EGSA Meeting Minutes April 4th, 2011 4:30 PM, CEL

In attendance:

Tracy Conklin Maggie Douglas Ian Grettenberger Sean Halloran Holly Holt Becky Heinig Beth Irwin Wing-Yi Kung Elina Lastro Jessica Richards Dan Schmehl Jason Smith Sheena Sidhu Salil Siriwat Gabe Villar

Committee Reports:

Pancake Night:

Originally, Dan would be hosting the event on April 9th; however, Tom Baker is having an awesome party that day, and Dan is not free on other weekends. So, Becky has stepped up to have the event at her place on another weekend or weekday. We would like your input in voting for the day that best falls into your schedule. Choose here (click: <u>Pick days for pancake dinner doodle</u>)

Speaker Nominations:

Thank you to those who voted for the seminar speakers. The 1st and 2nd choices are May Berenbaum and Carolyn Malmstrom. Runner ups are Mary Gardiner and Jonathan Ludgren. We will give all the four speakers names to Nancy for the Fall seminar speaker series. In addition, David Grimaldi will also be invited to promote research using systematics.

Frontiers/Taxonomy class:

Becky and Jason have presented complaints and suggestions on the Frontiers class to Gary. He has taken them into consideration and agrees that it is more of a seminar course. David Hughes will be teaching a course on co-evolution. His style of teaching may be different with more one on one talk with each student. The team taught taxonomy course is not finalized. So, it would be a good time to make some noise to direct the interest back.

EGSA Election:

Current EGSA's officer's term will end this June, voting starts in May. Jason will be taking nominations. Here's a brief description of each position:

President: Lead the team of officers, facilitate EGSA meetings and promote student interests at faculty meetings and the department head.

Vice president: Attend faculty meetings and coordinate Critter Care sign-ups and speaker nominations.

Secretary: Attend EGSA meetings, send out meeting reminders and minutes, and coordinate monthly EGSA events.

Treasure: Manage EGSA account, purchase GIF and snack cabinet merchandise.

Webmaster: Update website, EGSA calendar, seminar speakers and what is needed.

All officers: Decide what to purchase for GIF merchandise, prepare collecting kit for new students and gift bags, and monthly meeting agenda.

New officers would also need to find a productive way of using EGSA funds.

EGSA Account:

As of today we have about \$4,600 in the account. (\$1,400 in the safe and \$519 in the cabinet)

Next EGSA meetings:

May 2nd : 4:30-5:30 PM 504 ASI

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM. Salil Siriwat