

June P-IE GC meeting minutes  
Conference Call  
June 6, 2022

Present:

David Onstad, Past President  
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, President  
Surendra Dara, Vice President  
Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Vice President Elect  
Anjel Helms, Secretary  
Melissa Siebert, ESA Governing Board Representative  
Michelle Boon, Student Representative  
Nicole Quinn, Early-Career Professional Representative  
Erin Cadwalader, ESA Liaison

1. Biocontrol field tour summary — Rebecca
  - a. Held week of May 8<sup>th</sup> in Wenatchee, WA
  - b. General consensus is that tour was a great success.
    - i. Organizers collected Pre-post data that Rebecca will share.
    - ii. West Coast tour was a good fit on this topic for several reasons (climate, adoption from growers, new location due for tour).
  - c. Financials
    - i. Event expenses should approximately break even from registration and sponsorships.
    - ii. Several sponsors/donors contributed to the event.
    - iii. 4 travel awards and a speaker travel award were given.
  - d. 52 total tour registrations (relatively low ESA interest-somewhat due to short turn around on advertising and on-going Covid worries)
    - i. Diverse participation across career areas (academia, government, growers, biocontrol industry, chemical companies)
    - ii. Direct invitations to non-ESA members helped with recruitment.
  - e. Rebecca will prepare a write ups for the P-IE newsletter, Entomology Today, Good Fruit Grower publication and a presentation for the annual meeting.
2. Discussion of new section proposal — Melissa
  - a. Neil is hosting an informational session 6/9/22 (email invite was sent to GC).
  - b. New section proposed “Formal and Informal Teaching” or (FIT) Section”
3. Annual meeting — Rebecca
  - a. 2 financial requests have been submitted for program enhancement funds.
    - i. Judith Stahl SWD biocontrol symposium
      1. Travel funds for international speaker ~\$2,000 USD
    - ii. David Coyle-Invasive species symposium (part of WIG plan)
      1. Travel funds for speakers ~\$1,000-\$2,000 additional (GC previously approved \$5,000)

- b. Section symposia
  - i. GC met 3/30/22 to discuss/vote on section symposia for annual meeting.
- c. Surendra (and likely David) will attend the programming meeting end of June.