

## Entomology Graduate Student Association

Tuesday February 9, 2016 12:10pm

\*Approve January 2016 minutes

### Officer Reports

#### **President** – Sarah O’Neill

- Large Conference Room is reserved every Wednesday 3-5pm – open to everyone for writing, analyzing, etc.
- Travel Awards up to \$1500 available to grad students/early career scientists attending ICE 2016 in Orlando, FL. Apply by March 1.  
(<http://www.entsoc.org/ice-2016-travel-awards-grad-students-and-early-professionals>)
- “Informal” social January 19 at Getaway Café: 9 attendees.
- Next “Informal” social Wednesday, February 17 at 12:00pm at the Barn. Everyone welcome!
- Free grad student tickets to UCR vs. UCSB men’s basketball on February 18 at 7:30pm and a free t-shirt. RSVP required:  
<https://highlanderlink.ucr.edu/form/start/92419>

#### **Vice President** – Ryan Perry

- Dr. Jessica Purcell has a visiting prospective graduate student 2/10-2/14, requests for EGSA members willing/able to host him for 1+ nights to contact her directly.

#### **Treasurer** – Nancy Power

- Student Alumni Association Donor Appreciation Week for UCR donors is Feb. 16-19, 11:00am-1:00pm at the Bell Tower. Stop by to sign thank-you cards and express gratitude!
- Since **last** EGSA Meeting:

Income:

\$162.00 (merchandise sales)

TOTAL: \$162.00

Expenses:

\$0.00

TOTAL: \$0.00

Current Balances:

Cash: \$ 987.00 (\$144.00 is reserved for Recruitment Day)

Bank: \$6331.72

TOTAL: \$7318.72

**Minister of Truth** – Kristin (Cole) Wolfe

**EGSA Departmental Representative Reports**

**Instructional and Student Affairs Committee (ISAC)** – Jackie Serrano

- ISAC meetings held outside of representative's scheduled availability.
- 2-unit letter graded seminar on symbionts

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

**Seminar & Special Lectures** –Debbie De La Riva & Michelle Miner

**Website and Newsletter** – Eric Gordon

- Reminder: EGSA Blog (<http://ucr-egsa.weebly.com/>): Please write blog posts for our EGSA blog. This is great free and easy publicity for yourself, great for your CV. Each blog post = 1 hour of outreach service!
- Reminder: Student publications are announced on the website (<http://egsa.ucr.edu/>). Whenever you publish something, send the citation info to [egord003@ucr.edu](mailto:egord003@ucr.edu) to have it included (including recent past).

**Entomology Research Museum** – Austin Baker

- Reminder: Doug would like to be able to refer public to online information/directory for general information/details on department tours, outreach events and live cultures maintained in the dept.
- Reminder: Doug is available to provide orientation session for graduate students interested in borrowing Museum outreach materials.
- Reminder: Doug encourages graduate students to deposit voucher specimens from their research with the Museum; just two or three specimens of any given taxon is sufficient, and the Museum can supply unique numbers for inclusion in any publications.
- Reminder: Doug loves volunteers – please contact him if you are interested in a curatorial effort, sorting and IDing specimens in a specific group or volunteering to help with outreach material (e.g. replacing or adding specimens in the existing displays, or producing a specimen guide for each display, etc.)
- Reminder: In addition to Fall workshops on specimen mounting and labeling, Doug is available for private instruction.

**Committee Reports**

**Fundraising** –Kelsey Schall (chair), Debbie De La Riva, Kaleigh Russell, Sarah O'Neill

- Riverside Insect Fair is Saturday, April 30, 2016
- New collaborators joined the organizing team this year to help with logistics (i.e. rentals, advertising, food for exhibitors, more bathrooms, Bug Chef, Butterfly Tent, etc.) It will be collaboration with Smithsonian week.

- **Sign up on the google doc for the following by Feb.29th.**
  - Stage Presentation: We will have a stage this year. If anyone (faculty, staff, post docs or students) is interested in making a presentation this year to the public let us know.
  - Booth exhibit: Please also sign up if you, your organization, or your lab would like a booth this year.
  - Student Presentations: The museum is in need of student volunteers to present on April 28, 29th as part of Smithsonian week. Time TBD. This is our opportunity to encourage the public to attend the Insect Fair.
  - Sign up here:  
[https://docs.google.com/a/ucr.edu/spreadsheets/d/1\\_jZwTGu0v3lMVFuqMDfsJelpdaoJs\\_tmUglirsZDQ5w/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/a/ucr.edu/spreadsheets/d/1_jZwTGu0v3lMVFuqMDfsJelpdaoJs_tmUglirsZDQ5w/edit?usp=sharing)

**Exam** – Jackie Serrano

- Binder has been recently organized. In need of new exams!

**GSA Representative** –Amelia Lindsey

- Please continue the email-letter writing campaign ([GSACTGFunding@gmail.com](mailto:GSACTGFunding@gmail.com)) for the purpose of increasing funding for Graduate Student Association Conference Travel Grants. Until Feb. 28th

**Merchandise** –Paul Masonick and Austin Baker (co-chairs), Nancy Power, Debbie De La Riva, Austin Baker, Kelsey Schall, Sarah O’Neill

- New merchandise has arrived!
- Sales Event (volunteers requested!): Urban Pest Management Conference at UCR Extension on Wednesday, March 23, 7:15am-4:30pm.
- Requests specific items via [EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com](mailto:EGSAMerchandise@gmail.com).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor display has been updated!
- Zazzle.com Website (<http://www.zazzle.com/riversideentomology/products>): Current balance is \$33.08. This will be paid to EGSA when a minimum balance is reached (\$50 for paypal and \$100 for check). 107 items are currently on website available for sale (higher price to consumer, lower profit to EGSA – more economical to purchase in person).

**Hospitality (Winter Qtr. Recruitment Day)** – Amy Murillo

- Recruitment Day is February 19, 2016. Details to come. Please volunteer to help!

**Social** – Levi Zahn (Chair), Paul Masonick, Nancy Power, Kristin (Cole) Wolfe, Eric Gordon, Chrissy Dodge, Judith Herreid

- Winter quarter social will be *either* March 4 or March 11 – stay tuned.

**Technology** – Eric Gordon (Chair), Ryan Perry, Amelia Lindsey, Paul Masonick

**UCR TA Union Representative:** Debbie De La Riva

- TA Union is still in need of departmental stewards in the sciences
- Debbie will put together a brief description of Head Steward duties and departmental steward duties on the UCR EGSA blog

**Other** – Nancy has installed different speakers on the Boyden computer and they work

Meeting adjourned: 12:33pm