

GEORGIA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2021. 9:00 am.

Nancy Hinkle presided over the Virtual Business Meeting in lieu of a regular business meeting due to COVID. An agenda had been prepared earlier and sent to the participants by Stan Diffie, Secretary/Treasurer.

Attendees included: Nancy Hinkle (President), David Shapiro Ilan (President-elect), Ed Mondor (Past-President), Stan Diffie (Secretary/Treasurer), Kris Braman (Historian), Wayne Gardner (JES Editor), Ted Cottrell (Local Arrangements Chair), Dan Suiter (Nominations Chair), Brett Blaauw and Angel Acebes-Doria (Site Selection), Mike Toews (Webmaster), and Mark Abney (Arthropod Survey).

The reading of the 2019 Minutes was waived by a motion from Ed Mondor and seconded by Wayne Gardner.

Journal of Entomological Science Report (Wayne Gardner)—Wayne presented the annual reports from 2019 and 2020. In 2019, 43 articles were published and 59 were published in 2020. The acceptance rate was 69% in 2019 and 61% in 2020. The turnaround rate in 2019 was 85 days and that decreased to 61 days in 2020.

The Journal had a balance of over \$15,000 in 2019 and that increased to over \$24,000 in 2020. Wayne has been more assertive the past couple of years in securing payments from the authors. BIO ONE just issued a royalty check for \$15,000 that is not reflected in the totals. This is based on the number of hits received by the articles. The Journal does not pay fees to BIO ONE due to the relationship with Allen Press.

Nancy asked about an update to the possibility of scanning all the old articles and having them online. Wayne said the cost would be substantial but possible. Griffin Campus has copies of all published articles, but the articles would have to be destroyed in order to scan them. There needs to be at least one hard-bound copy, so another copy needs to be located that can be used in the process. Mike said he would check with the Tifton Campus library about old copies.

Susan Thornhill is the Business Manager. She does a great job and is supported by a \$1000 stipend from the Society annually.

David asked about special issues of the journal. Wayne said this had been done in the past but usually lost money. If someone had something in mind that could generate hits, this could off-set the costs (from the royalty payments).

Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Stan Diffie) – The financial report covering activity in 2019 and 2020 was distributed prior to the meeting and is attached. Stan Diffie reported a good financial standing for the Society. The lack of a meeting in 2020 and 2021 even though registrations have been paid makes it appear very good. However, next year's meeting will incur expenses without a lot of new registrations. The books should even out next year to give a more accurate picture. Currently, the Society has over \$60,000 in the bank. Ed asked about dues for 2021, and Stan confirmed that emails would be sent throughout the year reminding everyone to pay. Ed was concerned that people may not pay since it would be hard to recoup their dues from their employer.

Audit Report (Stan Diffie) – Stormy Sparks completed an audit and supplied an audit report for 2019 and 2020. The report stated that the books of the Society were found to be in good order.

Membership Report (Stan Diffie)—Stan presented a report of the Society's membership. He reported 145 regular members, 15 emeritus/fellow/founders, and about 80 students. Approximately 40 to 60% of the members had paid dues and/or registered for 2019 and 2020.

Local Arrangements (Ted Cottrell)—Ted informed everyone about the next meeting scheduled for April 13-15, 2022 at Villas by the Sea on Jekyll Island. The resort and catering were both honoring the deposits made in 2019 to secure their services. Ted plans to use the resort for coffee during the meeting but bring snacks and other items to help reduce costs. People who reserved rooms for the 2020 meeting should still have reservations, but this needs to be confirmed. We do not want to be charged for unused rooms.

Program Committee (David Shapiro Ilan)—Call for Papers will be issued in January 2022. The symposium for the 2022 meeting will probably be the same one that had been planned for 2020.

Awards Committee (Ed Mondor)—Five Ph D students applied for the scholarship. All appear to be very good candidates. Their applications are being reviewed. Only one Master's student applied and the application was incomplete. A scholarship will not be awarded in that category this year.

Nominations Committee (Dan Suiter)—two people have agreed to be on the ballot for the next meeting. Ash Sial (UGA) and Hunt Sanders (Valent) will provide bios to send to the membership. The vote for President-elect will occur during the luncheon.

Site Selection (Brett Blaauw)—Brett and Angel recently agreed to serve on this committee. The did not have a report to submit at this time. Nancy asked about the general location of the next meeting. Ted said a lot of north Georgia locations had been contacting him about our business. This could be due to reduced revenue during COVID.

