Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

Conference Call
March 5th, 2019

Present:
Diane Alston, President
David Onstad, Vice-President Elect
Mark Wright, Past President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Secretary
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Anh Tran, Student Representative
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Governing Board Rep
Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. National Meeting Networking Session Ideas Brainstorm
   - Previous GC discussion indicated job tables/career fair and debates had the most support
   - GC wants to focus on career/socializing aspect to increase attendance and fill the Career Center gap
   - Potential formats of tables discussion summary: smaller is better, job seekers/advertisers vs. speed networking, use of color-coded name tags to indicate seekers/advertisers/general topic tables

2. Tour, Diane Alston
   - One proposal, which was approved
   - One student and one ECP will be sponsored to go
   - Oversight committee for future proposals
     - Proposed format: VP Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, plus two Policy Fellow alums that rotate off alternatingly
     - Tour approval would be by vote of GC + two Policy Fellow alums
     - Would be responsible for overseeing tour, serve as liaisons to GC, assist with paperwork, but would not responsible for majority of organizing/planning

3. P-IE Section Symposia
   - We encouraged diversity of topics and speaker backgrounds – appears successful
   - Will rank by high, medium, low priority for acceptance
   - Will shoot for ~18 accepted symposia
   - Final decisions on March 15th

4. Descriptions of GC Member duties
   - To assist folks running for office to determine if they want to volunteer
   - Each GC member will write up a blurb of their position responsibilities to expand on the officer descriptions
   - Accomplish by April
5. ECP Workshop Proposal
   - Form for funding request is incomplete but nearly done and needs to be posted/advertised
   - Diane will finalize and circulate for GC approval
   - Then the workshop can be officially proposed

6. Newsletter
   - Can fill committee positions, no longer need to advertise
   - Award deadlines
   - New networking session format
   - Tour info
   - Call for posters for David’s symposium