December P-IE GC meeting minutes
Conference Call
January 20, 2021

Present:
Jeff Bradshaw, Past President
David Onstad, President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Vice President
Surendra Dara, Vice-President Elect
Anjel Helms, Secretary
Lina Bernaola, Treasurer
Michelle Boone, Student Representative
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Melissa Siebert, ESA Governing Board Representative
Erin Cadwalader-ESA REP

1. December updates – David
   a. GC voted to approve the Biocontrol Tour for 2022
   b. GC voted to approve the criteria for 2021 section symposium proposals
   c. Spring American Entomologist article features 2020 P-IE award winners
   d. Invasive species team decided not to hold field tour in 2021 due to uncertain travel situation (leaders: Coyle and Diepenbock)
   e. David Coyle and Ashley Schulz have agreed to co-lead the Invasive Species WIG group
   f. GC is gathering nominations for awards committee (need 1 industry rep.) and nominations committee (need 1 from international branch)-due to David by 1/31/21

2. Guiding Principles – David
   a. GC members drafted guiding principles for section (see Guiding Principles document)
   b. GC will use these principles when selecting priorities, organizing activities and allocating funds.
   c. Governing council voted to approve these guiding principles
   d. David is currently working on drafting Bylaws for the P-IE section which he will share with GC members

3. Treasurer’s Report – Lina
   a. Current 2021 Budget $61,898
   b. 2021 Section allocation for 2021 $17,400
   c. Section must spend $16,000 or return some funds to ESA
   d. GC discussed possible investments and will continue discussion during the February meeting
      i. Outreach and Education proposals
      ii. Promotional materials for tours to maintain member enthusiasm
         1. E.g. pollinator WIG group
iii. Sponsoring webinars
iv. Sponsoring ECP and Student registration at upcoming virtual meetings

4. P-IE Communications Committee – David
   a. GC members have identified a possible need for a new Communications Committee
   b. Section has great separate efforts on communication, but our members are not necessarily getting our information
   c. MUVE section has a communications committee with no GC members
   d. Proposal was made to create a ~5 member standing committee of GC and non-GC members for the P-IE Communications Committee
      i. Would be responsible for working with ESA staff, scheduling, gathering stories and member news for newsletter
      ii. Nick will create guidelines for committee and share with GC

5. Diversity and Inclusion Plan – David
   a. Coordinated by Michelle Boone, Anh Tran, Karly Regan
   b. Proposal to contact Stacie East (ESA Diversity Director) to coordinate our efforts and determine the most meaningful actions for P-IE
      i. E.g. travel scholarships for students
   c. David will send our D&I proposal to Stacie and ask her to join us for our February meeting

6. Sustainability proposal – David
   a. Coordinated by Surendra Dara and Hailey Shanovich
   b. Sustainable Ag group is currently working on a section symposium proposal for the ESA 2021 meeting
   c. During the next meeting, the group will also discuss plans for what could be feasible with a small financial contribution from P-IE

7. Governing Board Report – Melissa
   a. GB has not met since last meeting
   b. Melissa proposed that P-IE provide a brief presentation for members with an overview of ESA sections (history, purpose, structure with committees, etc.)
      i. ESA can advertise this to P-IE members
      ii. Goal to present by April, before nominations for elections
      iii. GC will discuss further details at upcoming meetings