

Minutes from ESA Plant-Insect Ecosystems Governing Board Meeting
Conference Call
February 24, 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
Nicholas Larson, Early-Career Professional Representative
Johanna Elsensohn -P-IE Policy Tour Committee

1. P-IE Field Tour Updates- Johanna Elsensohn
 - a. 2020 Tour is set for Wednesday evening after the ESA meeting through Friday (11/18 - 11/20/2020)
 - b. Currently working to extend the room rates so participants can stay in their rooms after the meeting
 - c. Tentative program plans: Ambrosia beetles, UF-fire ants, Airport port of entry protocol, etc.
 - d. Application process for tour is trying to target a mix of career stages and tracks
 - i. Application mechanism not yet set
 - ii. Currently working to establish scholarships for early career (will reach out to P-IE and PBT)
 - e. Setting a goal to get a deliverable out of the tour-possibly a survey or something that emphasizes the value of the tour
 - f. Next tour committee meeting will work on budget and finalizing plans for advertising (April 2020)
 - g. P-IE GC requests a discussion for how to choose the next tours
 - i. Goal to get information out in June
 - ii. Rebecca and Dalton are talking about plans for a tour
 - h. Also need to target and reach out to stake holders for the tour (EPA, etc.)
2. Wildly Important Goals (WIGS)-Jeff
 - a. Jeff will highlight WIGS progress and future goals in the next newsletter (March)
 - b. P-IE is concluding the pollinator resources as a WIG and now looking to expand into other areas
 - c. Anh went through the pollinator resources with websites and links and is checking on everything
 - d. Erin can post the links and resources as an editable document, but P-IE needs to identify a plan for who will be responsible for maintaining this
 - e. P-IE GC will have a future discussion about appointing a committee/volunteers and making sure they are compensated appropriately for helping

3. P-IE Member survey-Jeff
 - a. Plan is to provide a link to the survey in the next newsletter (March)
 - b. Requests WIG feedback
 - c. Share on social media (Anh and Anjel)
 - d. Jeff will add a question for survey “Are you a member of P-IE?”

4. P-IE updates at branch meetings-Jeff
 - a. Jeff will provide update at NCB/SW
 - b. Rebecca will provide update at Pacific and EB/SEB
 - c. Jeff will officially request time slot from branches
 - d. P-IE would like to have a slide at branch meetings saying we want WIG input from members

5. Open committee positions-David
 - a. Linnaean Games committee member
 - i. Scott Bundy was nominated but cannot serve because he already has a P-IE position
 - ii. GC will seek nominations in the newsletter (March)
 - b. Anjel Helms will remain as SW branch nominations committee member until next year (2021) council will again seek nominations

6. P-IE Treasurer Position-David/Jeff
 - a. Lily has limited time and position is up in September
 - b. She is willing to step down earlier for us to transition to a new member
 - c. Discussion about best strategy for replacement
 - i. Either need to appoint someone immediately
 - ii. or have earlier elections to make sure someone is in place to cover policy tour expenses and to file the report to GB in May
 - d. GC in favor of keeping this position elected
 - e. Planning to move up the position transfer to September instead of November
 - f. We will plan to announce position and seek nominations for the election cycle this year.

7. Newsletter ideas-Jeff
 - a. Will combine February and March newsletters for 2020
 - b. No member news so far (Anh and Diane)
 - c. Melissa would like to put in something about what is happening with governing board (GB update)
 - d. GC will ask Erin about click rates for newsletter
 - e. Anh can send out twitter poll about readership

8. Section proposals-Jeff
 - a. GC members will need to give these to Jeff by March 6th
 - b. Selections are due to Becky Anthony by March 10th
 - c. Jeff will create an excel sheet for GC members to fill out based on the website criteria for evaluating submissions

- d. GC members will score, Jeff will collate and send scores to GC members then we can have discussion via email
- e. GC can also make recommendation about what will be a good fit for a member symposium