

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

**Conference Call
October 2, 2019**

Present:

Diane Alston, President

Jeff Bradshaw, Vice President

David Onstad, Vice-President Elect

Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Secretary

Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative

Anh Tran, Student Representative

Melissa Willrich Siebert, Governing Board Rep

Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. Extra newsletter articles – David & Diane

- Recognition, awards, etc. to be included in the newsletter
- Create a section at the end of newsletter for “member news”
- Content would be submitted by P-IE members and curated by the GC
- Suggest use of a Google Form type submission system with a word or character limit
- Anh is interested in leading form submission development
- Diane suggested the curation role become the responsibility of the past president
- Will start beta testing with the goal to have it live by January
- Form content will be sent to Chris, ESA HQ will add this to the website, and submissions will be sent to ESA staff

2. ESA P-IE Business Meeting – Diane

- Approval from Lily to purchase Jabra headphones for raffle items, Diane will make purchase soon
- New drink tickets have been created to share with volunteers (60 tickets total) – all speed networking session participants, hot topic table leaders, student volunteers, tour oversight. Organizers of each event will send tallies of tickets needed to Diane.
- Diane will send list of service certificates to Chris for ESA HQ to print
- Anh has 8 student volunteers so far: photographer, two people to pass out tickets, two people to do a headcount, one person to do volunteer sign-up
- Diane will bring the raffle tickets
- Group dinner 17th November at 6 PM; location TBD
- Slide deck update (David): October 4th deadline. Just missing a few slides/photos – about half of content received. Lily will provide financial update slide. Will include incoming officers and announcement about the feedback session breakfast.
- Deadline on Pollinator Video Contest extended – will receive updates from Judy for the slide deck

3. Other National Meeting Business - Diane

- Breakfast has been ordered for the feedback session
- Judges and moderators in place
- New system for volunteers vs. of our old way recruiting caused some confusion, this should be alleviated next year. We need to look into how many volunteers this gets us to confirm the volunteer number will be adequate for 2020.

4. Section Supported Symposia at Branch Meetings - David

- In what form should our support take – symposium or student scholarship?
- Do we want to support all branches this year, or do one as a pilot test? Suggest NCB+SWB as the pilot test due to larger meeting size and prior history working with similar P-IE initiatives at NCB.
- Need to check our finances to determine what level of support we can provide.

5. October Newsletter - Diane

- Will target ~3 weeks prior to ESA conference
- Will prioritize networking and hot topic activities, feedback session

The next P-IE GC meeting will be held after ESA's annual meeting and will be led by Jeff Bradshaw.