Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
September 30, 2017

Present:
Melissa Willrich Siebert, President
Mark Wright, VP
Diane Alston, VP-Elect
Fred Musser, Past President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Secretary
Patrick Moran, Treasurer
Carlos Esquivel, Student Representative
Jeff Bradshaw, incoming VP-elect
Lily Calderwood, incoming treasurer
Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. Budget Update (Patrick)
   - Currently $33,211.09
   - Pollinator tour spending finished
     $2,652.61 invested in tour (under budget)
   - Remainder of spending for the year will be awards, catering, raffle prizes, and GC
dinner at national meeting
   - $20,690.09 estimated carryover into 2018

2. Field Tour Brief
   - Social media, Entomology Today, P-IE newsletter sent out briefing ESA membership
   on tour
   - Melissa continues to receive positive feedback from tour attendees
   - Several “asks” resulting from the tour, including presentations at bee keeping
   meetings and requests to co-host similar events

3. Update on Pollinator Committee Activities
   - No updates on web content curation task
   - Sujaya would like to step down, GC discussed potential ways to fill that role on the
   committee

4. Committees needing P-IE representative appointments
   - Needed by October 31st
   - Will advertise three positions in the next newsletter to find volunteers

5. P-IE Afternoon Session at Denver
   - Need to purchase 2 iPads for raffles
   - Patrick will confirm type of iPad to purchase

6. Section Leadership Meeting and Initiatives
• Summary by Melissa of section goal packet filled out by Melissa and Rebecca at Section Leadership Meeting during ESA Summer Leadership Meeting
• Emphasis was on member empowerment – how to inform members about volunteer opportunities, encourage innovation, keep members in the loop about current P-IE activities – not necessarily creating new initiatives
• Position descriptions for GC members needed, written and discussion of potentially having an overview of volunteer positions at section meeting within the annual meeting
• Enhance volunteer data base for short term assignment needs
• Re-launched funding request form meets this goal also