**Tennessee Entomological Society Post-Conference Board of Directors Meeting**

TWRA Region II building conference room, Ellington Agricultural Center campus, Nashville - October 6, 2017

**Members of the Board of Directors Present:**

Pat Parkman, President

Greg Wiggins, Past President

David Cook, President-Elect and Program Committee Chair

Steve Murphree, Secretary (2017-2019) and Membership Committee Chair

Steve Powell, Treasurer (2016-2018) and Predictions/Evaluations Committee Chair

Amy Dismukes, Member-at-Large (2018-19)

Frank Hale, Historian (2012-2018)

President Pat Parkman called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. CDT.

**2018 Annual Conference**

President Parkman stated that October 4-5, 2018 would be the dates of the next TES annual meeting (the decision to hold the 2018 meeting in Knoxville and to alternate between Nashville and Knoxville had been made during the Annual Business meeting). Greg Wiggins asked Pat to reserve the Brehm Animal Sciences building auditorium and the Hollingsworth auditorium. We will plan to hold an Insect Festival for home schooled children in Hollingsworth Auditorium on the morning of Thursday, October 4. David Cook suggested that diagnostic stations for adults and children be a part of the Insect Festival. Greg Wiggins, Amy Dismukes and David Cook discussed how to have host plants available for enclosures with butterflies. Other Insect Festival materials to increase children’s interest in insects like bug suckers were discussed.

Whether there will be a hot topic seminar at the 2018 meeting was discussed briefly and will be decided at a 2018 board meeting. Amy Dismukes asked that we brainstorm about how to keep a good attendance on Friday morning of the annual meeting. Can we plan something to entice Thursday attendees to come back on Friday morning? Would a door prize to be awarded to attendees on Friday a.m. (like an Apple iPad mini) help with this? Would the door prize be for students only or any registered participant in the meeting? Treasurer Powell stated that we have the funds to handle this expenditure in future years. Pat Parkman moved that any registered participant with a door prize ticket who is present on Friday morning of the annual meeting will be eligible to receive an iPad mini. Greg Wiggins seconded the motion. The motion carried. Amy Dismukes will determine the best source/price for an iPad mini and work with Steve Powell to purchase one prior to the 2018 meeting.

Frank Hale pointed out that Knoxville hotels require a signature to block rooms for a meeting and that UT Extension will not allow staff to sign for this. Therefore, there will not be a designated conference hotel in Knoxville for the 2018 meeting.

Further planning will take place via email correspondence prior to Board of Directors Zoom meetings on Friday, February 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. and then on Thursday July, 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

**2018 Committee Assignments**

The 2018 Committee Assignments below were proposed by Past-President Amy Dismukes.

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| **Auditing**Clete Youmans, ChairFrank Hale**Awards**Kaushalya Amarasekare, ChairKevin MoultonKaren Vail**Constitution/Operating Procedures**Karla Addesso, Co-ChairJason Oliver, Co-ChairGray Haun **Insect Festival**Jerome Grant, Chair David CookParis LambdinJason OliverAmy Dismukes**Local Arrangements**Pat Parkman, ChairSara CollinsFrank Hale**Membership**Steve Murphree, ChairSteve HamiltonSteve Powell | **Nominations**Greg Wiggins, ChairKaren Vail**Predictions/Evaluations**Steve Powell, ChairJason OliverScott Stewart**Proclamation**David Cook, Chair**Program**David Cook, ChairPat ParkmanGreg Wiggins**Publications/Editorial**Karla Addesso, ChairSteve Powell**Publicity**Rebecca Trout Fryxell, ChairDavid CookAmy DismukesGreg Wiggins |

**New Business:**

President Parkman asked for any new business. Towards increasing student participation in the TES annual meeting Steve Powell made a motion to raise the undergraduate and graduate student paper competition cash awards from $150.00 and $75.00 to $200.00 and $100.00. Frank Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried. Steve Powell will ask 2018 Awards committee chair Kaushalya Amarasekare to update the 2018 Student Paper Competition Announcement to indicate the newly adopted amounts.

President Parkman adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m., CDT.

**Action Items:**

1. Greg Wiggins asked Pat to reserve the Brehm Animal Sciences building auditorium and the Hollingsworth auditorium.
2. Amy Dismukes will determine the best source/price for an iPad mini and work with Steve Powell to purchase one prior to the 2018 meeting.
3. Steve Powell will ask 2018 Awards committee chair Kaushalya Amarasekare to update the 2018 Student Paper Competition Announcement to indicate the newly adopted amounts.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Murphree, TES Secretary