

September 4, 2013 P-IE Governing Council (GC) Meeting

Attendees: Thompson, Adamczyk, Pendleton, Davis, Sparks, Newton

Report on Conference Call with President Frank Zalom, Gary Thompson: – Gary Thompson attended a meeting hosted by Frank Zalom addressing the August 16th issue of Science. In that issue pest control perspectives were addressed and it did not appear a member from ESA was contacted to contribute. Frank is considering initiating a Grand Challenge in which the objective is to make ESA more influential and recognizable and is soliciting input from the Sections

Governing Board Representative Report, Stormy Sparks: The new ESA headquarters was recently opened. There is an upcoming conference call on September 17th. Stormy requested that any issues or requests be presented to him prior to that meeting. The P-IE GC did request he propose waiving student award winner's registration fees (see below).

Annual Meeting Preparations, Gary Thompson:

Masters Award: Bonnie Pendleton will be working with Rogers Leonard on the Masters level student award plaques. It was agreed by the Governing Council to increase the level of the Masters award to \$1,500 to be consistent with the funding for the undergraduate award.

Undergraduate Awards: There was a discussion concerning the student Annual meeting registration fees and the amount it increases each year. The GC has requested Stormy propose to the ESA that any student award winners have their registration fees waived. Paula Davis will be working with Cindy Myers at headquarters to have the Undergraduate Awards plaques made.

Catering: Paula and Gary are working with Rosina at ESA headquarters on the catering for P-IE Annual meeting events. During the Monday session, there will be a cash bar but no complimentary drink tickets provided. There will also be no food at the P-IE listening session on Wednesday.

Format of Monday Session: Business meeting followed by a one-hour learning session (featuring three speakers), and ending with a networking session. There will be drawings during the networking session consisting of 3 ipads (one drawing for all members, volunteers, and students).

Slide Monitors at Annual meeting to advertise P-IE activities: Gary will follow-up with Rosina to understand what the options are for advertising. (Correspondence occurring after this Sept 4 meeting on Sept 5th: Rosina confirmed monitors are available. Posters on easels will be available at a cost of \$10/easel.

Treasurer's Report:

Subject Matter Expert to EPA: One more trip is expected before the end of the year. The cost to fund the SME has been a lot less this year than in the past because EPA is covering Mark Whalon's costs for other activities he has ongoing with EPA.

Balance: The project year-end balance is \$24,810. P-IE is in good financial standings.

International IPM Symposium: The P-IE has been requested to contribute for the meeting in 2015. The P-IE GC has decided to postpone sponsorship payment until 2014 (\$2,000).

Approved: Gary Thompson, Melissa Siebert, Paula Davis, John Adamczyk, Joy Newton, Stormy Sparks, Bonnie Pendleton