

Minutes from the ESA Plant- Insect Ecosystem Governing Board Meeting

August 21, 2024

In attendance:

- Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, President; Anjel Helms, Vice President; Tim Nowatzki, Treasurer; Surendra Dara, Past President; Hailey Shanovich, Student Representative; Whitney Crow, Secretary; Rosina Romano; ESA Liaison; Rob Morrison, ESA GB Representative.

Business:

- P-IE Preliminary ESA Meeting Expense Report:

2024 P-IE Annual Meeting Expenses (Expected to date)

Item	Amount
PIE Awards checks	\$15,000
PIE Give-aways	\$1361.11 (150 mugs) + \$1056.13 (200 pins) = \$2,417.24
Catering – PIE Networking Session	\$2,644
Catering – PIE Feedback Lunch	\$1,975
Meeting room charges for PIE events	TBD
Engraving and Plaques for Awards	TBD – last year was \$192.00 for 4 awards. This year will be more awards
Total Estimate – July 22, 2024	\$22,036

Just as a reference, last year we spent \$14,613.53. But this year we have more student and travel awards.

We should be in good shape, our current balance is about \$49,397 (based on last report I received in March).

Our section allocation for 2024 was \$15,934, and we had a balance of \$35,463 available at the end of 2023 that carried over.

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- Giving additional travel awards this year compared to last year’s meeting.
- The give aways for the meeting have been ordered.
- There will be an increase in plaques due to an increase in the number of awards given this year.
- Last year P-IE had additional expenses for the Invasive Species Summit (\$9,767) that we won’t incur in 2024. This will offset the additional student awards expenses this year.
- Overall, the budget is in pretty good shape. Especially, great to be able to give additional awards.
- Awards:
 - The award and honor committee at the national level has streamlined the requirements. Rubrics align with the awards. Working towards evaluating the

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weaknesses in the awards to determine if awards need to be offered every other year or discontinued. We now need to consider the award that the P-IE section is given based off the changes coming from the national committee.

- Travel and student awards have been successful and demonstrate need.
- Recognition award in entomology has not had any applicants since 2022, therefore, there may be some changes that need to be made to this award. Some discussion needs to be had with the sponsor of the award to determine how we move forward. There may be ways to change the award for it be more successful. Could be an early career award.
- Annual Meeting:
 - The Wednesday breakfast has been moved to lunch on Wednesday instead.
 - Need to determine the number of participants to determine if there is an increase in participation compared to having breakfast in the future.
 - Networking and awards ceremony. Work with Lauren to determine the logistics on this event. Give a number of pins and cups away at various times throughout the event.
 - Need volunteers for the P-IE booth on Tuesday.
- Newsletter:
 - All the pieces are all together for the next newsletter that will be send out early October. September 15th is the day that it needs to turn in by.
 - All the award winners will be in the next newsletter.
 - P-IE committee representative summary will also be added.
 - Highlight the networking event on the newsletter.