June P-IE GC meeting minutes
Conference Call
June 6, 2022

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

1. Biocontrol field tour summary — Rebecca
   a. Held week of May 8th in Wenatchee, WA
   b. General consensus is that tour was a great success.
      i. Organizers collected Pre-post data that Rebecca will share.
      ii. West Coast tour was a good fit on this topic for several reasons (climate, adoption from growers, new location due for tour).
   c. Financials
      i. Event expenses should approximately break even from registration and sponsorships.
      ii. Several sponsors/donors contributed to the event.
      iii. 4 travel awards and a speaker travel award were given.
   d. 52 total tour registrations (relatively low ESA interest-somewhat due to short turn around on advertising and on-going Covid worries)
      i. Diverse participation across career areas (academia, government, growers, biocontrol industry, chemical companies)
      ii. Direct invitations to non-ESA members helped with recruitment.
   e. Rebecca will prepare a write ups for the P-IE newsletter, Entomology Today, Good Fruit Grower publication and a presentation for the annual meeting.

2. Discussion of new section proposal — Melissa
   a. Neil is hosting an informational session 6/9/22 (email invite was sent to GC).
   b. New section proposed “Formal and Informal Teaching” or (FIT) Section”

3. Annual meeting — Rebecca
   a. 2 financial requests have been submitted for program enhancement funds.
      i. Judith Stahl SWD biocontrol symposium
         1. Travel funds for international speaker ~$2,000 USD
      ii. David Coyle-Invasive species symposium (part of WIG plan)
         1. Travel funds for speakers ~$1,000-$2,000 additional (GC previously approved $5,000)
b. Section symposia
   i. GC met 3/30/22 to discuss/vote on section symposia for annual meeting.

c. Surendra (and likely David) will attend the programming meeting end of June.