Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
January 15, 2020

Present:
Diane Alston, Past President
Jeff Bradshaw, President
David Onstad, Vice President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Vice-President Elect
Anjel Helms, Secretary
Melissa Siebert, ESA Governing Board Representative
Anh Tran, Student Representative
ESA-HQ Erin Cadwalader
Judy Wu-Smart, Pollinator Committee Chair

1. Review WIGS-Jeff
   a. Previous WIGS were selection in 2014 at the Portland meeting (ESA directed meeting for section leaders) and have not been updated since.
      i. WIG #1) Enhance knowledge of P-IE members on pollinator protection through the development and dissemination of technical educational materials, including videos, PowerPoint modules, and a resource library.
      ii. WIG #2) By 2020, P-IE will become the lead national expert organization for the dissemination of knowledge on pollinators to the general public, media, and policy makers.
   b. WIG#1 has been very successful over the past year resulting in policy tours, video contest, member education programs, etc.
      i. Moving forward we need to communicate to the members what has been done with the previous WIGs and where we are going for the future.
   c. GC decided to keep WIG#2 (now named WIG#1) and create a new WIG#2 moving forward.
      i. GC proposes to get feedback from the membership on WIG#2 ideas. Jeff will begin preparing something for the February newsletter (announcement and possible survey).

2. Pollinator committee chair report-Judy Wu-Smart
   a. Pollinator committee developed a resource library related to pollinators (currently an excel spreadsheet with useful links and information)
      i. This was largely created by graduate student volunteers with the incentive of a waived annual membership fee and meeting registration raffle.
   b. Current difficulty with the database is to make it available on the P-IE website (need to actively maintain the database for it to be on website)
      i. ESA (Erin) suggested making a google doc that can be maintained through P-IE/pollinator committee with a link on the ESA website
ii. Call was made for pollinator committee to make a plan/budget for maintaining the database
   1. possibly enlist students in the different branches
c. Proposal was made for video contest future idea to showcase research related to pollinators taking place in member labs
d. Some pollinator committee members are wondering about the term limits
   1. Some members will end terms soon
   2. GC suggested we will advertise in the newsletter for committee member nominations
e. Judy will work with pollinator committee to discuss some new proposal ideas for the committee to work on during the next couple years

3. Branch meetings-Jeff
   a. P-IE GC members will present section information at the meetings.
      i. Jeff at SW/NCB, Rebecca at Pacific and maybe joint NE/SE
      ii. Jess will prepare the slide deck for this

4. P-IE supported NCB symposium-Jeff
   a. GC approved motion to provide program enhancement funds ($1,000) for a symposium concerning a topic of interest to P-IE members.
      i. “Integrated pest management of arthropod pests in large scale agroecosystems”
         Organizer: Gary Hein, University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska
         Organizer: Ashleigh Faris, Texas A&M University
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         Moderator: Gary Hein, University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska
         Moderator: Michael Brewer, Texas A&M AgriLife Research
      ii. Need to work with branch to transfer funds

5. Committee open positions-David
   a. Katelyn A. Kesheimer was selected as the southeastern branch nominations committee representative
   b. Patrick Moran was selected as the awards committee representative
   c. Jacqueline M. Serrano was selected as the P-IE Diversity and Inclusion committee representative

6. Linnaean games committee-Jeff
   a. We will include information about this committee and seek nominations for members in a future newsletter

7. January newsletter content-Jeff
   a. Ahn and Diane will work on student/member news contributions
   b. Melissa has prepared an obituary for Gary Thompson
   c. Jeff will put everything together and send the information to Ashley Leach