Certification Board Annual Meeting
February 27, 2015 2pm – 4pm (Eastern)
Phone Conference

MINUTES

Certification Board Members Present
Laura Higgins (Director)  Forrest St Aubin (Director-Elect)  Pat Copps (Past-Director)
Robin Todd (Eastern Branch)  Stuart Mitchell (NC Branch)  Dennis Ring (SE Branch)
Robert Kunst (ACE Rep)  Shripat Kamble (Ad Hoc)  Jim Fredericks (Ad Hoc)
A. “Stormy” Sparks (GB Rep.)

Certification Board Committee Chairs Present
Arun Sen (CEU cte)  Zia Siddiqi (ACE-I cte)

Staff Present
Chris Stelzig (Staff)  Matthew Chism (staff)

Certification Board Members Absent
Molly Keck (SW Branch)*  Andrew Sutherland (Pacific Branch)  Juan Rodriguez (Int. Branch)

Meeting Call to Order 2:04pm EST
Director Higgins asked Stelzig to call the roll and a quorum was determined to be present. A minor correction was made to the November 2014 CB minutes.

MOTION: Move to approve the November 2014 minutes of the Certification Board as corrected. Vote carries.

MOTION: Move to approve the December 2014 cyber minutes of the Certification Board. Vote carries.

Director’s Report
1. The BCE symposium topic has been submitted. Topic is insect monitoring. HQ is working on a sponsored reception to follow.
2. Two task forces are starting process to review and update BCE exams.
   a. Medical/Veterinary BCE Specialty exam
   b. Core or General Qualifying exam. Discussion ensued regarding name of the exam. Stelzig noted that some applicants are confused by General Qualifying which is similar to the name of the specialty exam, General Entomology. Sense of the Board was that ESA HQ should begin to phase in a name change to refer to the exam as Core rather than Qualifying.
   c. Discussion that the CB would like to have a table of when the exams should be reviewed. Stelzig suggested incorporating this annually into the agenda for the 4th Quarter meeting of the CB.
3. First candidate has now passed the ACE-International exam. Discussion about expanding reach of ACE-I marketing. Discussed:
   a. Federation of Asian and Oceanic Pest Managers Associations (FAOPMA.com)
   b. PestWorld East 2015 (UAE) and 2017 (India)
   c. PestWorld Canada in March 2015
   d. South African marketing still sought, though Stelzig’s planned June trip was cancelled
4. Director’s Report published and emailed to all ACEs and BCEs

Headquarter’s Report
1. Continued growth of both ACE and BCE
2. Stelzig provided updates on various projects
3. Recommendations that Board members who are still serving one-year terms begin to prepare to seek re-election and all consider seeking candidates for CB Director.
4. All committees should submit space requirements for Annual Meeting events soon.
5. Two applications were considered for Emeritus status.
Reports
Branch and Committee reports were provided from the following groups. Items of high importance are noted.

1. **ACE Support Committee** – Mitchell suggested Kunst be added as a member. Stelzig noted that per the Bylaws, all committees appointments are for BCEs only, except as by resolution of the CB. The board passed a motion and Higgins appointed Kunst to the ACE Support Committee.

2. **ACE-I Support Committee** – Rollins organizing a certification-based symposium for ICE. Stelzig is on the panel.

3. **Examining Committee** – Looking to add new members

4. **Recertification Committee** – Evaluating elements of the PM&C Report to update. Has some recommendations. The CB made one decision about the report before remanding it back to the committee for a full overhaul.

5. **Southeastern Branch** – Will be presenting current status of the program at the SE Branch meeting in March

6. **Southwestern Branch** – (Kamble on behalf of Keck) – Keck presented status of the program at the SW Branch meeting in February

7. **North Central Branch** – Mitchell will set up a certification booth during the meeting and the Certified Entomologists of Mid-America group will meet during this conference as well.

New business
- Kunst introduced a discussion about the legality of revocations for BCE and ACE credentials and whether or not this power is vested with the CB. Stelzig felt that ESACC was on solid legal grounds, but agreed to check with counsel.
- Kamble suggested that the Certification Board be explicitly named in communication that discusses actions of the Certification Corporation.

Adjourned at 3:35pm EST

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**MOTION:** Move to grant BCE-Emeritus status to Phil Sloderbeck, effective immediately. *Vote carries.*

**MOTION:** Move to amend rules to allow those who have attained ACE-Emeritus status to renew for a single year rather than three year periods. *Vote carries.*

**MOTION:** Move to grant ACE-Emeritus status to William (Bill) Thomas, effective immediately. *Vote carries.*

**MOTION:** Move to amend the rules for the ACE Support Committee and the ACE-International Support Committees to allow ACEs to serve on each. *Vote carries.*

**MOTION:** Move to amend the rules for Category B, Activity #6 of the PM&C report so that Junior authors receive full credit for their CEUs. *Vote carries.*

Next meetings scheduled:
- Q2: May 19, 2pm EST
- Q3: August 18, 2pm EST
- Q4: Annual meeting