

**Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
July 27, 2015, 12 PM (Pacific); 2 PM (Central); 3 PM (Eastern).**

Attendees:

Sujaya Rao, President
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Vice President Elect
Alton “Stormy” Sparks, ESA Governing Board Representative
Patrick Moran, Treasurer
Andy Michel, Secretary

Absent:

John Adamczyk, Past President
Fred Musser, Vice President
Lina Bernaola, Student Representative

The attached PowerPoint shows what we covered during the session earlier this week.

A combined meeting of all GC members across all 4 sections is proposed for Saturday Nov 14th before the ESA meeting. You will receive information about this from ESA. Please plan accordingly.

Conference Call Agenda:

1. Updates
 - a. ESA 2015 - Summer planning meeting including moderators/judges, etc. – Sujaya and Fred
 - Organized talks into sessions: 14 session, ~19 talks per session, ~260 talks
 - Sujaya asked Confex if they can include keywords for section and talks to help with matching up the sessions. They will look into it
 - A lot of student talks this year, such that the networking session will start at 2 PM on Monday afternoon
 - A combined meeting of all GC members across all 4 sections is proposed for Saturday Nov 14th before the ESA meeting.
 - b. ESA Awards – deadline July 31/August 1 - Sujaya
 - Discussed questions that submitters have been having (such as are letters of recommendation needed or if nominees need to be members of P-IE)
 - Decided to extend deadline based on few submissions
2. Treasurer Report – Patrick
 - a. Balance is the same as last month, no new transactions
 - b. Discussion on how to spend more money. Thoughts on how to attract or provide better service to post-docs, early-career and “transition” members. Post-Doc awards?

3. Science Policy Statements –
 - Discussion on the process, necessity and value of ESA Policy Statements
 - Purpose is to provide ESA policy statements for outside agencies, i.e. US federal government (EPA, legislatures, USDA), and media organizations
 - Possible statement on invasive species (*H. armigera* a possible focus),
 - Other sections have developed policy statements (MUVE, SysEb) how does P-IE get more involved? How do we work across sections to be more involved
 - Official ESA policy statements can be found at <http://www.entsoc.org/esa-science-policy-documents>
 - P-IE representation on the policy statement writing committee (need more information)
4. July newsletter items
 - a. Upcoming deadline- IPM Professional and Graduate Awards—extended until Aug 17th
 - b. ESA Elections – encouraging member participating in voting
 - c. Seeking Volunteers for judging
5. ESA Renewal – road map for implementing core capabilities
 - a. Discussion on how do we get members more involved? Develop and maintain novel and meaningful activities?
 - b. Are we meeting the needs of our membership?
6. Other items of business
 - a. New design for ESA publications to be consistent and easy to read online
 - b. new 3 minute presentation format to be piloted at ESA 2015—have 40 total talks.