

2014 General Business Minutes

October 21, 2014

I. Call to order

Krish Krishnan called to order the meeting of the MEA Executive Committee at 2:10 on October 21, 2014 at Bost Auditorium.

II. Meeting Discussion

- a) Fred Musser moved that the minutes of the last business meeting be approved, Angus Catchot seconded. All in favor, no opposed.
- b) Nominations were discussed, Angus Catchot proposed we accept the nominations as stated, Jenny Bibb seconded. All in favor, no opposed.
- c) Musser gave treasury report.
 - As of Sept 30th: \$9224.77 in regular account of which \$695 is designated for 4H Fund or Scholarship so that gives us \$8,500 available for use which is approx. 1 year of operating funds.
 - \$21,000 in 4H funds used for prizes for 4H entomology competitions.
 - Scholarship fund \$2,250. Have not used any of that money, trying to build it up to get it to where it can pay for MEA Scholarship rather than pulling from registration.
 - Assets decreased by \$730, had made \$900 extra last year.
 - Chip Graham proposed we accept the treasury report, Kristine Edwards seconded. All in favor, no opposed.
- d) Jeff Gore spoke on the Mid-South Entomologist—Discussed changes that were discussed at the last executive committee meeting:
 - Adding an advisory board or editorial board beyond what is already present.
 - Moving forward with idea of having a section to allow peer review insecticide efficacy section to the journal—only avenue for this to be published is in AMT put out by ESA as a short report with no discussion.
 - Weed science can publish efficacy trials in peer reviewed format, but we currently cannot, will not increase impact factor of journal, will provide opportunity to fill a niche that is out there because of increased demand for that info by regulatory agencies.
 - Jeff and others will work on developing that and will have something to present to exec committee by Feb so we can continue to develop that section.
 - Set stringent guidelines but not too stringent.
 - Considered page charges or article charges, still deciding.

- e) Krish asked for questions and comments? Chip Graham said it was a great idea. Musser and Gore asked for questions and concerns about the journal? No one was opposed.
- f) Krish asked for any other topics to be discussed. There were none.
- g) Krish moved for meeting to be adjourned. Bibb seconded.

Krish Krishnan adjourned the meeting at 11:48.

Minutes submitted by: Jenny Bibb