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ESA Certification Corporation

Executive Committee Meeting by Conference Call

March 13, 2012

Present: Ric Bessin; Grayson Brown; Del Delfosse; Tim Lysyk; David Gammel; Bob Peterson; Frank Zalom

Absent: Rob Wiedenmann

1. **Welcome** – President Grayson Brown opened the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

2. **Approve February 2012 Minutes** – After minor corrections, the minutes from the February 2012 meeting of the ESA Certification Corporation Executive Committee were approved unanimously as amended.

3. **Certification Staff Resources** – Executive Director David Gammel briefed the Executive Committee on Chris Stelzig’s changing role with the Society. Stelzig will shift from being a contractor to a full time staff person and will take a leadership role in growing the Certification program and the overall corporation. The change will go into effect as of April 2012.

4. **ACE Expert Panel** – Gammel updated the committee on the expert panel scheduled to convene in late April this year. The panel will review the content outline for the ACE exam and make recommendations for any changes required to keep the standard current. The panel has broad representation from academia, industry, and ACE certificants.

5. **Prep Courses** – Gammel briefed the committee on how prep courses for the ACE exam conducted by outside organizations drive growth in the program. It also helps satisfy keeping education separate from standards in order to maintain the independence and validity of the certification program.

6. **United Nations** – The U.S. Department of State approached the United Nations about ESA’s certification programs as a possible useful addition for their global programs. UN representatives were interested if it was presented as a multinational effort, rather than from a single US organization. Other ESA international initiatives should help achieve that in the future.
7. **ACE in Canada** – Gammel and Tim Lysyk reported on a meeting with Rose De Clerck-Floate, Vice President of the Entomological Society of Canada, about their Society’s interest in bringing the ACE program to Canada. Gammel will continue to explore this with the Canadian Society leaders and work with the Certification Board leadership to develop a proposed partnership to achieve this goal.

8. **Adjourn** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.