

**EGSA Meeting Minutes**  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
4:00 PM, CEL conference room

**In attendance:**

Sean Halloran  
Becky Heinig  
Holly Holt  
Beth Irwin  
Kerry Mauck

Jessica Richards  
Dan Schmehl  
Sheena Sidhu  
Salil Siriwat

**Committee Reports:**

*Critter Care.*

Needed volunteers for two weeks during the Christmas and New Years. Kerry has volunteered for Dec. 20-24 and Salil for Dec. 27-31.

*Department Seminar.*

**Jay Rosenheim** (Ian host) is unable to attend during spring 2010. He'll be giving his seminar in Fall 2010 which Nancy Ostiguy will be the seminar chair. So we will be inviting **George Jander** (Jason host) instead. He will be coming on March 18<sup>th</sup> and **Andrew Michel** (Amanda host) will be coming on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please send us your Fall seminar speaker suggestions.

*New entomology course.*

Taxonomy Course: Good news! Our team taught ID course will be taught in Fall 2011. If you're interested, please register.

Evolution and Ecology course: David Hughes has taken in consideration our suggestion and plans to teach it in Fall 2011.

*Frontiers Course.*

**Volunteer needed** to organize and lead a discussion about Frontiers Course. It is preferred that the volunteer should have taken the course (direct experience) and students taking it this year would be great since it's the improved version of the course. We hope to get feedback to Gary by end of January. Ideas about the course: What should core courses consist of? Suggestions for improvement or other solutions? Positives and negatives.

*EGSA merchandise sale.*

Officers are planning on having another GIF merchandise sale this Friday, Dec. 10, 2010 from 9:30 - 11:00 am, 504 ASI. We **need volunteers** to help sell. The profits will benefit the student community for other activities. There will be a price list. Not complicated. On the same day at 12:00 there will be the Department Linnaean Games. So come help out and cheer your team.

*Website Request.*

Check out the photos at the EGSA website! Ian has uploaded pictures of graduate students doing research with caption but there's a few. **Please send pictures** of you doing research with a small caption as to what you are doing to Ian, [img103@psu.edu](mailto:img103@psu.edu).

*January Activities and Recruitment Weekend.*

Here are our ideas for activities Snow tubing at Tussey Mountain, Ice skating, and Bowling. Recruitment weekend will be on the last weekend of January, so we will be combining the monthly activity with it. We discuss in having activities that are more PA related. So bowling would not be a good option. Penn's cave was suggested but the cost is pretty high. Other suggests were Plamer's Art Museum and Ice skating on the same day or watch a performance at the State College Theatre. Sheena and Tom Bentley will be glad to hear your thoughts which will be discussed more in the next meeting.

*Outreach event.*

Christy Harris **needs your help!** She usually does an outreach event at Foot of Ten Elementary (50 minute commute). The outreach consists of three 20-minute sessions with 10 kids on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. You have the option of staying for the big group presentation (impressive!) and for pizza lunch. If you're interested please contact Christy, [cmh347@psu.edu](mailto:cmh347@psu.edu).

*Spring meetings.*

A new semester is starting and we have new schedules. We would like you to select the time slots you are available to come to the meetings. Go to <http://doodle.com/7zwfyrgrwawb2xf5>.

*Snacks.* Thank you Megan for the pumpkin bread and Kerry for her apple crumble.

**Next EGSA meetings:**

January 10<sup>th</sup>: 5-6 PM 504 ASI

*Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.*  
*Salil Siriwat*