Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
February 8, 2018

Present:
Mark Wright, President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Secretary
Lily Calderwood, Treasurer
Sujaya Rao, Governing Board Representative
Carlos Esquivel, Student Representative
Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. **Invasive species tour**, organization led by Tom Anderson. SysEB has endorsed the tour. The group is currently making plans with ARS (Matt Buffington), looking at spotted lanternfly as a central topic, with the tour based around Philadelphia, PA. They are also determining tour stops and sponsorship. This will be announced in February newsletter.

2. **Pollinator Field Tour II.** Luis Gomez. Looking at late July-early August. Waiting for responses from beekeepers. Likely to announce in February newsletter, more information needed first.

3. **Awards**
   a. **P-IE Team Award**
      - Currently low submissions
      - Team size limit (10 or fewer), now this is suggested instead of required to make bigger teams allowed – this will be clarified in newsletter
      - Suggested to feature 2018 winning team in newsletter to give the award more publicity
   b. **P-IE Recognition Award**
      Will continue this award and clarify the uniqueness of the award in the newsletter

4. **P-IE check request protocol reviewed**

5. **Committee vacancies**
   - Rob Morrison volunteered for nominations as NCB rep on nominations committee
   - Still looking for industry rep for awards committee

6. **Branch updates**
   - NCB opening plenary session only 5 minutes available – will shorten presentation as necessary for time available in each branch
   - Mark will confirm which GC member should update and circulate presentation needed for each branch meeting. This needs to be done by March 2nd to be in time for the SE Branch Meeting (March 5th)
7. **P-IE student symposium** – Carlos
   Field tour presenters + presenters on research topics related to tour

8. **Pollinator videos**
   The winning and honorable mention videos have been posted on the P-IE website.