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?