January P-IE GC meeting minutes
Conference Call
January 12, 2022

Present:
David Onstad, Past President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, President
Surendra Dara, Vice President
Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Vice-President Elect
Anjel Helms, Secretary
Lina Bernaola, Treasurer
Melissa Siebert, ESA Governing Board Representative
Nicole Quinn, Early-Career Professional Representative
Michelle Boone, Student Representative
Erin Cadwalader, ESA Liaison

1. Treasurer’s Report — Lina
   a. January 2022 starting budget is $61,691 (after 2021 expenses and 2022 section allocation)
   b. Discussion on pollinator WIG budget request for 2022 extension
      i. GC approved ~$700 to cover website updates
      ii. GC requesting an updated budget request for further 2022 expenses

2. Biocontrol Field Tour — Rebecca
   a. The 2022 tour is scheduled for the week of May 8th in Wenatchee, WA.
   b. The schedule outline and tentative budget have been developed.
      i. Organizers will be requesting deposits for venue and bus from P-IE to be refunded through registration fees.
      ii. Registration goal ~$200 per person not including hotel (block has been reserved) or airfare
   c. Estimating about 50 participants for the tour
   d. Planning to award scholarships for 2 student and 2 ECP members to attend

3. Nominations updates — Surendra
   a. A few nominations so far and still working to obtain additional nominations
   b. Requests in next P-IE newsletter
   c. Members should target their branch for nominations committee representatives
   d. Nominations due to Surendra 1/31/22

4. Newsletters — Rebecca
   a. Next newsletter edition scheduled for March 2022
   b. Comm. Comm. Has made a plan for upcoming newsletters to correspond with annual deadlines and major announcements

5. Student travel award 2022 — Rebecca
   a. Smith received award for 2022.
b. Devine and Labanon will receive membership and meeting registration waivers.
c. Melissa will contact potential mentors for Smith for meeting.
d. GC needs a clearer rating system for applicants next year.
   i. Michelle will lead this effort.
e. Next year GC and Comm. Comm. will work to improve the number of applications and specific communications with minority-serving institutions.

6. General updates — Rebecca
   a. New ESA website was launched.
      1. P-IE awards information and past newsletters/minutes are missing.
      2. Anjel will check with Erin to resolve this.
   c. Comm. Comm. Featured the 12 days of Bugmas on Twitter (Anh’s idea)