

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

**Conference Call
June 18th, 2019**

Present:

Diane Alston, President
Jeff Bradshaw, Vice President
David Onstad, Vice-President Elect
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Secretary
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Anh Tran, Student Representative
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Governing Board Rep
Clint Pilcher, Policy Tour
Judy Wu-Smart, Pollinator Committee
Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. Field Tour Update – Clint and Diane

- Student and Early Career group applications are in for travel support, GC will send ranks to Diane by Thursday
- Getting agenda finalized with speakers
- Speaker travel will be assisted by WSSA and USDA
- Block of rooms booked

2. Pollinator Committee Update – Judy Wu-Smart

- Have all students in place, most students have submitted link-based resources
- Chris will start adding to web content
- Video contest for this year - yes
- Two categories – research highlights and pollinator biology
- Monetary award for first and second in each category, \$1,500 total
- Will also post videos from honorable mentions online
- David moved, Rebecca seconded to include these funds as a new line item in the 2019 budget, passed unanimously

2. Tour Oversight Committee – David/Diane

- Diane and David met with the two committee members, Tom Anderson and Johanna Elsensohn, recently
- Will be assisting with selection of tours for next year

3. Sections Highlights for American Entomologist

- GC needs to provide Diane feedback ASAP

4. National Meeting Updates – Diane and Jeff

- 254 total papers (oral), dived into 18 sessions: 6 4-hr, 5 3-hr, 7 2-hr
- Will put out calls for more judge and moderator volunteers, 26 so far; will also get names from registration
- 17 P-IE symposia
- Be thinking of prizes for the raffle

5. Section Leadership Presentation - Diane

- Do we need to make WIG revisions?
- Diane will discuss with other section leaders their approach on WIG revisions
- Will include something about marketing, recruiting unaffiliated members

6. Section Sponsored P-IE Symposium at Branch Meetings

- Help to maintain relationship between sections and branches
- Could be a good way to get students involved, as they tend to be more familiar with their branches

7. Upcoming Activities/Deadlines – Diane

- a. Summer GB Meeting in St. Louis – Jun 23-26 (Diane and Jeff)
- b. Moderator Assignments for Annual Meeting – mid-July (Diane and Jeff)
- c. ESA Society Elections Open – mid-July (Jeff)
- d. Call for Tour Proposals coming out in the next newsletter with August 15th deadline