

## **Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting**

### **Conference Call December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

#### **Present:**

**Diane Alston**, President  
**Jeff Bradshaw**, Vice President  
**David Onstad**, Vice-President Elect  
**Mark Wright**, Past President  
**Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris**, Secretary  
**Lily Calderwood**, Treasurer  
**Anh Tran**, Student Representative  
**Melissa Willrich Siebert**, Governing Board Rep  
**Lisa Junker**, ESA

#### **1. Publications Task Force, Lisa Junker**

- Overview of presentation on outcomes of ESA Publications Task Force
- Based on feedback from the Sections, the Governing Board voted to update the structure proposed by the Publications Task Force for the ESA Publications Council to include an elected representative from each Section as well as five ad-hoc appointed members, the ESA vice president-elect, and the ESA vice president. The Sections will have further time to provide feedback on the task force recommendations, including discussions at the 2019 ESA Summer Meeting in St. Louis.
- ESA is monitoring diversity of subject editors

#### **2. Newsletter, Diane Alston**

- Becky can release prior to holiday break
- Call for proposals for Science Policy field tours needs deadline – Feb 15
  - Be aware – we cannot support more than two tours
  - Also – caution as too how much support is needed from ESA Central, as they may be managing other section initiatives

#### **3. National Meeting Networking Session Ideas Brainstorm**

- Job search meet and greet
- 3 minute “pitch” on potential jobs
- 1 slide listing all
- Tables for employers
- Cut one of the scientific talks
- If it is a talk that can be done elsewhere, it should be part of the normal ESA meeting – we need something that does not have another venue
- Hot topics tables for people who are not seeking employees/employers
- Rotating slides of available jobs during social time
- Hold a debate

- Tweet deck for job opportunities and hot topics during networking session
- 4. Early Career Professional Rep, Diane Alston**
    - Inclusion of rep as part of the governing council
    - Other sections are doing this
    - Change bylaws to allow rep to vote, or add as an ad hoc (non-voting) member
    - Diane will check how a bylaws change will occur
  - 5. Overview of Calendar of Events, Diane Alston**
    - Early March – review and approve section symposia
    - April – Section election nominations notification
    - Early May – Governing Board report notification
    - May – ESA nominations site for summer elections is open
    - Mid-May – ESA Program Committee Confex webinar
    - Mid-May to mid-June – Organize annual meeting oral paper submissions
    - Late June – Program Committee summer planning meeting
    - Late June – ESA Leadership Joint Strategy Meeting
    - Late June – ESA summer Governing Board meeting
    - Mid-July – Moderator assignments for annual meeting
    - Mid-July to mid-August – ESA society elections open
    - Early September – Student competition judging assignments for annual meeting
    - Early October – Governing Board report notification
    - Early October – National Committee vacancies notification
    - Mid-November – Fall Governing Board meeting
    - Mid-November – ESA Editorial Board appointments
    - Various – Section award deadlines
  - 6. Vacancies on Nominations Committee, Jeff Bradshaw**
    - Diane recommended soliciting current nominations committee reps to fill vacancies
    - Anyone that wants to run should submit a statement of interest – interest in position, past volunteerism, 250 words