

**Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
December 14, 4PM EST**

Attendees:

Sujaya Rao, Past President & ESA Governing Board Representative
Fred Musser, President
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Vice President
Mark Wright, Vice President Elect
Patrick Moran, Treasurer
Andy Michel, Secretary

Absent:

Lina Bernaola, Student Representative

1. Minneapolis debrief

- Positive member feedback on the section meeting on communication, and was well attended
- Most of food was eaten, pies were hidden—must decide if we keep this tradition for future meetings
- Listening session was not well-attended. Ideas to encourage participation:
 - Have a better title or perhaps a presentation/or discussion on controversial topic?
 - Have the meeting in a room at the conference center (as opposed to a nearby hotel)
- One student mentioned that the personal marketing session co-sponsored by P-IE was good to attend

2. Treasurer's report

- Current balance: \$25,986.11
- Catering cost of Annual Meeting was \$6,114.49
- Carryover will be less than previous years (on directive from ESA to spend more of our funds)
- Suggestion to drop one of our association dues (IPMVoice)
- Fred will contact IPMVoice and ESA HQ regarding our participation with this organization

3. New ESA journal

- Name is TBD, but will focus on Biodiversity and Systematics
- Editorial board will be developed in 2016, P-IE representative is slated to be chair
- Will solicit volunteers in December Newsletter

4. Awards schedule for 2016

- All awards will be shifted by 2 months
 - PIE Undergraduate Achievement Awards March 1st
 - PIE Lifetime Achievement Award May 1st
 - Dow IPM Team Award-May 1st
 - MS Achievement Award and Starks Graduate Student Plant Resistance Award-June 1st-
- Fred will contact Chris Ranger (awards committee chair) to make sure he is aware of shifted deadlines

5. Committee assignments

- PIE Nominations Committee needs new reps from: Pacific Branch, Southwestern Branch, and International Branch. Fred to contact Branch Presidents, obtain nominees
- Two appointees needed for the ESA Central Horticultural Entomology Judging Panel
- PIE Awards Committee needs new University Representative. Chris Ranger (Government Rep) will serve as Chair in 2016
- Will be included in the P-IE newsletter

6. Pollinator initiative

- Have received a lot of names and volunteers to help with this initiative
- An additional call for volunteers will be included in the P-IE newsletter
- Sujaya has volunteered to serve as the P-IE GC Representative
- Will need student and STEP rep
- A reminder to be cognizant of the diversity of backgrounds (industry, academia, government, social) regarding this topic and our P-IE membership for makeup of this committee
- Will develop a charge for the task force

7. December newsletter items:

- Pollinator Initiative as top story
- 2016 Student and Professional PIE Awards Deadlines
- Announcement of new ESA Journal and call for nominations for Editor-In-Chief
- Recap highlights of ESA-PIE Networking Session in Minneapolis
- Brief bio on new PIE GC member

8. Other items?