

**Minutes from the ESA Plant- Insect Ecosystem Governing Board Meeting
May 16, 2023**

In attendance:

- Surendra Dara, President; Whitney Crow, Secretary; Nicole Quinn, Early Career Professional Representative; Anjel M. Helms, Vice President Elect; Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Vice President; Rebecca Schmidt, PIE Past President; Tim Nowatzki, Treasurer; Hailey Stanovich, Student Affairs Representative.

P-IE report to the ESA Governing Board:

- Current membership is 2352 and Erin will update it with actual numbers later.

Budget Update:

Financial Status:

2022 Ending Balance (December 31, 2022)	46,756
2023 Section Allocation:	16,728
2023 Starting budget (January 1 st , 2023)	63,484
2023 Section Expenses to-date (May 7, 2023):	1,500
Total Funds Available as of May 7, 2023:	61,984

2023 Activity:

Amount

Notes

Lukas Seehausen (Honoraria-PIE sponsored) Spent	1,500
Erin Hodgson (Sketchapod Arthropod Illustration Workshop Grant) Processing	1,000
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris (2022 Entomolympics Gift Cards Reimbursement) Processing	140

Total for 2023: **60,844**

Newsletter Items:

- The following was drafted by Anjel for the June newsletter based on the discussions during the GC meeting

- **Funding Opportunity!**

Do you have a great idea for an education or outreach activity that benefits P-IE and its members? We would love to hear from you! The P-IE Governing Council would like to remind our members that we are able to fund innovative proposals for P-IE activities focused on member outreach and education (up to \$2,000). We cannot fund research requests at this time, but we would be happy to feature your accomplishments in our newsletters. Download the application form here:
<https://www.entsoc.org/pie/funding>

- **WIGs**

The time has come once again for our members to tell us what's WILDLY important in the area of Plant-Insect Ecosystems. The Entomological Society of America has tasked each section with establishing "Wildly Important Goals" or WIGs to help guide our section initiatives. Some of the recent P-IE WIGs included "Pollinators" and "Invasive Species". Our Pollinator WIG initiated a creative video-making contest and organized important resources about pollinators. Our Invasive Species WIG has been very active, coordinating webinars with infographic resources, organizing a symposium for the annual meeting, and even hosting a field tour this September 12-14 in Florida. If you have suggestions for new (or continued) WIG topics, please let us know! We are especially looking for motivated members to lead activities for our WIGs.

- **Camp Sketchapod**

The P-IE Section is excited to announce their support for Camp Sketchapod June 23-25th in Manhattan, Kansas.

Calling all Campers,

Join us for a 3-day immersive adventure for creative graduate students and ECPs of all artistic levels to develop their scientific illustrative skills and mindset. Throughout the experience, campers will network and engage with members from the entomology community and local artists while enjoying the beauty of the Konza Prairie and eating a s'more (or a dozen).

What's included?

- High quality, local, professional instructors
- Touring the wonders of Manhattan (including the Konza Prairie)
- Sketch supplies will be provided (Micron pens, sketchbook, etc.)
- Assorted branded camp swag
- Some meals and snacks provided with registration. Plan accordingly.

How to attend?

- Apply! Seats are limited to 24 campers! Submit early for best consideration - [Click here to apply \(https://airtable.com/shrGr5s6l09uQLrXs\)](https://airtable.com/shrGr5s6l09uQLrXs)
- Register & Pay. First priority registration begins May 23—see timeline below. Campers must pay a registration fee of \$200 or \$250 (graduate student and ECP, respectively). Registration fee does not include travel to the camp or lodging. Hotel and accommodation information provided at time of registration.

Important Dates

- May 8 - Open application begins. Team Sketchapod will review all applicants to ensure diverse branch and section representation.
- May 19 - Best consideration for application deadline.

- May 23 - 1st priority open registration.
- May 31 - Registration open to all applicants.
- June 6 - Closed registration, payment due.
- June 23-25 - Camp is in session!

Need s'more proof of how awesome it will be? Check out this video:
<https://youtu.be/Ray-gAUwSY>

The bugs are calling, and you must apply! See the bug. Draw the bug.

For any questions, please reach out to the co-organizers, Erin Hodgson (ewh@iastate.edu) or Brian McCornack (mccornac@ksu.edu)! Or visit the camp website at www.sketchapod.com for more information.

- An announcement will also be included that P-IE GB will be endorsing Melissa Sibert for ESA Vice Present Elect in the upcoming election.

Recruitment state for P-IE committees:

- Several members have been encouraged to apply for the upcoming P-IE Treasure and P-IE Vice President elect election.

Other Business:

- Rebecca and Casear will be representing P-IE at the upcoming ESA planning meeting.
- Deadline for newsletter information is Friday, May 26th. Newsletter will be coming out in June.
- Hailey is going to reach out to the student affairs committee about student participation in awards. The goal is to encourage more student entries. In addition, Hailey among others were approved for a workshop at the annual meeting on award applications.