

# ***S1073: Biological Control of Arthropod Pests and Weeds***

## ***Meeting Agenda***

March 28, 2022  
5-6pm AST (4-5pm EST)

- I. Welcome and call to order
- II. 2022 Symposium notice:  
  
Climate Change and Biological Control : S1073 Project Highlights  
**Session Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022**  
**Session Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM AST**  
**Location: Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino, Bahia 2**
- III. New member introductions
- IV. State reports- highlights and discussion
- V. Words from our Administrative Advisor: Dr. Saied Mostaghimi
- VI. Impact Statements
  - a) Form committee 2-3 ppl
- VII. Spring meetings and reports for group going forward
  - a) Meeting 2023 SEB Meeting (March 12-15, Little Rock, AR)
  - b) State reports (accomplishments 2022, plans for 2023)- due late February 2023
- VIII. Nominations: New secretary 2023
- IX. Other business  
  
Upcoming project re-write
- X. Adjournment

## **S1073 Meeting Minutes**

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Welcome and call to order.

New member introductions:

None

State reports:

State reports were collected by email by Kris Giles and Steve Frank. The compiled reports were sent via email to all members prior to the meeting for review and discussion.

Members were encouraged during the meeting to send any updates asap. Final version is due in 30 days and will be prepared by Steven Frank, NCSU, the incoming president.

Admin Perspective:

Notes from our administrator, Dr. Saied Mostaghimi, were provided to Kris Giles by email and relayed to participants during the meeting. Key points include:

1. New project required. Steve Frank and committee to conduct rewrite.
2. Impact statement needs to be written. Perhaps also by committee.
3. Consider interdisciplinary proposals.
4. Final report to be submitted in 30 days.

Kris Giles requests ideas for potential projects, especially interdisciplinary projects in response to Dr. Mostaghimi's suggestions:

JC Chong (Clemson) suggested proposals related to invasive species since there is no unifying commodity among group members. Group members work on biological control broadly in many different crop and landscape systems.

Norm Lepla encouraged members to make reports as detailed as possible to help people find areas for collaborations.

2023 Meeting:

2023 meeting will most likely be held at the ESA SE Branch in Little Rock, Arkansas based on participant feedback. This will conserve travel resources and time by not planning a separate meeting.

We will plan a symposium around unifying themes among members and their research. Participants encouraged general themes for the symposium topic to encourage new members and to encourage people to think outside the box and conceptualize their work in new ways and

in line with new trends. Topics suggested include: Climate change, urbanization, Invasive species.

Elections. Adam Dale (UF) nominated and elected unanimously as secretary.

Other business.

Money from an old SE biocontrol working group was discovered in a desk drawer and needs to be spent. \$3200. Jerome Grant brought this topic to our attention and asked for suggestions on how to use it.