

January P-IE GC meeting minutes
Conference Call
January 12, 2022

Present:

David Onstad, Past President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, President
Surendra Dara, Vice President
Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Vice-President Elect
Anjel Helms, Secretary
Lina Bernaola, Treasurer
Melissa Siebert, ESA Governing Board Representative
Nicole Quinn, Early-Career Professional Representative
Michelle Boone, Student Representative
Erin Cadwalader, ESA Liaison

1. Treasurer's Report — Lina
 - a. January 2022 starting budget is \$61,691 (after 2021 expenses and 2022 section allocation)
 - b. Discussion on pollinator WIG budget request for 2022 extension
 - i. GC approved ~\$700 to cover website updates
 - ii. GC requesting an updated budget request for further 2022 expenses
2. Biocontrol Field Tour — Rebecca
 - a. The 2022 tour is scheduled for the week of May 8th in Wenatchee, WA.
 - b. The schedule outline and tentative budget have been developed.
 - i. Organizers will be requesting deposits for venue and bus from P-IE to be refunded through registration fees.
 - ii. Registration goal ~\$200 per person not including hotel (block has been reserved) or airfare
 - c. Estimating about 50 participants for the tour
 - d. Planning to award scholarships for 2 student and 2 ECP members to attend
3. Nominations updates — Surendra
 - a. A few nominations so far and still working to obtain additional nominations
 - b. Requests in next P-IE newsletter
 - c. Members should target their branch for nominations committee representatives
 - d. Nominations due to Surendra 1/31/22
4. Newsletters — Rebecca
 - a. Next newsletter edition scheduled for March 2022
 - b. Comm. Comm. Has made a plan for upcoming newsletters to correspond with annual deadlines and major announcements
5. Student travel award 2022 — Rebecca
 - a. Smith received award for 2022.

- b. Devine and Labanon will receive membership and meeting registration waivers.
 - c. Melissa will contact potential mentors for Smith for meeting.
 - d. GC needs a clearer rating system for applicants next year.
 - i. Michelle will lead this effort.
 - e. Next year GC and Comm. Comm. will work to improve the number of applications and specific communications with minority-serving institutions.
6. General updates — Rebecca
- a. New ESA website was launched.
 - 1. P-IE awards information and past newsletters/minutes are missing.
 - 2. Anjel will check with Erin to resolve this.
 - b. Cornell Agritech considering a new tour for 2023.
 - c. Comm. Comm. Featured the 12 days of Bugmas on Twitter (Anh's idea)