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MARCH MEETING OF THE MES CANCELLED



Message from the President

Dear members,

This is likely already expected by all but as a formality I am sending this announcement. Due to the unforeseen circumstances of the Coronavirus Pandemic, which has caused the closure of the school and Universities in the state of Maryland, I regret to inform you that we must also cancel the MES meeting for March 20th. This decision has come after much thought and discussion but finally it is necessary since UMBC, our host University, will be closed this week as well. Therefore, we must consider alternatives for these lectures. We hope that things will improve, and we can conduct our usual April meeting date.

Sincerely,
Fred Paras
MES President

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

MES welcomes the following new members to the Society:

Kenneth T. Belt – Cockeysville, MD

HONORING MEMBER DONORS

MES wishes to honor the following members who made charitable donations along with their recent membership renewals. These donations help with the printing and mailing of *The Maryland Entomologist*.

Michael J. Raupp & Paula M. Shrewsbury
James D. and Amy S. Young

MINUTES OF THE 332ND MEETING OF THE MARYLAND ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

21 FEBRUARY 2020

The meeting commenced at 7:20 PM with a welcome by President Fred Paras. Sixteen members and five guests were in attendance.

A brief business meeting preceded the lecture. Treasurer Ed Cohen reported the balance in the Society's account as \$ 5,936.19. He stated that M&T Bank, with whom the Society maintains its account, is instituting a \$ 2.00 per month fee for generating a paper account statement. He discussed the pros and cons of electronic banking, and sought membership decision of the option to pursue. Member Marcia Watson opined that the decision should be at the Treasurer's discretion. The members present were in agreement. Members Mike Turell and Phil Kean questioned whether the Society as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, scientific organization, might be entitled to a waiver of this fee. Treasurer Cohen agreed to explore that question.

Gene Scarpulla, editor of *The Maryland Entomologist*, stated that the \$ 900.00 check forwarded to him for journal printing costs (as reported at the November meeting) was sent to Cogar Printing, and not to Mr. Scarpulla.

Member Ed Cohen brought his copy of the *News of the Lepidopterists' Society* (Winter 2019, volume 61, number 4) to share with members. He directed attention to the announcement of the meeting of the Southern Lepidopterist Society at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC from June 16 through June 19, 2020. (The February 2020 issue of the *Phaëton* also contains an announcement of this meeting.) Ed also announced and directed members' attention to an article in the same publication about observations of a population of Ailanthus silkmoth (*Samia cynthia*) in the New Jersey Meadowlands. The author of the article speculates that this may be the last remaining wild population of this moth in North America. During the social session following the meeting, members discussed this finding and the history of that species in the Baltimore area.

The Maryland Entomologist editor Gene Scarpulla announced that he has received submittals of three articles for the journal. Gene also announced that Elizabeth Hill will be stepping aside as the MES webmaster, and that the Society was soliciting a volunteer to take over. After the meeting, member Tim Thompson consulted with Gene regarding the duties of the position and agreed to take over.

Fred Paras brought members' attention to the current locust plague in East Africa and displayed a copy of a *New York Times* article, dated 2-21-2020 about that event.

Roseanne Radavich, speaker at our April 2019 meeting, has published her talk in the *American Entomologist* (Fall 2019, volume 65, number 3). Her talk was entitled "Entomology Education for Visually Impaired Students", and was based upon her Master's degree thesis. Faculty sponsor Dr. Frank Hanson shared his copy of the journal with the group.

The lecture commenced at 7:40 PM and ended at 9:35 PM. The speaker's biography and an abstract of the lecture appear in the February issue of the *Phaëton*.

JOINT EASTERN BRANCH AND SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH 2020 MEETING CANCELLED

Joint Eastern Branch and Southeastern Branch 2020 Meeting Canceled

March 16, 2020—The Eastern and Southeastern Branches of the Entomological Society of America have announced that their joint meeting scheduled for March 29-April 1 in Atlanta, Georgia, will be canceled due to concerns about COVID-19.

All registrations for the meeting will automatically be refunded to the original source of payment. Please allow up to four weeks for your refund to be processed.

Attendees who have booked rooms at the Sheraton Atlanta should **contact the hotel to cancel their reservation** at 800-833-8624.

All attendees who have booked flights and no longer intend to travel to Atlanta **should cancel their flights through their travel agent or airline**.

