university.

Jen H.: I will write up this position description and distribute it for two days of commenting, and then send it to Drs. Ring Carde and Rick Redak.

Other News:

Jason: We need volunteers for the Orange County Fair in mid-July. The sign-up sheet is outside the mailroom in the main building. We will have free fair entrance and free parking, and won't have to bother with chairs and table setup. Please sign up ASAP so that Jason can give an accurate account of the number of parking permits and passes needed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jen Henke at 6:07 pm, long before we finished the pizza.

Attendees:

Chris Briggs
Betsy Boyd
Jennifer Charles
Allison Hansen
Jen Henke
Jason Mottern
Chrissy Romero
Mary Sorensen
Genet Tulgetske
Cassie Vasquez
Rebecca Waterworth
Adena Why
Deane Zahn

Dear Entomophiles,

Due in no small part to the motivation provided by Donald Beasley's diligent pestering, I have finally compiled the minutes from the June 4th EGSA meeting. Enjoy.

- Chris Briggs, Minister of Truth

President Jen Henke called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Minutes from May 21 meeting – The Secretary of Truth missed the essence of one of the arguments, but relationships have since healed.

Officer Reports:

President – Jen Henke welcomed our new EGSA president Deane Zahn, voted in with 17 votes for and 0 against. We will be looking for a new ISAC representative. Our Welcome Back Picnic will probably be held Sept. 27. Our Cuyamaca camping trip is Sept. 22-24.

Vice President – Allison Hansen had nothing to report.

Treasurer – Jennifer Charles had numbers from the May 7th meeting, possibly with an additional \$900 in cash.

Minister of Truth – Chris Briggs had nothing to report.

ISAC Representative – Deane Zahn was not present. Our outreach coordinator position is being considered by Drs. Redak, Walton, and Carde.

Representative: Deane Zahn

GSA Representatives – Not present at meeting. Upcoming events are a Friday night Grad Bash at the Getaway, and a Wednesday night mixer from 5-8pm at the barn to meet newly elected GSA representatives. If anyone is interested in the GSA, these are good events to attend.

Representatives: Betsy Boyd (GSA GSHIP Committee Member), Casey Butler (Travel Grant Committee Member)

Outreach Committee – Jason announced that upcoming outreaches are as follows:

Tuesday, June 5. UCR. Cancelled.

Thursday, June 7. Christian Valley Academy, Moreno Valley. 10am-1pm.
Need 1 volunteer.

Thursday, June 7. Riverside Municipal Museum. 6-9pm.

Thursday, June 21. San Jacinto Library, San Jacinto. 3:45-4:45pm. Need 2 volunteers.

Members: Jennifer Charles, Allison Hansen, Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern (chair), Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson, Rebeccah Waterworth

T-shirt Committee – Mary Sorenson announced that she asked ESA about having a booth at the conference in December, but it is very expensive to have booths in the hall. Jen Henke shared that the cost is usually \$50-100 for student groups. Dr. Brad Mullens is the current recruitment chair, and he has promotional brochures to distribute at a booth.

Members: Betsy Boyd, Rachel Mohr, Andrea Radtke, Amy Sage, Mary Sorenson

Social Committee – Nothing to report.

Members: Rachel Mohr, Mary Sorenson, Deane Zahn (chair)

Computer Committee – Chris Briggs announced that he is now in charge of making changes to and updating the EGSA website.

Members: Donald Beasley, Chris Briggs (chair), Rachel Mohr

Travel Grants Committee – Deane Zahn was not present.

Members: Deane Zahn

Recruitment Committee – Rebeccah Waterworth announced that she has the email addresses of incoming students, if we want to give them anything.

Members: Jennifer Henke, Jason Mottern, Rebeccah Waterworth (chair)

Seminar Committee – Betsy Boyd and Candice Stafford are (supposedly) in charge of choosing our invited speaker for 2007-2008. (Jen Henke has since assumed this responsibility.)

Members: Betsy Boyd, Jen Henke (chair), Candice Stafford

Exam Committee – Genet Tulgetske stated that there is a folder on her desk.

Members: Genet Tulgetske

New Business:

Jen Henke announced that the Outreach Coordinator letter has been written, as well as a letter regarding fund-matching by the department. Both have been sent to the department, and no reply has yet been heard.

GWIS – Genet Tulgetske shared information about the organization Graduate Women in Science (GWIS) and her desire to establish a UCR chapter. She has met with good

reception for the idea, and hopes to start the chapter in the fall. She has questions about how to begin, whether to get assistance from faculty, and whether to limit the group to students in the agricultural sciences. The organization is oriented toward the sciences in general. Males are welcome to participate, but are ineligible for scholarships. Send Genet an email if you are interested.

Next Meeting: **To be determined by Deane Zahn.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

Attendees:

Chris Briggs

Allison Hansen

Jen Henke

Jason Mottern

Chrissy Romero

Mary Sorensen

Genet Tulgetske

Cassie Vasquez

Rebeccah Waterworth