

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

**Conference Call
September 5, 2019**

Present:

Diane Alston, President
Jeff Bradshaw, Vice President
David Onstad, Vice-President Elect
Mark Wright, Past President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Secretary
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Anh Tran, Student Representative
Melissa Willrich Siebert, Governing Board Rep
Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. Review of Draft Agenda for ESA P-IE Business Meeting – Diane

- Diane will give financial report as Lily will not be able to attend meeting
- Jeff will announce new officers
- David will request photographs from the team award winners to create one slide to be presented while they receive their award
- David has not heard from winners that need to add slides, but is sending a reminder soon. Slide creators will be asked to keep presentations short.
- Anh requested to serve as photographer during session.
- May need to purchase new raffle tickets – Mark will see if he has the roll from last year.
- ~12 pairs of students/ECPs and “experts” for speed networking. Suggestion to recruit a smaller university/liberal arts college academic as an expert.
- Hot topics tables: P-IE GC - Eating pie and feedback (GC members), Field sustainability of RNAi-based insecticides (Andrei Alyokhin), Moving pest sampling into the 21st century (Dominic Reising), IRM approaches for intensive crop production landscapes (Anders Huseeth), Gene drive: Should we use it to control pests? (Raul Medina), Brown marmorated stinkbug in the western US (Lisa Neven)

P-IE Networking Session, St. Louis, MO – Draft Agenda November 18 (Monday) 2:30-5:30 pm (3 hr)

2:30-2:50 pm (20 min): Welcome and Business Meeting: Section updates, financial report, acknowledge volunteers – Diane / introduce P-IE elected officers for 2020 - Jeff

2:50-3:05 pm (15 min): Comments from President Bob Peterson (if Bob isn't available at this time; adjust his place in the agenda) (Diane introduce Bob)

3:05-3:30 pm (25 min): Award presentations and recognize P-IE committee/representation service – Diane introduce award presenters and call names, pass out plaques and certificates, take photos (need to identify a Section photographer)

3:30-3:50 pm (20 min): Report on the 2019 Science Policy event: Pest Resistance Management Community Engagement in Iowa – Clint Pilcher (David introduce Clint)
3:50-4:15 (25 min): P-IE Pollinator Committee report and video contest winners/show video clip highlights – Judy Wu-Smart (Diane introduce Judy)
4:15-4:25 pm (10 min): Raffle drawing – Jeff
4:25-4:30 pm (5 min): Introduce speed networking and hot topic activity and provide guidelines – Jeff, David, and Nick
4:30-5:30 pm (1 hour): Speed networking and hot topic discussions; refreshments (food beverages, two cash bars)

3. Science Policy Tour 2019 Updates – David

- Survey on the event as a whole and David also sent an entomology-specific survey to ESA participants
- Biggest point of feedback was “more entomology”, as there was a heavy weed science focus. Realization that there will be some compromise between new collaborations/information and entomology focus when we co-host with other societies.
- David received positive feedback from student/ECP members.

4. Other national meeting planning - Diane

- Raffle prize suggestion: noise-cancelling headphones – Jeff and Lily will pick out two and keep the total budget under \$400
- Confirm drink tickets are available for student volunteers, hot topic table leaders, and speed networking leaders – send by email, confirm ticket format with Chris and Rosina
- Budget is about \$4,500 for refreshments for whole meeting
- All elected officers/awardees have been notified
- Checks and plaques have been ordered
- Still need to request certificates from Cindy
- Just a few judge openings left

5. Field Tour 2020 Proposals - Diane

- Received one field tour proposal on invasive species to be hosted in Florida
- Main suggestion was too much packed into the schedule, more informal/discussion time needed. This was also a common point of feedback for 2019 as well.
- Encourage outdoor/hands-on activities because people will be tired of being indoors post-national meeting
- Diane will confirm final approval of the tour with the advisory committee

6. September Newsletter - Diane

- Wednesday morning feedback session
- 2019 Science Policy event
- More detail on speed networking
- A few more student volunteers needed

7. **Upcoming Activities/Deadlines** – Diane

September 10th deadline for newsletter content to Chris