

Minutes from the ESA Plant- Insect Ecosystem Governing Board Meeting

August 8, 2023

In attendance:

- Surendra Dara, President; Rebecca Schmidt, PIE Past President; Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Vice President; Anjel M. Helms, Vice President Elect; Tim Nowatzki, Treasurer; Whitney Crow, Secretary; Melissa Siebert, ESA Governing Board Representative; Nicole Quinn, Early Career Professional Representative; Rosina Romano, ESA Liaison.

Business:

- When ordering merchandise, it's important to communicate that these are designs and not PIE logos. 150 hats will be purchased and shipped to the warehouse.
- PIE Invasive Species Tour:
 - Encouragement of student attendees and try to determine if there is a way to subsidize registration fees.
 - Offer travel grants to cover registration fees and help increase attendance to local individuals.
 - Other way to subsidize cost: hotel fees, transportation fees, etc.
 - In the future, it's important to consider the timing of tours and the potential availability of attendees. Additional opportunities with placing a field tour with a branch meeting in the goal of getting more ESA members in attendance.

Old Business:

- If you haven't already done so, please review your submissions for the media coverage as soon as possible.