**Florida Entomological Society**

**Executive Board Meeting, 101st Annual FES Conference**

**St. Augustine, FL**

**Call to Order** – President Rui-De Xue called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM, July 22, 2018

**Attendance**: Rui-De Xue, Heather McAuslane, Teresa Duchene, Jawwad Qureshi, Blair Siegfried, Steve Lapointe, Richard Mankin, Christopher Bibbs, Vivek Kumar,

1) Dr. Xue made a motion to approve the minutes of the last executive board meeting (March 19, 2018); seconded by Dr. Lapointe. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2) Annual meeting preparation report by Dr. McAuslane. Ph.D. and M.S. student paper competitions are scheduled on Monday (July 23, 2018). Five concurrent symposium sessions will be held on the next day, and 16 submitted talks have been scheduled on Wednesday before the award luncheon. During the social mixer and poster session, authors have been asked to present before their board to interact with the audience. Dr. Lapointe will introduce the speaker (Dr. John Ruberson) of the Pioneer Lecture. Graduate student luncheon has been organized for 30 attendees. As of July 22, ~75 attendees opted for award luncheon.

3) Financial Committee report by Ms. Duchene. As of July 21, there is a low turnout of attendees expected at this years’ annual meeting. Based on the previous meetings’ indicator there should be a negative cash flow of $3000-4000 after the meeting. Because of the pesticide industries consolidations, there are fewer companies to support the annual meeting expenses. There is a great need to find additional financial support on this front. FES is in the process of securing an online payment system for registration and other society dues.

4) Publication Committee report by Dr. Capinera (made available by Dr. McAuslane). The quality of manuscripts has greatly improved in the past year. Journal has become more selective about the papers being submitted. There is a vacancy to fill for the Editor handling taxonomic studies. Possibilities to make Florida Entomologist a complete online journal is being explored.

5) Award Committee report by Dr. Qureshi. There has been a low (1-2), or no nominations received this year in different award categories.

6) Public Relationship and Membership Committee report by Dr. Siegfried. The committee is actively working on spreading the word about the society on social media platforms.

There is one vacancy for a member-at-large and one vacancy for a student representative on the executive board.

**Close of Business** – To adjourn the meeting motion moved by Dr. Xue; seconded by Dr. Qureshi. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Adjourn 7:30 PM