

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
January 15, 2020

Present:

Diane Alston, Past President
Jeff Bradshaw, President
David Onstad, Vice President
Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris, Vice-President Elect
Anjel Helms, Secretary
Melissa Siebert, ESA Governing Board Representative
Anh Tran, Student Representative
ESA-HQ Erin Cadwalader
Judy Wu-Smart, Pollinator Committee Chair

1. Review WIGS-Jeff

- a. Previous WIGS were selection in 2014 at the Portland meeting (ESA directed meeting for section leaders) and have not been updated since.
 - i. WIG #1) Enhance knowledge of P-IE members on pollinator protection through the development and dissemination of technical educational materials, including videos, PowerPoint modules, and a resource library.
 - ii. WIG #2) By 2020, P-IE will become the lead national expert organization for the dissemination of knowledge on pollinators to the general public, media, and policy makers.
- b. WIG#1 has been very successful over the past year resulting in policy tours, video contest, member education programs, etc.
 - i. Moving forward we need to communicate to the members what has been done with the previous WIGs and where we are going for the future.
- c. GC decided to keep WIG#2 (now named WIG#1) and create a new WIG#2 moving forward.
 - i. GC proposes to get feedback from the membership on WIG#2 ideas. Jeff will begin preparing something for the February newsletter (announcement and possible survey).

2. Pollinator committee chair report-Judy Wu-Smart

- a. Pollinator committee developed a resource library related to pollinators (currently an excel spreadsheet with useful links and information)
 - i. This was largely created by graduate student volunteers with the incentive of a waived annual membership fee and meeting registration raffle.
- b. Current difficulty with the database is to make it available on the P-IE website (need to actively maintain the database for it to be on website)
 - i. ESA (Erin) suggested making a google doc that can be maintained through P-IE/pollinator committee with a link on the ESA website

- ii. Call was made for pollinator committee to make a plan/budget for maintaining the database
 - 1. possibly enlist students in the different branches
 - c. Proposal was made for video contest future idea to showcase research related to pollinators taking place in member labs
 - d. Some pollinator committee members are wondering about the term limits
 - 1. Some members will end terms soon
 - 2. GC suggested we will advertise in the newsletter for committee member nominations
 - e. Judy will work with pollinator committee to discuss some new proposal ideas for the committee to work on during the next couple years
- 3. Branch meetings-Jeff
 - a. P-IE GC members will present section information at the meetings.
 - i. Jeff at SW/NCB, Rebecca at Pacific and maybe joint NE/SE
 - ii. Jess will prepare the slide deck for this
- 4. P-IE supported NCB symposium-Jeff
 - a. GC approved motion to provide program enhancement funds (\$1,000) for a symposium concerning a topic of interest to P-IE members.
 - i. “Integrated pest management of arthropod pests in large scale agroecosystems”
 - Organizer : Gary Hein, University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska
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 - Moderator: Gary Hein, University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska
 - Moderator: Michael Brewer, Texas A&M AgriLife Research
 - ii. Need to work with branch to transfer funds
- 5. Committee open positions-David
 - a. Katelyn A. Kesheimer was selected as the southeastern branch nominations committee representative
 - b. Patrick Moran was selected as the awards committee representative
 - c. Jacqueline M. Serrano was selected as the P-IE Diversity and Inclusion committee representative
- 6. Linnaean games committee-Jeff
 - a. We will include information about this committee and seek nominations for members in a future newsletter
- 7. January newsletter content-Jeff
 - a. Ahn and Diane will work on student/member news contributions
 - b. Melissa has prepared an obituary for Gary Thompson
 - c. Jeff will put everything together and send the information to Ashley Leach