Updates regarding the Pacific Branch 2020 Meeting are expected very soon and will be shared immediately with registrants and Branch members. In the meantime, questions regarding ESA's Branch meetings can be directed to Mayyadah or Cindy of the meetings and membership team at meet@entsoc.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ESA EASTERN BRANCH PRESIDENT-ELECT BILL LAMP

Dr. Bill Lamp, Professor of Entomology at the University of Maryland, College Park, researches three aspects of insects in the human environment: integrated pest management (IPM) of forage crops, ecology of emerging insect pests, and IPM and land use impact on invertebrates in streams and wetlands. Bill's publications include 3 books, 15 book chapters, and 63 refereed articles. He has graduated 7 Masters and 12 PhD students, and taught courses on IPM, insect biodiversity, and aquatic entomology. His signature course, Freshwater Biology, taught 22 times to undergraduates, introduces students to aquatic insects through field/underwater discovery.

A member of ESA since 1977, Bill has been active at the national level on the American Entomologist Editorial Board, the Publications Council, and the Finance Committee. Eastern Branch activities include the Executive Committee from 2003-09, the Program Committee 2009-11 (Chair, 2010-11), and the Student Awards Committee 2011-13 (Chair, 2011-13). At both national and regional levels, Bill has judged poster and oral student presentations, organized and presented within numerous symposia, and moderated and presented at contributed sessions.

He regularly engages in extension and outreach, including an annual "Discover a Swamp" event at Maryland Day, and has served as science editor for 8 National Geographic Kids books. Through his combined activities in research, teaching, and outreach, Bill has fostered the development of students and increased their knowledge, improved the management of insect pests, and contributed overall to the University of Maryland and the science of entomology.

to: <http://entomology.umd.edu/calendar.html>.

THE LEPIDOPTERISTS' SOCIETY 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

the 69th Annual Meeting of the Lepidopterists' Society will be held from Tuesday, June 16 – Friday June 19, 2020 in Cullowhee, North Carolina. We will be meeting in conjunction with the Southern Lepidopterists' Society and the Tropical Lepidoptera Society. The meeting will be hosted by Western Carolina University and Dr. James Costa. WCU is the westernmost university in the UNC system, located in a valley between the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains. Online registration will be done through WCU. We encourage contributed papers and posters by anyone who is interested in presenting! Look for links for registration and abstract submissions and additional details coming soon.

UPDATE: We are monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely in regards to how it may impact the 2020 Annual Meeting. At this time (March 13), the meeting is not cancelled, but it is possible that it may need to be cancelled if we cannot ensure a safe meeting environment for all of our attendees. We will

provide another update on or before April 15 on our web page. Thank you for your patience!

Find more information at

<https://www.lepsoc.org/content/annual-meeting>.

ONLINE ENTOMOLOGY RESOURCES FOR KIDS

With everyone stuck at home for the next few weeks, here us some links for online entomology resources for kids, including informational pages, games and activities.

<https://www.kidsolr.com/science/entomology.html>

<https://ento.psu.edu/public/kids/resources-for-educators>

<https://entsocalberta.ca/resources/learn/>

<https://entomology.unl.edu/scilit/entomology-games>

2019/2020 PROPOSED MES EVENT SCHEDULE

Regular MES lecture/meetings are held at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) on the 3rd Friday of each of 6 months coinciding with UMBC's academic year. Proposed events for the upcoming MES membership year are:

Oct 18: The Love Bugs screening

Nov 15: James Butler (US Army) – Entomology in the US Military

Feb 21: Dr. Ken Belt (UMBC) – Aquatic Insects

Mar 20: CANCELLED

Apr 17 Dr. Mark Metz (USDA) – Micro Moths

May 15: Members' & Students' Presentations & Elections

Jul: MES BugBlitz

Sep: Member's Picnic

OCT 2019-SEP 2020 MES MEMBERSHIP YEAR OFFICERS

President	Frederick Paras
Vice President	Philip J. Kean
Secretary	Janet A. Lydon
Treasurer	Edgar A. Cohen, Jr.
Historian	(vacant)
Faculty Sponsors	Frank E. Hanson & Austin P. Platt
Journal Editor	Eugene J. Scarpulla
E-newsletter Editors	Aditi Dubey

SUBMITTAL DEADLINES

April 2020 issue of the *Phaëton*:

Please send member news items by 10th March 2020.

Send e-newsletter drafts to Addie at aditid26@gmail.com.

September 2020 issue of *The Maryland Entomologist*:

Please send first drafts of articles and notes by 1 April 2020.

Send drafts to Gene Scarpulla at ejscarp@comcast.net.

I WANDERED LONELY AS A CLOUD

By William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.