

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
April 23, 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
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Erin Cadwalader-ESA REP
Johanna Elsensohn-Science Policy Tour
Tom Anderson-Science Policy Tour

1. Science Policy Tour -Johanna
 - a. Tour has been postponed until September 2021
 - b. P-IE will be putting out a call for ideas for 2022 policy tours in newsletter
 - i. We will also revisit this discussion during ESA P-IE morning meeting at annual meeting in November 2020
 - c. Tom is scheduled to rotate off the policy tour committee at the end of 2020 but has agreed to stay on through the 2021 tour and help train new member
2. WIG survey – Jeff
 - a. 4 responses to date-response rate needs to be increased
 - b. Suggestions to offer prizes or a raffle
 - i. GC has agreed to offer gift card drawing for survey completion
 - c. Responses will help us determine what topics interest the membership
 - d. We will continue to advertise the survey in newsletter and on Twitter
3. Governing Board Items-Melissa
 - a. Covid-19 information has been released from ESA HQ
 - b. Annual meeting is still scheduled for November 2020 but the situation is being monitored
 - c. Anyone who cancels meeting registration due to covid-19 concerns will receive a 100% refund
 - d. P-IE needs to consider plans for moving meeting events to virtual format (networking, hot topics, etc.)
4. USDA pollinator committee-Jeff
 - a. USDA has created a pollinator research tracking effort (5 subgroups)
 - b. P-IE has been invited to participate
 - i. Good opportunity for section to be involved

- ii. Currently plan to have Jeff move forward with this role so we will have someone in place quickly
 - iii. He will determine the commitment and scope so GC can make a decision for future appointments to role
 - c. Virtual meeting planned for September 8-10
 - i. ~100 attendees with mix of industry, academia, etc.
 - ii. Will contribute to guiding future pollinator research
- 5. Speed networking-Nick
 - a. ECP is working on this effort for the 2020 meeting
 - b. Will adjust format based on meeting status (virtual or in person)
- 6. P-IE virtual networking session-Jeff/David/Melissa
 - a. Need to have a plan in place before November meeting in case meeting and sessions are conducted remotely
 - b. Could have breakout sessions in an online platform like Zoom
- 7. P-IE updates at Branch Meetings-Jeff
 - a. All meetings have been postponed with some sessions online (student talks, etc.)
 - b. Will have P-IE updates at future meeting
- 8. P-IE Committee Open Positions-David
 - a. Jon Koch has been approved to serve as P-IE rep to the Linnaean Games Committee
 - b. Still seeking nominations for other positions
- 9. May newsletter-Jeff/Diane/Anh/etc.
 - a. June 1 deadline for nominations for P-IE awards.
 - b. We will advertise in the May newsletter
 - c. Still seeking member input