

**Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
Friday, May 22, 2015 @ 2 PM (EST), 11 AM (PST)**

Present:

Sujaya Rao, President  
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Vice President Elect  
Andy Michel, Secretary

Absent:

Fred Musser, Vice President  
John Adamczyk, Past President  
Patrick Moran, Treasurer  
Alton “Stormy” Sparks, ESA Governing Board Representative  
Lina Bernaola, Student Representative

1. Update – Nominations for Gov. Board and P-IE VP Elect positions

- More nominations for the PIE-VP elect position are needed
- Will try to advertise again, perhaps using CEDA (Sujaya will use the CEDA email list to advertise the open position)
- Suggest that some of the governing board nominees could be swayed into the PIE-VP elect position

2. Requests for P-IE support

a. Scientific Communication Workshop Request

- P-IE was asked to provide funds to support workshop during ESA 2015
- P-IE GC agreed to provide \$500 towards this workshop
- Sujaya will draft an email to notify organizers of the workshop that:
  - \$500 will be donated
  - P-IE GC will be informed on:
    - what the funding will be used for,
    - how attendees will be selected,
    - a short description that we can use to advertise with P-IE members,
    - ability to track section membership of attendees

b. Registration for P-IE Section Symposium honoree

- P-IE GC wanted clarification on request from honoree and whether or not an official fund/waiver request was needed
- P-IE GC decided that honoree should first request through symposium organizers (who should have requested program enhancement funds)
- P-IE GC does not provide funds for registration related to P-IE symposia except the networking session presenters

3. Lack of communication from EPA liaison

-Other ESA sections have begun to question the participation of the ESA liaison to EPA, and have noticed the lack of reports

-Sujaya will contact ESA again to notify them of the lack of communication and a plan of action if the lack of communication continues and no reports are filed

4. May newsletter items

a. Website for P-IE awards were updated and nomination procedures will be included in next newsletter

b. Networking Symposium line up of speakers

5. Other items of business?

-ESA has begun charging the section for monthly conference calls, average cost will be ~\$15 dollars per month