

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
August 30, 2017

Present:

Melissa Willrich Siebert, President
Mark Wright, VP
Diane Alston, VP-Elect
Fred Musser, Past President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Secretary
Sujaya Rao, Governing Board Representative
Carlos Esquivel, Student Representative
Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. P-IE Election Results
 - All candidates have been informed if they were elected or not
 - Winning candidates will be announced widely through ESA
2. P-IE Program Denver Planning
 - Melissa sent AV and catering request
 - Drink tickets can be distributed electronically
3. P-IE Afternoon Session at Denver
 - Diane to prepare presentation
 - Plaques have been created, certificates will be done by Melissa
 - Agenda is entered in Confex
4. ESA Awards Task Force
 - Diane updated GC on continuing discussion of national-level awards revision
 - P-IE gave ESA Governing Board recommendations, which are now under consideration
5. Section Leadership Meeting and Initiatives
 - Carlos summarized P-IE membership survey, shared findings
 - Most negative feedback regarding pollinator initiatives was along the lines of “over-focus on pollinators”, but majority of feedback was positive
 - Melissa noted that the field tour was not only pollinators, not only *Apis* spp. – will work on better promoting/explaining, some people do not get ESA emails (how to better communicate?)
 - Most commonly suggested new activity/initiative was outreach/extension/communication
 - Two most commonly suggested “new issues” were invasive species management and IPM
 - Common new critical goals responses involved communicating with general public, including children

- Will use survey to inform responses to leadership workbook – GC will review survey summary and workbook and revisit this
6. Field Tour
 - Social media postings during event
 - Video will be ready next month summarizing tour
 - Tour survey results will be finalized next week
 - Rayda is working on an article
 7. Budget Update
 - Currently \$34,586
 8. Funding Request Form
 - GC is in progress of updating P-IE funding request form
 - Becky has removed out-of-date form from website
 9. P-IE Awards
 - All historical award winners are now listed on each award page
 - This will need to be updated each year, will assign this to a particular GC member in volunteer description for ESA central
 10. September Newsletter
 - Need to advertise P-IE section speakers
 - Tour recap
 - Lifetime achievement award
 - Election results