Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

Conference Call
December 20, 2017

Present:
Mark Wright, President
Diane Alston, Vice President
Jeff Bradshaw, Vice President Elect
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Past President
Lily Calderwood, Treasurer
Sujaya Rao, Governing Board Representative
Carlos Esquivel, Student Representative
Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. Feedback from 2017 ESA meeting in Denver
   Discussion on role of student volunteers
   • Possibility for developing student-led symposium for ESA 2018
   • Would allow students to engage in developing the program and contribute to Section activities
   • Will discuss in January and finalize decision
   Discussion on criteria for symposia acceptance
   • Currently science-based
   • We need to consider what criteria we are using, topic breadth, how criteria affect international submissions
   • It was suggested that we include a brief explanation of symposium selection criteria in the P-IE newsletter
   Discussion on including brief job descriptions of GC roles in future newsletters and clarify committee roles

2. 2018 Pollinator tour proposed
   • Proposal from Luis Gomez and others
   • Proposal is well-developed and tour initiatives should continue as there is momentum and demand
   • P-IE GC will endorse the proposal, but we will require additional information on the financial resources required
   • Will need to be advertised in January 2018 newsletter

3. 2018 Invasive species tour proposed
   • Draft proposal from Tom Anderson
   • Will propose that SysEB be included to some extent due to diagnostics
   • P-IE GC will endorse, but will require further details, including finances

4. New P-IE website launched – include brief not in newsletter
5. Committee vacancies
   P-IE awards committee has industry opening