

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
May 19, 2020

Present:

Diane Alston, Past President
Jeff Bradshaw, President
David Onstad, Vice President
Anjel Helms, Secretary
Melissa Siebert, ESA Governing Board Representative
Anh Tran, Student Representative
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Erin Cadwalader-ESA REP

1. Science Policy Committee – Jeff/David
 - a. Tom Anderson’s service term on the Science Policy Event Oversight Committee is coming to an end. He has agreed to stay on until after the 2021 tour (postponed from 2020) to participate in training the new member.
 - b. Johanna Elsensohn is now moving to chairperson for the current term.
 - c. We are now seeking a replacement for Tom’s position from the P-IE membership, with policy fellows (current or former) given preference.
 - d. Motion passed to put out a call for nominations for this position in the next newsletter.

2. WIG survey – Jeff
 - a. 22 responses to date -response rate can still be increased
 - b. We have offered a gift card raffle on Twitter for the end of the month
 - c. Responses will help us determine what topics interest our membership
 - d. We will continue to advertise the survey in newsletter and on Twitter
 - e. Motion passed to draw for \$100 gift card on the 29th of every month (until enough responses have been received, as determined by GC) in support of our WIGS survey.

3. ESA Annual Meeting – Jeff/David
 - a. The meeting is currently planned to be a hybrid format (virtual and in-person)
 - b. P-IE needs to decide how to conduct our member meeting and networking session in this format
 - c. David and Jeff have drafted a plan for an all-virtual meeting
 - i. Considering move to all-virtual format (GC members providing feedback on this idea to be discussed at next meeting)
 - ii. Need to plan details of this event to ensure everything runs smoothly and is hopefully even better than in previous years
 1. E.g. session hosts, security issues, software, etc.
 - d. Cadmium software can be used to record portions of member meeting/award ceremony
 - e. Benefits of virtual format

- i. Could include more members in the sessions that would otherwise be limited
 - ii. Won't have trouble with social distancing requirements in a physical space
 - f. Challenges of virtual format
 - i. Need to ensure software functions well
 - ii. Need to accommodate the bandwidth
- 4. P-IE Open positions – David
 - a. Need to fill a vacant International Branch representative on the Nominations Committee
- 5. P-IE Treasurer – Jeff
 - a. Motion passed to appoint a P-IE member in good standing to serve in the treasurer role until a new treasurer has been elected to begin in September 2020.
- 6. ECP policies – Nick
 - a. ECP is working to establish a new policy and procedures manual.
 - b. ECP committee would like members to serve 3-year instead of 2-year terms.
 - c. Nick will create a pros and cons list of the issue to share with the GC for a vote.
- 7. June newsletter – Jeff/Diane/Anh/etc.
 - a. Still seeking member input – Anh has a story to share
 - b. Coverage about the leadership happy hour (working to increase volunteer and leadership participation among members) (Melissa)
 - c. Encouraging members to participate in the speed networking event (Nick)