

**Executive Committee Meeting May 15, 2012, 9:00 am Atlantic Time at the University of Puerto Rico/Cayey**

The executive committee met at the University of Puerto Rico /Cayey at 9:00 am Atlantic Time. President Don Roush welcomed everyone. By way of roll call those present were President Don Roush, Past Presidents Gary Wolgamott, Larry Koehler; Vice Presidents Paul Yokley, Sister Rose Bast, Crosby Jones, Tony Schountz, and Felix Velazquez; District Directors Steve Coggin, Christi Magrath from the Southeast Region; Debra Martin from the North central Region, Annemarie Bettica and Steve Ropski from the Northeast Region, and Ali Azghani from the Southcentral Region; BIOS Editor Lori Kelman, National Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Roush.

Don Roush asked for a motion to accept the agenda.

**Steve Ropski moved and Tony Schountz seconded to accept the agenda.  
Motion Passed.**

Don Roush introduced a speaker

Dr. Victor Carmona “Learning Communities as a Model for Long Term Ecological Research”

Dr. Victor Carmona is an Assistant Professor in the Biology Department of Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles, CA), and is currently a Fulbright Scholar with the University of El Salvador (San Salvador, El Salvador). As a tropical Ecologist, Dr. Carmona’s research on the ecology of mutualisms has included field work in Mexico, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, and Australia. His current field project is funded by the National Geographic Society and evaluates how the clearing of understory vegetation by symbiotic *Pseudomyrmex* ants that inhabit swollen-thorn Acacia impacts the diversity of neotropical dry forest seedling communities.

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The first item of business was the approval of the minutes of January 26, 2012  
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**Steve Ropski moved and Steve Coggin seconded the minutes be accepted with corrections.  
Motion Passed**

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The second item of business was the vice presidents reports.  
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Fred Brenner Vice President for the Northeast was not present. Annemarie Bettica District Director for Northeast 1 reported the district conference was held at Pace University April 2012. They had about 60 presentations both oral and posters. Steve

Ropski reported for Northeast 3. The district conference was held at St Francis University March 29.

Paul Yokley reported for Southeast Region. The southeast district one and two district conventions were organized by Christi Magrath and held in Athens, GA in April. There were about 150 attendees and about 20 oral presentations and 60 poster presentations. The next conference will be organized by Steve Coggin and held in West Virginia in April.

Tony Schountz reported for the Western Regions. The West 1 district convention was held at Adams State University. There were 45 presentations. The Air Force Academy will host the next district convention. West 2 district convention was held at the California State University/Monterey Bay in April. Next year Loyola Marymount University/CA will host the District Convention. Tony mentioned that California State University/Monterey Bay was interested in hosting a national convention. Tony announced two new district directors; W-1 Dr. Mark Thomas from University of Northern Colorado and W-2 Dr. Skyla Herod from Azusa Pacific University.

Sister Rose Bast reported for the Northcentral Region. All three districts held their conventions. If the University of Wisconsin/Platteville had not been recalled, she wanted to withdraw the charter.

**Sister Rose Bast moved and Paul Yokley seconded to withdraw the charter from the University of Wisconsin/Plattville.  
Motions Passed.**

Crosby Jones reported for the Southcentral Region. The Regional Convention was held at the Oklahoma Biological Field Station. Southwestern Oklahoma State University organized the conference. Gary Wolgamott was the guest speaker and recognized on his retirement. Next year Angelo State University will organize the conference.

Felix Velazquez reported for the Caribbean Region. Their regional conference was very successful. All chapters made oral presentations and poster presentations.

Felix also gave a convention report. All the convention bags and contents were donated. Each chapter organized a field trip and would accompany the trip to handle a tour and other details. All chapters would help with the oral presentations and the poster presentations including set up of poster rooms. All buses and vans for the field trips were donated. All the rooms for the presentations and the meals were donated by the University of Puerto Rico/Carolina.

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The third item of business was committee reports.  
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Crosby Jones reported for the research grant committee. Crosby gave everyone a list of most frequently asked questions. He wanted everyone to respond to these questions by July 1, 2012. It was emphasized that there should be 3 grants per advisor and 6 per chapter. Tony wanted

wording on the research grant application concerning use of animals. The work has to have institutional review; must abide by your institution's regulations concerning research with animals, humans and any vertebrate subject.

There needs to be information available on the grant application and web page concerning the size of a poster. The poster width cannot be more than 48 inches wide.

