

September P-IE GC meeting minutes
Conference Call
September 24, 2021

Present:

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

1. August/September P-IE updates – David
 - a. GC approved a revision to the P-IE Lifetime Achievement Award criteria.
 - b. GC approved 2022 student travel award announcement information.
 - c. Reminder to vote on the ESA Bylaws amendment on ECP GB membership.

2. Annual meeting planning – David
 - a. David has decided not to attend the ESA annual meeting in person and will participate virtually.
 - b. USDA employees (Nick and Rebecca) are not currently authorized to travel to the meeting.
 - c. Other GC members are still planning to attend the in-person meeting at this time.
 - d. Current estimates suggest about 50% of typical in-person attendance at 2021 meeting.
 - i. This suggests about 60 attendees at in-person networking session.
 - e. Networking session schedule reminder (Monday, November 1, 2:00-5:00 PM).
 - f. GC discussed how to modify the P-IE network session for in-person and virtual attendance.
 - i. GC decided to pre-record the awards ceremony, etc. and play the video at the in-person networking session and post online for virtual participants.
 1. David, Rebecca, and Surendra will coordinate the event.
 2. David will contact the award winners, new GC members, etc.
 - ii. Tentative outline for program
 1. Present awards
 2. Presidential address
 3. Transfer presidency to Rebecca
 4. Introduce the newly elected P-IE GC members
 5. Thank volunteers
 - iii. GC decided to cancel in-person Hot Topics sessions at the meeting.
 1. David will contact the Hot Topics leaders.
 - iv. GC decided to include a “Looking ahead to 2022” announcement during the session to advertise upcoming events, initiatives, etc.

- v. GC decided to use this session for the member listening session and discussion.
- vi. GC decided to serve refreshments at meeting but reduce the order size.
- g. Michelle and Melissa will attend the new member welcome session (Sunday noon).