

October 1, 2013 P-IE Governing Council (GC) Meeting

Attendees: Thompson, Pendleton, Davis, Sparks, Paterson, Rao, Siebert

Final Annual Section Report to the ESA Governing Board, Gary Thompson: The report is due October 14th. Gary used the format from previous year's P-IE section reports and updated the content. The report highlighted the significant contribution the P-IE section makes to the Annual meeting and also specified requests P-IE has of ESA central (clarification of ESA election procedure; improving the accuracy of the list of members serving on editorial boards, committees, and judging panels; clarification of section funding allocation; and suggestion to provide Annual Meeting registration waivers for applicants to major student awards in an effort to increase number of applicants). Paula Davis will ensure the treasurer's section is updated prior to submittal.

ESA Governing Board Update, Stormy Sparks: ESA anticipates that the October 1 government shutdown will have minimal financial impacts on the Annual Meeting. As of October 1, only 200 papers had been submitted and 5 pre-registrations have been made by individuals with a government email address.

At the summer meeting, it was discussed to establish a fund at ESA Central for potential investment of branch and section award endowment funds and carryover funds. Grouping of these funds should allow for greater returns.

At the Annual Meeting there will be a town hall meeting concerning ESA's consideration of potential changes in our publication efforts. These changes could range from nothing to outsourcing anything from some to every facet of our publication efforts. The idea would be to investigate options for improving dissemination of ESA journals and the societies' financial performance. As compared to the other industry, ESA is trailing other scientific organizations in these areas.

ESA is designating a financial reserve (versus strategic reserve). Currently the Society has a balance of \$5MM and is in good standing. The target would be to have 85% of the annual budget in reserve.

Currently the Society is ahead versus this time last year on Annual Meeting pre-registrations and has double the number of sponsorships.

P-IE Committee Appointments, Gary Thompson: Gary will advertise open positions within the upcoming newsletter. The following committees have positions open: Horticultural Entomology Judging Panel, Journal of Integrated Pest Management Editorial Board, and Journal of Medical Entomology Editorial Board.

Funding Requests, Gary Thompson: P-IE received two requests for special meeting expense funding. Gary proposed these requests to the P-IE GC via email. The first request was for \$2,000, to support travel expenses for a symposium invited speaker (non-ESA member). The P-IE GC agreed to provide \$500. The second request was for \$500 and to support a break service during a Diversity symposium.

The symposium organizers stated that their time slot was Sunday morning with a 20 minute break scheduled at 9:20 am and felt that break service would increase the interaction between the speakers and audience and help increase the retention for the symposium. The P-IE GC agreed to fund this request.

Statistics on P-IE, Gary Thompson: ESA Central recently provided the P-IE Section statistics on their membership. The statistics were reviewed by the P-IE GC and included member length, member by state, member by sex, and member by profession. The statistics will be summarized and presented during the P-IE Monday Afternoon session during the Annual Meeting.

ESA Annual Meeting Preparations: A detailed agenda has been drafted for the Monday afternoon session and was reviewed by the GC.

Catering for the P-IE Monday Afternoon session is anticipated to cost between \$3,800 and \$4,000. Quantity adjustments to the amount of food and beverage can be made until November 1.

Award plaques have been ordered.

Approved: Stormy Sparks, Bonnie Pendleton, Joy Paterson, Paula Davis, Sujaya Rao, Gary Thompson, Melissa Siebert