

EGSA Meeting Minutes

May 2nd, 2011

4:45 PM, ASI

In attendance:

Amanda Bachmann
Tim Ciarlo
Tracy Conklin
Maggie Douglas
Megan Greischar
Ian Grettenberger
Sean Halloran
Holly Holt

Becky Heinig
Beth Irwin
Jessica Richards
Jason Smith
Sheena Sidhu
Salil Siriwat
Gabe Villar

Committee Reports:

Next EGSA Officers Election:

12 individuals were nominated: 6 for President, 7 for VP, 7 for Secretary, 5 for Treasurer, 5 for Webmaster, and 3 for ESA-EB Student Representative. Please vote for your new officers at [EGSA 2011 Election Ballot](#) and read each [candidate's information for EGSA Election 2011](#). Voting closes on Monday, May 15th, at 5 PM.

Frontiers/Taxonomy class:

Gary plans on making Frontiers a 2 credit class. Maggie points out that on elion the credits for the course is still 4. Taxonomy class for incoming students should not interfere with STAT 500 or 501. If a lab component is to be added as David Hughes plans on doing, it should not make the semester overloaded with credits. Gary mentions that these courses still have experimental course numbers thus making it harder to change than permanent courses. More updates on the topic will be announced as fall semester is nearer.

Tours and Outreach:

During summer, more tours are requested. Please considering helping out on the tours by checking [the outreach calendar](#) for a requested tour. Information on giving museum tours is also on the website. If you don't want to give a tour by yourself, you can consider in shadowing someone during their tour or help passing the insects.

Students Nominated for Committees:

Awards (1)- Sean
Candidacy (2) - Jason, Amanda, Paul and Sheena (1 will be the principle student)
Recruiting (2) – Tom Bentley
Instruction (1)- Dan
Nominations (1)- Tracy
Safety (1) - Eric
Seminar (1)- Maggie
Social (1) - Salil

Space Planning (1)- Kerry
Public outreach (2)- Ian and Wingyi
Will be confirmed by Tracy.

Entomology Foundation Awards:

The Foundation is asking for applicants. Jason says that there is one award for Masters for Leadership which grants \$2,000. This is due on July 1st, 2011. ([awards and grants link](#))

Ethnic Food Potluck:

This event is a lunch potluck similar to the Christmas potluck. Would like involve the faculty and should be held at 504 ASI. In the meeting the date of the event was discussed and concluded that the Friday before Memorial Day, May 30th, would be the best. Jason has asked LuAnn for 504 and tables on that day. Everyone interested should indicate their ethnic dish at this [Ethnic Food Potluck Lunch link](#).

New PhD Candidate Dinner:

New candidates are congratulated by EGSA with a paid dinner which is to be held either in May or June. Further details will be announced.

Summer Activity Ideas:

- Paint ball
- Hiking and collecting trip
 - Sieg conference center (needs permit)
 - Aquatic insect collection needs fishing permit
- Entomology Society of Pennsylvania (ESP)
 - 2011 ESP Collecting Trip to Parker Dam State Park on June 24-26 ([collecting trip link](#))
 - Membership of \$5 for students ([applying for membership link](#))
- Bear Meadows
 - blueberry picking (Sheena has volunteered to organize)

New Critter Suggestions:

- Katydid
- Mantid
- Bombyx caterpillars
- Whip scorpions
- Crickets

EGSA Account:

As of today we have about \$4,600 in the account not sure since expenses from Linnaean games have not been deducted. (\$1,040 in the safe and \$456 in the cabinet)

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Salil Siriwat