May 10, 2012 P-IE Governing Council (GC) Meeting

Attendees: Pendleton, Thompson, Siebert, Leonard, Davis, Adamczyk, Newton, Peterson

ESA Judge/Moderator Volunteer Update, Thompson: 6 or 7 volunteers have been added as of the last newsletter. The announcement within the newsletter appears to be an effective means for recruiting volunteers.

Undergraduate Award for Excellent in Entomology Update: Three nomination packets were submitted and all three scored well enough to receive an award. Each awardee is expected to present research or a relevant topic at the annual meeting. As per protocol, half of the award will be delivered to the student prior to the meeting and the remainder will be provided at the meeting.

P-IE Networking Afternoon Speakers at Annual Meeting: The GC discussed potential speakers that could participate in the session focusing on the recent IPM funding issues. It was suggested to seek speakers to talk about past IPM successes, the current problems, and what the future will be for IPM.

IPM Voice Sponsorship: The P-IE External Relations Committee will discuss the potential for P-IE to sponsor and make a recommendation to the GC.

ESA Committee Nominations for Boards and Committees Update: All but Arthropod Management Tests have volunteers interested in filling the vacant positions.

P-IE Section Summer Ballot: Names have been submitted to the P-IE Nominations committee for the P-IE VP-Elect and the P-IE Representative to the ESA Governing Board. Bob Peterson also provided suggestions on candidates and will forward those to Theresa Singer-Pitts.

Budget Review, Davis: No new expenses have been applied since the last meeting. The current balance is $37,751. Projected expenses within the coming month include the initial award payout for the undergraduate award winners.

NIFA and IR-4 Letters of Support: As of this meeting, individual funding categories are remaining intact based on the U.S. Senate’s recommendation. Enough pressure has been placed on lawmakers to influence this budget proposal. The GC has decided to delay writing a letter, which was originally to address proposed budget cuts in IPM programs. The GC agreed that in an upcoming P-IE newsletter it would be of benefit to inform the P-IE membership about the legislative process and encourage them to contact their local lawmakers, reinforcing the need to fund IPM programs.
**P-IE GC Get Acquainted Biographies:** Paula Davis will prepare a biography for an upcoming newsletter.

**May 11 meeting minutes approved by:** Bonnie Pendleton, Melissa Siebert, Bob Peterson, Gary Thompson, John Adamczyk, Joy Newton, Paula Davis, Rogers Leonard