

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

Conference Call
April 9th, 2019

Present:

Diane Alston, President

Jeff Bradshaw, Vice President

David Onstad, Vice-President Elect

Mark Wright, Past President

Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative

Anh Tran, Student Representative

Melissa Willrich Siebert, Governing Board Rep

Clint Pilcher, Field Tour

Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. 2019 Science Policy Tour Update, Clint

- Will be joint with P-IE, PBT, and the Weed Science Society of America
- August 6-7 in Logan, Iowa
- Day 1, participants will fly into Omaha, NE
- Day 2, bus to Harrison Co. and Des Moines
- Subcommittees have been formed: agenda, stakeholder, local operations
- Key goals: use Iowa pest resistance management plan, Harrison Co. Pilot Project as a case study for discussion
This is a community effort to address weed and insect resistance.
Use this as a way to learn lessons from their community-building efforts. How did this community form? What are their goals? How do they implement their program?
- This is a corn/soybean dominated system, with pigweed and water hemp as the major weed pests and corn rootworm as the major insect pest.
- There will be 6 slots for ESA members and 6 slots for WSSA members, with 50-55 stakeholder attendees.
- WSSA has committed \$10,000
- Jeff Scott (ESA Science Policy Fellow) is working with potential sponsors
- Registration will be open May 15-June 1
- There will be two P-IE scholarships, one for a student and one for an ECP
- We will use donations to provide discounts to other ESA members attending, especially students and ECPs
- There will be a team presentation report at the ESA P-IE networking session
- Clint is working on budgeting, including hotel and bus bids

2. Science Policy Field Tour Committee

- Opportunity to volunteer for oversight was announced specifically to Science Policy Fellow alumni, but there was also a general call in the newsletter

- Two oversight committee members have been selected and will be announced in the April newsletter
 - The committee will begin activities in June
- 3. Call for 2020 Science Policy Tour Proposals, Diane Alston**
- Will be included in the April newsletter
 - Deadline is August 15th
 - A short announcement on oversight committee composition will be included in the April newsletter
- 4. Networking Session**
- Two components to the mixing portion: speed-networking (Nick and Jeff) and hot topics (David)
 - A presentation from the Science Policy Field Tour
 - Discussion of keynote speaker
 - Include a P-IE GC feedback table as one of the hot topic tables
 - Award acknowledgements – 5 min: lifetime achievement
- 5. Summer Elections**
- 6. ESA eNews articles**
- Should provide a brief summary of P-IE newsletter items and a link to the newsletter
 - April newsletter deadline is the 19th