

**Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
June 22, 2015, 1 PM (Pacific); 3 PM (Central); 4 PM (Eastern).**

Attendees:

Sujaya Rao, President  
Fred Musser, Vice President (joined late)  
John Adamczyk, Past President  
Alton “Stormy” Sparks, ESA Governing Board Representative (joined late)  
Patrick Moran, Treasurer  
Andy Michel, Secretary

Absent:

Melissa Willrich Siebert, Vice President Elect  
Lina Bernaola, Student Representative

Agenda:

1. Updates
- a. Nominations for Gov. Board and P-IE VP Elect positions
  - Have very good candidates for open positions, considerably more nominations than in the past
- b. ESA 2015 Submissions – Sujaya /Fred
  - Large number of submissions this year, (277 oral, 260 poster)
  - Will use same session headers as last year, adding “A”, “B”, or “C” if needed for those sessions with numerous submissions
  - A suggestion to ask ESA HQ to see if these headings can be added to the submission website so that authors could rank and choose where their submissions could go
  - Fred and Sujaya will try and select moderators from the list of speakers in the sessions
- c. P-IE Undergraduate Student Achievement Award – Patrick/Sujaya
  - Discussion on the standard operating procedure of notifying the award winners. Guideline states that the Awards Chair should notify the P-IE President and the President will notify the winners. In practice, the Awards Chair has been notifying the award winners. Was decided that the President should be informed, but was up to the President’s discretion on who should notify the winner(s)
  - Award winners have been contacted and names will be listed in the June Newsletter
  - Sujaya will follow up with undergraduate award winners to make sure that they come to the P-IE networking session to receive their award
- d. P-IE support:
  - Workshop: will provide \$500 towards Scientific Communication Workshop.
    - Attendees are not selected, but they can register online
    - Tracking the number of P-IE members will be done by ESA based on the list of attendees
  - Registration for P-IE Section Symposium honoree
    - Sujaya informed ESA staff who made the request that request should be addressed to symposium organizer.

- P-IE Symposium speakers – Sujaya/Patrick
  - Registrations for speakers have been covered by P-IE or waived for member of the press
  
- e. DOW IPM Team Award
  - Should the maximum number of 10 team members be revisited?
  - There are a lot of projects with >10 members
  - Was decided that it will be at Dow’s discretion that the rule be revisited, since it is sponsored by Dow
  
- 2. Treasurer Report – Patrick
  - Undergraduate awards and registration have been provided
  - Transfer of funds for the workshop will go forward
  
- 3. June newsletter items
  - a. Upcoming deadline- PIE Professional and Graduate Awards
  - b. P-IE Undergraduate Student Achievement Award winners
  - c. Election information - Gov. Board and P-IE VP Elect positions
  - d. Volunteers sought – ESA 2015 – moderators and judges for student competitions
  - e. Voice your opinion-John
    - EPA is requesting comment on pollinator health. Will provide the link in the newsletter
  
- 4. Other items of business?
  - a. P-IE Awards Committee membership – John to contact Chris Ranger who has been an active member