Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

Conference Call
April 9th, 2019

Present:
Diane Alston, President
Jeff Bradshaw, Vice President
David Onstad, Vice-President Elect
Mark Wright, Past President
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Anh Tran, Student Representative
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Governing Board Rep
Clint Pilcher, Field Tour
Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. 2019 Science Policy Tour Update, Clint
   - Will be joint with P-IE, PBT, and the Weed Science Society of America
   - August 6-7 in Logan, Iowa
   - Day 1, participants will fly into Omaha, NE
   - Day 2, bus to Harrison Co. and Des Moines
   - Subcommittees have been formed: agenda, stakeholder, local operations
   - Key goals: use Iowa pest resistance management plan, Harrison Co. Pilot Project as a case study for discussion
      This is a community effort to address weed and insect resistance.
      Use this as a way to learn lessons from their community-building efforts. How did this community form? What are their goals? How do they implement their program?
   - This is a corn/soybean dominated system, with pigweed and water hemp as the major weed pests and corn rootworm as the major insect pest.
   - There will be 6 slots for ESA members and 6 slots for WSSA members, with 50-55 stakeholder attendees.
   - WSSA has committed $10,000
   - Jeff Scott (ESA Science Policy Fellow) is working with potential sponsors
   - Registration will be open May 15-June 1
   - There will be two P-IE scholarships, one for a student and one for an ECP
   - We will use donations to provide discounts to other ESA members attending, especially students and ECPs
   - There will be a team presentation report at the ESA P-IE networking session
   - Clint is working on budgeting, including hotel and bus bids

2. Science Policy Field Tour Committee
   - Opportunity to volunteer for oversight was announced specifically to Science Policy Fellow alumni, but there was also a general call in the newsletter
Two oversight committee members have been selected and will be announced in the April newsletter.

The committee will begin activities in June.

3. **Call for 2020 Science Policy Tour Proposals**, Diane Alston
   - Will be included in the April newsletter
   - Deadline is August 15th
   - A short announcement on oversight committee composition will be included in the April newsletter

4. **Networking Session**
   - Two components to the mixing portion: speed-networking (Nick and Jeff) and hot topics (David)
   - A presentation from the Science Policy Field Tour
   - Discussion of keynote speaker
   - Include a P-IE GC feedback table as one of the hot topic tables
   - Award acknowledgements – 5 min: lifetime achievement

5. **Summer Elections**

6. **ESA eNews articles**
   - Should provide a brief summary of P-IE newsletter items and a link to the newsletter
   - April newsletter deadline is the 19th