**Minutes from the 550 Meeting of the Connecticut**

 **Entomological Society**

**April 12 2019**

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

 A Potluck dinner was shared with all members starting at 6:30 pm

**Business meeting:** President Ray Simpson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 PM

**Reports:** Minutes were posted on the website

The treasurer’s report was read by president Ray Simpson and approved.

**Old Business**:

* There are currently two facebook pages, one will be deleted
* Thanks were given to student presenters at last meeting

**New Business:**

Nominations were read for the 2019 2020 academic year

The following candidates were voted in:

Ray Simpson - President

Tanner Matson - Vice President

Katie Taylor - Secretary

The society is still searching for a treasurer

**Announcements:**

* Bridget Z is offering k-8 summer classes at Talcott mountain science center
* Exhibit from pollinator pathway Elizabeth Craig
	+ Plant more natives in succession of bloom and expand the season with blooms across the seasons
	+ Can implement for more towns looking to expand and do outreach
	+ Visit the website for more information
* Connecticut Butterfly association 25th anniversary meeting
* May 17 meeting collecting trip at Fenton Tract
* 21 member and 3 guests were in attendance

**Exhibits:**

* Bee houses on display
* Two ant colonies
* Spring moths

**Evening Presentation:**

Carlos Garcia-Robledo discussed the threat of extinction to insects along evectional gradients. He discussed his work on Zingiberales plants and Cephaloleia (rolled leaf beetles) beetle. He showed that interactions at high elevations are threatened by extinction.

**Note: corrections and additions to the minutes are welcomed. Please email (YOUR EMAIL HERE, OR THE SOCIETY’S EMAIL).**