



4/23/25 ESA Virtual Annual Meeting Agenda 6:00 p.m.

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Call to Order

Secretary's Report ~ Meeting Minutes from 3/27/25 courtesy of Zoom AI

- Vote to Approve

Treasurer's Report ~ Anne Rowlands

- Financials

President's Report ~ Cheryl Cappiali

- The Experiment Station Associates Board of Directors had a very successful year of raising funds.
- We are thrilled to announce that we will again be granting two early career scientists with the funds to each hire a summer research assistant. The ESA Early Career Scientist Award recipients for 2025 have been selected by the Department heads based on excellence and financial need.
- This is the 35th Anniversary of ESA. It was established in 1990 with the goal of advocating for State funding to support research by the scientists. Our focus for the past five years has been providing early career scientists whose published research has not yet reached levels needed to secure grants to hire assistants.
- Plant Science Day 2024. The recipients of the Early Career Scientist Award, Dr. Raquel Roch, and Dr. Jeremiah Foley thanked ESA and encouraged others in the audience to support it.
- In 2024, a Behind the Scenes tour at the main campus provided participants with a closer look of scientists at work. It was an informative and lively tour, and we look forward to more in the coming year.
- Walter Brockett left the Board in March. We thank him for his years with the ESA. Thank you, Jim Sirch, for quickly filling the vacant position of Board Secretary.
- Anne Rowlands and I request hiring a bookkeeper to assist with the double entry QuickBooks ledgers which have become too burdensome. At the end of 2025 we are due for the next biennial State-mandated audit and the task of compliance would be better done using a qualified accountant or bookkeeper.
- Again, this year we will be a part of the Great Give! hosted by The COMMUNITY Foundation for Greater New Haven on May 7-8. <https://www.thegreatgive.org/> Thank you, Chris Ozyck, for creating a pathway for us to participate and benefit.

Station Director's Report ~ Dr. Jason White

Meeting Adjournment ~

Presentation ~ Dr. Megan Linske <https://portal.ct.gov/caes/about-caes/staff-biographies/megan-a-linske>

Dr. Meghan Linske will present; "Predicting Outbreaks of Tick-Borne Diseases and Innovative Tick Control Strategies"

This intriguing program is the research focus of Dr. Linske from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven.

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