

**Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
ESA-Leadership/Renewal Session, November 14, 2015**

Attendees:

Sujaya Rao, President
Fred Musser, Vice President (joined late)
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Vice President Elect
Patrick Moran, Treasurer
Andy Michel, Secretary
Lina Bernaola, Student Representative
Alton “Stormy” Sparks, ESA Governing Board Representative
Kevin Steffey, ESA Facilitator for P-IE

-GB members from all ESA sections, among other leaders from ESA, were present at the meeting.

-Our task was to develop critical strategies focused within 4 main areas (Program and Issue Management, Fostering Interest in Entomology, Continuing Education, and Science/Public Policy) that are important to P-IE members and encourage their participation.

-The ESA-GB decided that Insect Pollination was an important issue which impacted all P-IE members.

-The ESA-GB developed 2 goals:

- 1) **By the end of 2017, enhance knowledge of P-IE members on pollinator protection through the development and dissemination of technical educational materials.**
- 2) **By the end of the decade, PIE will become the lead national expert organization for the dissemination of knowledge on pollinators to the general public, media, and policymakers.**

-In the near term, our goals will be to create a P-IE Pollinator Task Force to help lead these initiatives

**Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
P-IE Listening Session, November 18, 2015**

Attendees:

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

Other Attendees:

Scott Hutchins, Dow;
Caydee Sanielli, Pollinator and IPM Stewardship Lead-Syngenta
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1. Networking Session
 - Overall feedback was positive
 - Speakers were good, although ran a little short on time. Nonetheless there was good discussion afterward
2. Focus for PIE 2016 Section Meeting at ICE:
 - Communication part 2? May Berenbaum's focus will also be communication
 - Include pollinator initiative as part of plans for section meeting
 - Include entomology communicators? (In 2015 we had non-entomologists)
 - Career workshop for students and STEP members?
 - How to write papers?
3. Symposia Topics for 2016
 - Better coordination with program chairs and the GC?
 - How can we limit overlap in symposia submissions?
 - Determine what P-IE would like to see and then contact potential planners
4. Awards for 2016
 - Timelines will all be shifted by 2 months
 - Undergraduate Student Deadline-March 1st
 - M.S Achv and Starks April 1st
 - Lifetime Achv May 1st
 - IPM TEAM Award-May 1st
5. Pollinator Task Force
 - Will solicit volunteers in December P-IE newsletter
 - Potential 3 year term for members. Will contain at least:
 - 1 P-IE GC member
 - 1 Student Representative (3 year term?)
 - 1 STEP Representative (3 year term?)
 - Goal is to identify critical problems that need to be addressed