Arthropod Survey (Mark Abney)—Mark presented the surveys from the past two years. Mark sends emails to past participants in order to remind them of when the reports are due. Kris asked about retiring faculty and new hires. Mark said he would send the new hires an invitation to participate. Nancy said she gets reports of other states using data from our reports.

Historian (Kris Braman)—Asked about the possibility of sending an ALL CALL to the members requesting items members may want to share with the Society. Articles, pictures, etc would be appreciated. Nancy and Ed agreed that this would be valuable. Kris asked Stan about sending an email after she drafts it. Dan Hagan and Frank French were suggested as worthwhile people to contact.

By-Laws Revision (Ed Mondor)—Ed sent out revisions for everyone to read and provide feedback. Only Wayne had responded. Ed had five questions he needed to be answered: 1) What is a quorum for the society? He wants to change the board meeting quorum to 4 out of the 6 members. The existing By-Laws state 30 people for a regular meeting but Ed hinted that a percentage might be better. Discussion followed with no definite answer. 2) Should we leave the section that says 40-70% of GES dues should go to the JES annually. 'Yes' seemed to be the answer. 3) The pesticide license part references Doug Jones with the Georgia Department of Agriculture. It was decided to insert 'the Secretary/Treasurer would handle this responsibility' instead of mentioning particular people. 4) The photo salon awards money to some winners and plaques to others. Ed wanted to verify this. 5) Ed was wondering if scholarship eligibility should have a preference to individuals attending Georgia schools. Discussion followed about professors having students in other schools (NC State for example).

Necrologist Report (Mike Toews)—Mike asked Stan to list the names known of members who had passed away recently. Three names were mentioned by the attendees: Marianne Shockley, Carroll Younce, and Amy Janvier.

New Business—Brett has volunteered to host the new GES website. The old website was hosted by Marianne Shockley and upon her passing, no one has been able to access the administrator's settings. Ed set up a new website and everyone is encouraged to submit pictures, events, news, etc. to it. Mike asked if a link could be established to the Apple News Insect Report. Social media seems to be an avenue in which growth of the Society could occur.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

JOURNAL OF ENTOMOLOGICAL SCIENCE

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Volume 55 of the *Journal of Entomological Science* was published online and in print in 4 quarterly issues with a total of 587 pages, 44 scientific articles, and 15 scientific notes. For the 59 manuscripts published in the volume, the average time from receipt of the manuscript to action taken on acceptance was 61 days (See Table 1 for summary data by volume from 2005 through 2020). Cover photos for each of the issues selected from the 2019 GES Photo Salon were provided by Pin-Chu Lai (no. 1) and Aparba Barman (nos. 2 and 3). The cover photo for issue no. 4 was provided by Tracie Jenkins after the originally designated image was found unacceptable due to low resolution.

During 2020, 94 manuscripts were submitted for consideration of publication in the *Journal*. The acceptance rate for those 94 submissions was 60.6%. A summary by year of total submissions, acceptance rates, and journal account balances, and net incomes for 2005 through 2020 is shown in Table 2.

Susan Thornhill, Business Manager, reported a balance of \$24,505.75 in the *Journal* checking account at Regions Bank (Griffin, GA) as of 24 March 2021. The report of deposits, disbursements, and balances for the fiscal year is in Table 3.

In 2019, the *Journal* adopted an aggressive procedure to improve collection of publication charges by notifying authors of estimated publication charges as proofs are sent out and invoicing authors prior to appearance of their articles in the *Journal*. Shortfalls in collections of publication costs were \$6,095.20 in 2018, \$1,437.00 in 2019, and \$453.00 in 2020 with a 92.5% decrease collection shortfalls from 2018 to 2020.

A revised website for the *Journal* on the Meridian platform with Allen Press was launched this year with an updated appearance and accessibility.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd Day of April 2021,



Wayne A. Gardner, Editor

Table 1. Number of papers published, total number of pages printed, and the average time from receipt of the papers to acceptance by volume of the *Journal of Entomological Science*, 2005-2020.