Larry reported for the constitution committee. Discussion on wording in the constitution arose. Don Roush charged the constitution committee chaired by Larry to review and bring wording across the constitution into uniformity. He will be assisted by Gary Wolgamott and Paul Yokley.

The committee will specifically review the wording in the constitution concerning awards, the wording concerning the GPA and qualifications for regular and associate membership. The committee will report at the next Executive Committee conference call and changes will be presented and voted on at the next national meeting.

Paul Yokley reported for the Yokley Award. Yokley Faculty advisor nominee was Carrie McVean-Varing, Colorado Mesa State University. The Yokley Service Award Nominees were Sue Ball, Kathy Roush and Sarah Reeves

**Tony Schountz moved and Steve Ropski seconded to approve the Yokley Awards.  
Motion Passed.**

Sister Rose Bast reported for the Budget Committee. The audit report for fiscal year Oct 1, 2010 – Sept 30, 2011 was presented to the committee. We are currently in fiscal; year Oct 1, 2011- Sept 30, 2012. The budget to be approved was for fiscal year Oct 1, 2012 – Sept 30, 2013. The research grant budget of \$55,000 remained the same. Student travel grants and host district convention grants remained the same. New chapter application fee remained the same. The student membership fees remained the same. Pay raise for the national office staff was proposed.

The national office continues to file the epostcard to the IRS for all the chapters to maintain the nonprofit status. And the national office files a master list of all chapters with the IRS every June.

The budget committee submitted their proposal for the budget to the executive committee. Items on the budget were discussed.

**The budget was approved by the executive committee.**

Larry Koehler reported for the nominations Committee. It was recommended that the president and all vice presidents be nominated to serve for another two years. Those nominated were:

Don Roush -- President

Sister Rose Bast – NC Vice President

Fred Brenner --NE—Vice President

Paul Yokley SE –Vice President

Crosby Jones -- SC Vice President

Tony Schountz – W Vice President

Felix Velazquez-Soto – Caribbean Vice President

The Nominations Committee submitted the proposed nominations to the executive committee.

**The executive committee approved the nominations.**

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Fourth item of business was a report from the National Office

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Kathy Roush reported for the National Office. The colleges and universities requesting a charter was submitted to the executive committee. The schools were  
Emmanuel College  
Manchester College  
Shenandoah University

Partial information for Dallas Baptist University and University of Puerto Rico/Carolina was submitted to the executive committee. When the remaining information is available the executive committee was willing to vote electronically.

The executive committee reviewed and discussed each school individually.

Emmanuel College was reviewed and discussed. Steve Coggin District Director SE1 recommended granting a charter to Emmanuel College. After careful consideration and vote, Emmanuel College was granted a charter. Tony Schountz vice president western region wanted his concerns on the lack of tenure and its impact on the biology program recorded in the minutes.

**Steve Coggin moved and Paul Yokley seconded that Emmanuel College be granted a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.  
Motion Passed.**

Manchester College was reviewed and discussed.

**Tony Schountz moved and Sister Rose Bast seconded that Manchester College be granted a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.  
Motion Passed.**

Shenandoah University was reviewed and discussed.

**Gary Wolgamott moved and Tony Schountz seconded that Shenandoah University be granted a charter of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.  
Motion Passed.**

Sister Rose Bast on recommendation from Debra Martin District Director of NC-3 asks that University of Iowa be removed from the chapter list since the school was never installed.

Kathy Roush reported that there are a total of 566 chapters including the new chapters just added. And over 10,000 new members were registered January 1, 2011 – December 30, 2011. Since January 1, 2012 to the present May 15, 2012, over 6,000 members have been registered as regular and associate members.

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Fifth item of business was a report on BIOS a Quarterly Journal

Lori Kelman reported for BIOS Journal. Allen Press is now the official printer of BIOS a Quarterly Journal. The first issue Allen Press has printed was 83(1) which was just received.

Lori recommended Allen Press take over copy editorial duties of BIOS as a cost saving measure.

**Tony moved and Steve Ropski seconded to approve that Allen Press take over the copy editorial duties for BIOS a Quarterly Journal.**

**Motion Passed**

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Sixth item of business was the location of the national convention in 2014.  
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Steve Ropski reported for the national convention committee of 2014. The convention dates were June 4-8, 2014. Students will be housed in dorms. The executive committee housed in a hotel.

Sister Rose Bast moved and Gary Wolgamott seconded to adjourn.

Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Roush