

# Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting

Conference Call  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Present:

**Diane Alston**, 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. National Meeting Networking Session Ideas Brainstorm

- Previous GC discussion indicated job tables/career fair and debates had the most support
- GC wants to focus on career/socializing aspect to increase attendance and fill the Career Center gap
- Potential formats of tables discussion summary: smaller is better, job seekers/advertisers vs. speed networking, use of color-coded name tags to indicate seekers/advertisers/general topic tables

## 2. Tour, Diane Alston

- One proposal, which was approved
  - One student and one ECP will be sponsored to go
  - Oversight committee for future proposals
- Proposed format: VP Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, plus two Policy Fellow alums that rotate off alternately
- Tour approval would be by vote of GC + two Policy Fellow alums
- Would be responsible for overseeing tour, serve as liaisons to GC, assist with paperwork, but would not be responsible for majority of organizing/planning

## 3. P-IE Section Symposia

- We encouraged diversity of topics and speaker backgrounds – appears successful
- Will rank by high, medium, low priority for acceptance
- Will shoot for ~18 accepted symposia
- Final decisions on March 15<sup>th</sup>

## 4. Descriptions of GC Member duties

- To assist folks running for office to determine if they want to volunteer
- Each GC member will write up a blurb of their position responsibilities to expand on the officer descriptions
- Accomplish by April

## **5. ECP Workshop Proposal**

- Form for funding request is incomplete but nearly done and needs to be posted/advertised
- Diane will finalize and circulate for GC approval
- Then the workshop can be officially proposed

## **6. Newsletter**

- Can fill committee positions, no longer need to advertise
- Award deadlines
- New networking session format
- Tour info
- Call for posters for David's symposium