

Happy Holidays To All!!!



Here is a bad picture of a velvet ant (Mutillidae) that I pinned right before leaving for winter break. It has nothing to do with the holidays but enjoy!!! Actually it had died recently so I ask James if I could keep it.

December 8th, 2014, 5:25 PM

Entomology Graduate Student Association

*Meeting started late due to long walk back to entomology after seminar

*Approve June 2014 minutes 19 votes in favor and 1 abstain;

Officer Reports:

President – Amelia Lindsey

- 2-unit symbiosis seminar with Dr. McFrederick and possibly others, hopefully to be taught in 2015-2016. Will ask Chris to bring this to ISAC. Trying to determine the interest level of graduate students both within, and outside of Entomology.
- 7 people at the meeting inclined interest in taking the class
- Voting on expanding merchandise budget to happen December 15th – 19th. See attached for the proposal.
- Planning for the 2015 camping trip, this is a **BEACH YEAR**. Happy to take suggestions on campsites.

Vice President – Austin Baker

Treasurer – Levi Zahn

Income:

\$290.00 (Fundraising)
\$3005.35 Gross (Craft Fair)
\$49.00 (Fall Social Donations)
\$2007.00 (Merch)

TOTAL: \$5351.35

Expenses:

\$50.00 (Pizza)
\$203.39 (Coloring Books for Fundraising)
\$217.40 (Honey Bears for Fundraising)
\$568.15 (Dr. Visscher's Cut of the Honey Sales During Craft Fair)
\$137.27 (Fall Social)
\$137.37 (Food for Craft Fair)

TOTAL: \$1313.58

Current Balances:

Cash: \$5,776.21

Bank: \$3,338.49

TOTAL: \$9,115.7

Minister of Truth – James “Nick” DeCarlo

EGSA Representatives:

GSA Representatives – Chrissy Dodge & Kristin Cole

ISAC Representative – Chris Shogren

- Let Chris know if you have anything you would like brought to ISAC's attention

Seminar Representatives – Debbie De La Riva and Sarah O'Neill

- First seminar of the winter quarter on Jan 5th
- Rest of the seminars will be candidates for a position in Vector Pathogen

Interactions

- Emily McDermott will be sending out emails for grad student involvement

Committees:

1) Fundraising Committee – Debbie De La Riva (Chair), Erich Shoeller, James Ricci, Allison Bistline-East:

- Craft fair update: brought in \$3,005.35, spent \$1240.13 (2014-2015 Budget for Fundraising committee: Expenses -- \$1,500; Income -- \$2,600).
- 2015 will be the last year honey will be available at the craft fair unless we find another person to sell honey

2) Exam Committee – Ryan Perry (Chair):

- Please provide copies of your written exams so the binder can be updated

3) Merchandise Committee – James Ricci (Chair), Austin Baker, Paul Masonick, Jessica Sully:

- Income:
 - ESA 2014, 11/16-11/19: \$1005 (2013: \$250)
 - Thank you to volunteers, especially Paul Masonick and Amelia Lindsey! Also tons of lemons left!!!
 - Craft Fair 2014, 12/4: \$1002 (2013: \$212)
 - Thank you for all the donations and volunteers!
 - YTD Total (Gross): \$2317 (since September, 2014) (2014 – 2015 Budget for Merch: Expenses -- \$1500; Income -- \$2,100)
- Congrats to Lauren George (New Citrus Label) and Emily McDermott (Every Buggy) on winning the t-shirt and pint glass design contests, respectively. Their designs will be ordered shortly (hopefully)!
- Events for Winter/Spring, 2015:
 - San Bernardino Insectival: Saturday, Mid-March-ish
 - Mainly educational, focus on outreach, ~200-400 children plus parents, 2015 Goal: \$150 (gross), 2014: did not sell
 - Urban Pest Management Conference: Wednesday, 3/25
 - Professional re-certification event, no outreach, ~100-300 adults, no children, Major selling event! 2015 Goal: \$700 (gross), 2014: \$469

