

**Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
Friday, February 20, 2015, 1 PM (EST), 10 AM (PST)**

Present:

Sujaya Rao, President  
Fred Musser, Vice President  
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Vice President Elect  
Patrick Moran, Treasurer  
Alton “Stormy” Sparks, ESA Governing Board Representative  
Andy Michel, Secretary (joined at 10:40 AM)  
Lina Bernaola, Student Representative (joined at 10:33 AM)

Absent:

John Adamczyk, Past President

Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM EST

Agenda:

1. ESA 2015 Networking Session: Topic/Speakers, Joint Symposium?

Sujaya: Doing background research on potential speakers for a symposium themed around “Effective Communication: How to Avoid P-IE in your Face”

- One speaker from Monsanto already being pursued
- Seek a speaker from EPA through Mark Whalon, the ESA SME to EPA
- Bill Hutchinson is the local liaison at the 2015 Annual Meeting site, wants to help with speakers. Marla Spivak

Fred: Seek someone at an environmental organization that sometimes causes controversy/raises awareness: For example, Xerces Society

Melissa: This symposium topic has obvious appeal beyond P-IE, beyond ESA, good for joint meeting.

Sujaya: May need to offer support for some of the speakers for travel costs, as well as AM registration

General topic of joint symposia for the ESA-CSA.SSSA-ASA Joint Annual Meeting, Nov. 2015

Sujaya: What does “Co-Sponsored Symposia” mean?

Fred: These will be printed in programs for all co-sponsoring societies.

Sujaya: Concerns about the P-IE Networking Session, open to anyone from any of the four societies. Anyone can participate in the raffle.

Fred: We will maintain control over the P-IE Networking Session, no co-sponsorship will occur.

General comment to avoid confusing co-sponsored scientific symposia with P-IE Networking Session, which will not be co-sponsored.

2. Legend of Entomology Award

Sujaya: Has talked to award founder and past P-IE Presidents.

This originally started as the M.S. Student Future Legend cash award and plaque plus advisor acknowledgement- we still have now

Then someone proposed a Member-Level Legend in Entomology

Gary: Should put past winners on the Faculty Legend plaque

Sujaya: Proposes name change

**All: (By acclamation): The new name is: P-IE Lifetime Achievement Award**

Sujaya: Need to better-define criteria for this award. Ask the P-IE Awards Committee to come up with criteria.

Patrick: Who is currently on the P-IE Awards Committee?

Sujaya: Bonnie Pendleton (Chair), Chris Sansone, Chris Ranger

### 3. Starks Award-Governing Board

Stormy: No new information from the ESA Governing Board on how this award should be funded for 2015 and beyond.

Patrick: Reminded Board of \$250 subsidy from P-IE for this award in 2014. Point of discussion with Governing Board is whether permission should be sought from the Starks family to use principal to pay for this award, as interest earnings are low (principal estimated at \$20,000).

Melissa: Mentioned no funding available from Dow Foundation this year for the Dow Awards in 2015-so no Dow Awards through P-IE this year. Aim to apply again for 2016.

### 4. P-IE Committees:

#### a. Awards Committee

Sujaya: Need new member of this committee nominated in 2015.

Fred: Why are due dates for the various awards all different? Why not all at once.

Patrick: The committee probably likes staggered approach.

Sujaya: Will ask B. Pendleton for preference here.

#### b. Nominations Committee

Sujaya: Need new members in 2015 from Eastern, North Central, International Branches

All: Ask Branch Presidents to appoint/invite representatives

#### c. Elected positions open in 2015

-P-IE Representative to the ESA Governing Board

-P-IE Vice-President-Elect

#### d. A number of committee positions, P-IE Secretary and usual VP-Elect open in 2016.

See February P-IE Newsletter for more information

### Sujaya: Topic of term lengths for P-IE Treasurer and Secretary

P-IE has no written bylaws. Sections can operate autonomously of ESA Bylaws.

Currently, Treasurer term listed to end at end 2015 AM Meeting (November 2015).

Stormy: ESA Governing Board Rep also to end at end of 2015 AM.

Secretary to end at end of 2016 ICE (September 2016).

Patrick: Given impression when nominated that P-IE Treasurer serves one 2-year term.

Stormy: Treasurer and Secretary positions used to be combined.

Fred: Proposes staggering of positions.

Sujaya: What is consensus of Governing Board on term lengths of these positions?

General consensus: Continuity of Governing Board operations is most important, therefore avoid having too many new members at once.

Sujaya: Wants to appoint sub-committee to write guidelines for P-IE, at least in terms of position terms and elections procedures.

**Fred: Move to stagger positions as follows**

**ESA Governing Board Representative: On ballot in 2015 (term therefore as it is now).**

**Secretary: On ballot on 2016 (term is therefore three years, as currently listed).**

**Treasurer: On ballot in 2017 (term is therefore four years for present incumbent, rather than two as is currently listed).**

**As part of this Motion, the regular terms (after the current transition period) are therefore established as: Governing Board Rep: 3 years. Secretary: 3 years. Treasurer: 3 years.**

**Andy: Second this motion.**

**All: In Favor. Motion passes.**

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Patrick: Minor corrections/updates to the draft budget proposed in January 2015

Carryover from 2014: Now 24,098

ESA Governing Board 2015 Allocation to P-IE: Now 18,000 (not \$16,000)

Total Funds Available for P-IE in 2015: \$42,098, only slightly less than 2014, if Dow Foundation grant that we had in 2014 (now spent) is left out.

#### Other changes requested today by Governing Board:

Sujaya: What is "\$500 catering for Student Symposium" in 2014 expenses?

Patrick: P-IE Gov Board authorized this in spring of 2014 for student career symposium at 2014 AM

Sujaya: Let's use that money instead for catering for P-IE Listening Session and change time. How about a Wednesday early AM meeting with light breakfast?

Why: Attendance in 2014 was low, only a few members. Other Sections have breakfast-type final meeting, get 50 attendees.

Melissa: My thought is that we could send specific invitations to a subset of P-IE members that would represent various viewpoints (representatives from all branches; males/females; early, mid, and long term career member). If someone is sent an invitation that "calls them out" then they are more likely to attend.

Sujaya: Also add \$1,000 for potential support for P-IE Networking Session speakers

Patrick: Total 2015 budgeted spending is now: \$25,970

Patrick: Has reviewed our two associations dues: Plant Management Network and IPM Voice. Feels both are still justified,

**Fred: Moves to approve 2015 P-IE Budget as amended today.**

**All: In favor. Motion passes**

#### 6. ESA Branch Meeting talks-updated slides

We did not cover this topic due to time limitations.

7. February P-IE Newsletter items

Sujaya: Melissa will be covered in February P-IE Newsletter

Lina will be covered in March 2015 Newsletter

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM EST

Minutes taken by: P. Moran