

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
July 16, 2020

Present:

Diane Alston, Past President and Interim Treasurer
Jeff Bradshaw, President
David Onstad, Vice President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Vice-President Elect
Anjel Helms, Secretary
Anh Tran, Student Representative
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Erin Cadwalader-ESA Representative

1. WIG survey – Jeff
 - a. 73 survey responses received to date
 - i. GC is still aiming to increase member participation before November
 - b. We will continue to promote the survey on social media and in our newsletter
 - c. Motion was proposed to stop gift card drawings after this month
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
2. Changes to term limit or representation for P-IE ECP rep – Nick
 - a. Motion was proposed to change the P-IE ECP rep position from a 2 to a 3-year term
 - i. This corresponds to ECP positions now being elected positions instead of appointed and will align the terms accordingly
 - ii. Motion passed unanimously
3. Governing Board Update – Melissa
 - a. The Linnaean Games have now been renamed as “Entomology Games”
 - b. P-IE GC meeting on this topic was well-timed, and we were able to contribute comments for the Governing Board meeting
4. P-IE Committee Open Positions/Nominations – David
 - a. Alton Sparks has vacated his position on the P-IE Award Committee
 - i. Current members serving Sunil Tewari and Patrick Moran
 - ii. We need to appoint a 3rd member to the committee
5. P-IE Awards – David/Jeff
 - a. This year we received the following Professional Award nominations: 1 team, 2 recognition, 3 lifetime achievement
 - b. For the recognition award, GC and Award committee will avoid conflict of interest by having non-Corteva and non-UNL GC and Award committee members select the winner
 - c. Student awards: 4 winners have been identified by the awards committee
 - i. Jeff will send notification emails soon

- d. Motion was proposed to send a \$50 gift check to each award winner to purchase sweet or savory pie to celebrate while supporting a local business.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
 - e. Motion was proposed to provide award winners with same monetary prizes as the previous year (2019) with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award
 - i. Undergrad award (2 winners) \$1,500 each and registration waiver
Stark grad student \$500 and registration waiver
Master's student \$1,500 and registration waiver
Team award By Corteva (multiple trophies)
Recognition award By Syngenta (\$1,500 and clock)
 - ii. Motion passed unanimously
 - f. Motion to offer Lifetime Achievement Award winner option to donate \$500 (provided by P-IE) to ESA good cause of his/her choice in lieu of travel stipend
 - i. This would be in addition to a meeting registration waiver for the 2020 virtual meeting
 - ii. Motion passed unanimously
6. ESA P-IE awards and networking session – David/Jeff/Rebecca/Nick/Anh
- a. Livestreaming is planned for 3 hours for the P-IE session
 - i. GC will choose how to allocate this time for various events
 - b. After we receive an update from Rosina about the virtual capabilities, we will allocate time and make plans for the following events. These will be discussed in detail at a future dedicated meeting.
 - i. WIGS
 - ii. Hot topics
 - iii. Speed networking
 - iv. Awards ceremony
 - v. Anh's plan for student (etc.) engagement
 - vi. Virtual booth opportunity
7. Newsletter – Jeff
- a. Jeff will share a template of the next newsletter for GC input
 - b. A proposal was made to advertise and emphasize the benefits of the upcoming virtual meeting
 - i. Good opportunity for students (and others) to participate who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend
 - c. We will include a solicitation for volunteers to join the Science Policy Event Committee
 - d. We are also seeking member news
8. Elections – David/Jeff
- a. Elections scheduled to start July 23rd and end August 24th
 - b. We will remind members to vote in newsletter and on social media