Volume	Year	Scientific Articles	Scientific Notes	Total Articles	Total Pages	Time to Acceptance
40	2005	47	14	61	484	89 d
41	2006	34	20	54	420	79 d
42	2007	51	18	69	622	81 d
43	2008	34	17	51	459	87 d
44	2009	35	11	46	420	79 d
45	2010	33	12	45	402	106 d
46	2011	31	10	41	348	84 d
47	2012	31	13	44	384	90 d
48	2013	32	11	43	364	80 d
49	2014	31	15	46	424	83 d
50	2015	23	10	34	366	91 d
51	2016	25	10	35	336	61 d
52	2017	36	18	54	471	81 d
53	2018	48	11	59	575	81 d
54	2019	33	10	43	442	85 d
55	2020	44	15	59	587	61 d
Mean		36	13	49	444	82 d

Table 2. Manuscript submissions, acceptance rates, ending account balances, and net income by year for the *Journal of Entomological Science*, 2005-2020.

Year	Total Submitted	Accept Rate	Ending Balance	Net Income
2005	68	91%	\$38,985.10	(-) \$6,309.00
2006	85	90%	\$49,758.36	\$10,773.26
2007	61	85%	\$53,353.91	\$3,595.55
2008	43	93%	\$51,853.43	\$1,500.48
2009	54	85%	\$57,339.04	\$5,485.61
2010	47	87%	\$51,416.61	(-) \$5,922.43
2011	53	85%	\$49,629.66	(-) \$1,786.95
2012	58	80%	\$45,789.26	(-) \$3,840.40
2013	45	85%	\$40,461.84	(-) \$5,327.42
2014	41	83%	\$39,982.94	(-) \$478.90
2015	45	81%	\$27,237.43	(-) \$12,745.51
2016	62	74%	\$25,500.58	(-) \$1,736.85
2017	147	55%	\$8,690.73	(-) \$16,809.85
2018	154	41%	\$10,317.77	\$1,627.04
2019	74	69%	\$15,458.25	\$5,140.48
2020	94	61%	\$24,505.75	\$9,047.50

Table 3. Summary report of *Journal of Entomological Science* account with deposits, disbursements, and beginning and ending balances, 12 March 2020 through 24 March 2021.

Beginning Balance [3/12/2020]		\$15,458.25
Deposits (+)		58,793.00
Disbursements (-)		49,745.50
Ending Balance [3/24/2021]		\$24,505.75
<u>Deposits</u>		
Library / Institution Subscriptions		1,685.00
Publication Charges		39,299.00
GES Dues Share		0
Royalties		17,809.00
Total Deposits		\$58,793.00
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Allen Press Fees and Charges		\$48,112.59
Banking Fees		\$1,577.91
VISA/MC/Discover Fees (Regions Bank)	\$1,541.91	
Checking Account Fees (Regions Bank)	\$36.00	
Institution Subscription Reimbursement		\$55.00
Total Disbursements		\$49,745.50

GES Financial Report for period from Dec. 31, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2020

ASSETS	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Checking	26617.27	17779.69	9896.14	9128.58	16764.38
PayPal	28596.31	37779.78	1047.18	3431.72	2543.20
CD				40660.00	41393.300
Total	55213.58	55559.47	50943.32	53220.30	60700.88
Income					
Registration/Dues	6720.00	8015.00	9490.00	12318.00	9479.00
Meeting Sponsors	800.00	3100.00	1850.00	1900.00	525.00
Expenses					
Secretary of State	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	40.00
Bank Checks	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Account Fees	127.10	123.50	28.01	34.64	56.38
PayPal Fees	281.39	307.46	391.35	638.16	523.62
JES-- administrative	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00
JES--support	0	0	1428.00	0	0
Meeting Expenses					
Venue	5921.50	5543.93	7162.88	5853.22	0
Supplies/Prog.	450.64	734.25	699.59	578.10	0
T-shirts	253.80	233.80	0	564.50	0
Scholarships	500.00	500.00	1000.00	1000.00	0
Awards	775.00	775.00	775.00	950.00	0
Invited Spkrs	885.96	144.48	0	0	0

Report of the GES Audit Committee.

Stan Diffie provided monthly bank statements, PayPal statements, CD statements and receipts for review of financial activities of GES from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

I reviewed these materials on March 3, 2021.

While there was no direct report to reconcile, all materials appear consistent with proper financial management of the Society.

All significant disbursements of funds were accompanied by appropriate receipts. Two deposit checks for the Annual Meeting for 2020 have been carried over for the 2022 annual meeting. The businesses involved should be recognized for their generous cooperation.

All movement of funds from PayPal are reflected in deposits into the GES checking account.

More than \$9,200 were paid to the Journal. Mr. Diffie explained that these are page charge funds collected through PayPal on behalf of the Journal and are simply passed through the GES account as a service to the Journal.

Alton N. Sparks, Jr.