

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

Conference Call
August 1, 2019

Present:

Diane Alston, President

Jeff Bradshaw, Vice President

David Onstad, Vice-President Elect

Mark Wright, Past President

Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Secretary

Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative

Anh Tran, Student Representative

Melissa Willrich Siebert, Governing Board Rep

Chris Stelzig, ESA

1. Governing Board Meeting Update - Melissa

- Discussion on revenue generation, primarily focusing on no longer receiving as much funding from Oxford Press
- Portland for 2025 meeting, pending contract negotiations
- ECP request for funding for ICE 2020 meeting not funded, but Melissa used this as an opportunity to remind ECP Committee that sections are available for support
- ESA eCommunity contract will not be renewed due to low use
- Ethics and Rules Committee charged to develop recommendations for the formation of the committee on awards and honors canvassing and leadership development, Melissa will be serving on this committee
- Linnaean Games Task Force decision reviewed by Lisa Junker
- Strategy session ideas with leadership from the summer meeting will be put together – increased work between the sections, support for general education/entomology educators (especially given end of the Entomological Foundation) – were frequently mentioned
- Issue with some branches in debt post-meeting cycle, primary emphasis on working more closely with ESA to improve meeting planning

2. Annual Meeting Prep – Diane

- Volunteer recruitment going well, all moderators assigned for student session – 25 more judge slots remaining, primarily posters; only 2 more moderators needed for regular TMPs
- Networking session
 - Speed networking – Nick and Jeff in progress, next step is to recruit professionals and Nick will work on advertising to students and ECPs. This will be located outside of the room in a dead-end hallway, good space. One bar in hallway, one in room to encourage traffic flow.

- Hot topics – only two suggestions so far. Will push this topic in the August newsletter and GC will recruit individuals to lead hot topics tables (and professionals for speed networking).
- Menu – able to order pie! Diane will provide updates after discussion about finances with Lily.
- Slideshow – David has last year's as template. Goal of getting it completed by late October.
 - Three undergraduate awardees selected – slide for each and certificate, no presentation in the slideshow
 - Hillary Fisher selected for Stark Award - presentation
 - Rachel Wilkins Master's Achievement Award - presentation
 - Professional awards are in the process of being judged. We need to add a presentation for the Recognition in Entomology award to the slide stack.
- No updates yet on pollinator video contest entries

3. Science Policy Tour 2019 Updates – David

- 50-60 invitees, will meet in Iowa next week for weed/science entomology presentations
- 1/6 attendees are entomologists, including two science policy fellows and five students
- David is providing updates to the oversight committee and has requested that Clint Pilcher give them an overview that will be useful for future planning
- Videographer from Iowa State University, one person from local press on the first day, plans to see if media is interested in interviewing participants afterward
- David will inform organizers that the P-IE GC is interested in publication of EntomologyToday article
- Tour summary joint with PBT in the “From the Sections” section of American Entomologist

4. Field Tour 2020 Proposals

- One planned submission that will try to be scheduled near the 2020 meeting in Orlando, GC is unaware of any additional submissions incoming
- Due August 15th

5. August Newsletter

- Award winners
- Call for volunteers – judges/moderators and student volunteers for networking session
- Field tour
- Pollinator video contest
- Networking session
- 2020 tour deadline
- Reminder to vote in elections

6. Upcoming Activities/Deadlines – Diane

- a. Tour Proposals for 2020 have August 15th deadline
- b. August 5th deadline for newsletter content to Chris