Minutes from the ESA Plant- Insect Ecosystem Governing Board Meeting

February 15, 2024

In attendance:

- Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, President; Surendra Dara, Past President; Tim Nowatzki, Treasurer; Anjel M Helms, Vice President; Rob Morrison, ESA P-IE GB representative; and Lauren Diepenbrock, Vice President elect.

Business:

- The February newsletter has been finalized and is ready for printing. Thanks to all contributors and a special thanks to Ashley for putting it together.
- Cesar shared the following points discussed at the 'Section Leader Meeting':
  - Discussion on content for future newsletters, including the idea of creating a column titled 'Where Are They Now?' featuring previous P-IE award winners. Rob has agreed to work on this column. Thank you, Rob!
  - Deadlines for symposia submissions: March 15th; and the time for online reviews from March 19th to April 1st. This year, the program committee (consisting of members Cesar and Anjel) will pre-screen all submissions. Input can be provided by the governing board (GB), but GB members will not be expected to review submissions online.
  - There will be section booths at the Exhibit Hall during the ESA annual meeting this year. We discussed the possibility of having swag items at the P-IE booth. Cesar suggested having USB flash drives with the P-I design. Lauren suggested some suppliers that she uses for promoting their programs and meetings at UFL. This will be an opportunity to recruit volunteers for various functions at ESA branch and annual meetings.
- Anjel discussed open positions.
  - Open positions:
    - P-IE Award Committee
      - Government
      - Academia
      - Industry
    - P-IE Nomination Committee
      - Southeast Branch
      - International
      - North Central Branch
    - P-IE Early Career Professional
- Please actively recruit members for these positions.
- Tim provided an update on expenses at the ESA annual meeting ($28,021.28) and account balance ($35,463). P-IE is in good financial health.
- Next meeting will be in mid-late March. A when2meet poll will be sent soon.