

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
Friday, April 17, 2015, 2 PM (EST), 11 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

Absent: Lina Bernaola, Student Representative

Agenda:

1. Update on Starks Award
 - a. Stormy Sparks had discussions with Kenneth Starks to discuss modifications to the requirements of the award and of the review panel
 - b. Draft modifications to the award will be developed by Stormy and Sujaya (to change the announcement) and will include:
 - i. Removal of citizenship requirement
 - ii. Change wording from “grant” to “award”
 - iii. Award amount will be \$500 from endowment and P-IE will cover registration for the award winner
 - iv. Application to be more similar to other P-IE awards
 - v. Will use the P-IE awards committee instead of a special review panel (will remind awards committee to be respectful of the HPR scope and that they do not have to determine a winner if none of the applications are qualified)
2. Lifetime Achievement and General award update
 - a. Possible changes to the lifetime achievement award were discussed:
 - i. Minimum of 20 years experience in entomology?
 - ii. Nominator has to be a member of P-IE (P-IE GC was favorable of this change)
 - iii. A CV may be attached
 - iv. Criteria to be used (perhaps include voting of general membership?)
 - b. Sujaya will update the award announcement for lifetime achievement award
 - c. Develop an email address specific to the award to follow whoever is current chair of awards committee
 - d. Discussion regarding award submission deadlines and if it helps to have the same or different deadline
3. Request to P-IE for support for workshop during ESA 2015
 - a. Special workshop for scientific communication—ESA was requesting section support
 - b. Determined P-IE could provide support if:

- i. Speaker agrees to give a short presentation at business meeting
 - ii. Determine the cap space of planned workshop/symposium
 - 1. Ensure that P-IE members get an opportunity to partake in workshop if P-IE is monetarily supporting it
 - 2. Determine no or minimal overlap with other P-IE symposia
 - iii. Plan to advertise in our newsletter
- 4. Treasurer's Report – Patrick
 - a. No change from last month
 - b.
- 5. April Newsletter items
 - a. Will add information on member awards
 - b. Include the list of P-IE symposia