- Spring Plant Sale: Saturday 3/28 & Sunday 3/29
 - 2015 Goal: \$150 (gross), 2014: did not sell
- UCR Insect Fest: Saturday, 4/18
 - Never happened before- no idea what to expect! 2015 Goal: \$150 (gross)
- LA NHM Bug Fair: Saturday, 5/16 & Sunday, 5/17
 - Our largest selling event of the 2013-2014 academic year! 2015 Goal: \$1000 (gross), 2014: \$658
 - Possible Vendor fee around \$150
- There will be as many as eight additional events, depending on scheduling, inventory, and other factors.
- New merch to be ordered (what and how much depends on forthcoming appropriations): **Want a diversity of designs**
 - Adult Shirts: New Citrus Label, Parasitoid (VERY small order), UCR Biocontrol (redesign), Pixelated Mantis, Sriracha Mantis
 - Child Shirts: Future UCR Entomologist, Bugs Run the World
 - Pints: Every Buggy, Pixelated Mantis, Sriracha Mantis
 - Food: Chapul bars, Hotlix, others
 - Other: Beetle Logo (OR other design) bite-valve water bottle, Beetle Logo (OR other design) hats, Pixelated Mantis (OR other design) stickers/window clings and/or car magnets
- The Zazzle site has sold over \$150 worth of products. Unfortunately, since we only make around 5% on most products on the site, our earnings thus far are \$7 and change. Once the payments clear (30 days) and equal more the \$50, the money will be deposited.
- Also, **we're getting a Square card reader** so that we can start taking credit and debit cards, because checks are comically old-fashioned. It'll be plugged into my phone, and linked to either EGSA's account, or my own if need be (I would prefer EGSA's). Not only will this take us out of 1985, but will automatically keep (some of) our receipts and books in order.
- Additional effort for selling products will not add tons of work during outreach events
- Flat fee for use a square card reader

4) Hospitality Committee – Sarah O'Neill (Chair), Ben DeMasi-Sumner, Cole Symanski:
-Look out for emails from Melissa about incoming Grad students.

5) Social Committee – Levi Zahn (Chair), Amelia Lindsey, Judith Herreid, Paul Masonick, James (Nick) DeCarlo, Ben DeMasi-Sumner:
- Held the Third Annual “Chili and Pie Cook-Off” social: Spent \$137.27, had ~ 50 attendees, and received \$49.00 in donations.
- Thanks to all of those who helped with setup and take down and to those who brought food for us to enjoy.

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

- contribute especially writers, contact Eric.
- Reminder: keep the key to the computer room in Boyden hidden in the binder.

New Business:

Michael Forthman: one more year in office

1) Potential changes to ESA student competition and program next year

2) ESA registration

-Registration fees definitely going up for the next following years due to ICE in 2016, but will then be decreased in 2017 (how much is unknown).

3) Student Competition is restructured.

-Option to either do the "usual" 10-minute paper competition or the three minute thesis competition.

-Student's doing the three minute thesis, there is no Q&A and students have only 1 slide;

-Students may also submit a non-competition poster additionally (10 minute paper competitions cannot submit a poster)

Vote to End the meeting

- Approve 19 votes in favor and 1 against; Ben had voted against ending the meeting and wondered could anyone kick us to get out of the conference room if the meeting would never end. Despite the absurdity of Ben's defiance, the majority ended the meeting.

Remember

Ignorance is Strength

Attendance

#	Name
1	Nick DeCarlo
2	Kristin Cole
3	Chrissy Dodge
4	Colin Umeda
5	Erich Schoeller
6	Ben DeMasi-Sumner
7	Genevieve Tauxe
8	Jessica Sully
9	Judith Herreid
10	Levi Zahn
11	Amelia Lindsey
12	Eric Gordon
13	Austin Baker
14	James Ricci
15	Paul Masonick
16	Alex Knyshev
17	Stephanie Leon
18	Michael Forthman
19	Deborah De La Riva