

December P-IE GC meeting minutes
Conference Call
January 20, 2021

Present:

Jeff Bradshaw, Past President
David Onstad, President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Vice President
Surendra Dara, Vice-President Elect
Anjel Helms, Secretary
Lina Bernaola, Treasurer
Michelle Boone, Student Representative
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Melissa Siebert, ESA Governing Board Representative
Erin Cadwalader-ESA REP

1. December updates – David
 - a. GC voted to approve the Biocontrol Tour for 2022
 - b. GC voted to approve the criteria for 2021 section symposium proposals
 - c. Spring American Entomologist article features 2020 P-IE award winners
 - d. Invasive species team decided not to hold field tour in 2021 due to uncertain travel situation (leaders: Coyle and Diepenbock)
 - e. David Coyle and Ashley Schulz have agreed to co-lead the Invasive Species WIG group
 - f. GC is gathering nominations for awards committee (need 1 industry rep.) and nominations committee (need 1 from international branch)-due to David by 1/31/21

2. Guiding Principles – David
 - a. GC members drafted guiding principles for section (see Guiding Principles document)
 - b. GC will use these principles when selecting priorities, organizing activities and allocating funds.
 - c. Governing council voted to approve these guiding principles
 - d. David is currently working on drafting Bylaws for the P-IE section which he will share with GC members

3. Treasurer's Report – Lina
 - a. Current 2021 Budget \$61,898
 - b. 2021 Section allocation for 2021 \$17,400
 - c. Section must spend \$16,000 or return some funds to ESA
 - d. GC discussed possible investments and will continue discussion during the February meeting
 - i. Outreach and Education proposals
 - ii. Promotional materials for tours to maintain member enthusiasm
 1. E.g. pollinator WIG group

- iii. Sponsoring webinars
 - iv. Sponsoring ECP and Student registration at upcoming virtual meetings
4. P-IE Communications Committee – David
- a. GC members have identified a possible need for a new Communications Committee
 - b. Section has great separate efforts on communication, but our members are not necessarily getting our information
 - c. MUVE section has a communications committee with no GC members
 - d. Proposal was made to create a ~5 member standing committee of GC and non-GC members for the P-IE Communications Committee
 - i. Would be responsible for working with ESA staff, scheduling, gathering stories and member news for newsletter
 - ii. Nick will create guidelines for committee and share with GC
5. Diversity and Inclusion Plan – David
- a. Coordinated by Michelle Boone, Anh Tran, Karly Regan
 - b. Proposal to contact Stacie East (ESA Diversity Director) to coordinate our efforts and determine the most meaningful actions for P-IE
 - i. E.g. travel scholarships for students
 - c. David will send our D&I proposal to Stacie and ask her to join us for our February meeting
6. Sustainability proposal – David
- a. Coordinated by Surendra Dara and Hailey Shanovich
 - b. Sustainable Ag group is currently working on a section symposium proposal for the ESA 2021 meeting
 - c. During the next meeting, the group will also discuss plans for what could be feasible with a small financial contribution from P-IE
7. Governing Board Report – Melissa
- a. GB has not met since last meeting
 - b. Melissa proposed that P-IE provide a brief presentation for members with an overview of ESA sections (history, purpose, structure with committees, etc.)
 - i. ESA can advertise this to P-IE members
 - ii. Goal to present by April, before nominations for elections
 - iii. GC will discuss further details at upcoming meetings