

Minutes of the 2019 Livestock Insect Workers' Conference Business Meeting

The LIWC held its Award Ceremony on Tuesday, July 9, at the Monona Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin at 6:00 pm. Following the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Gary Mullen, S. Swiger asked if the assembled members of the LIWC would agree to hold the Business Meeting at this time. All agreed. (There were no nominations for the Industry Appreciation Award.)

S. Swiger (LIWC Chair) called the LIWC business meeting to order at approximately 6:20 pm.

S. Swiger congratulated the 2019 Student Travel Award winners: Charluz Arocho (Texas A&M), Hannah Greenberg (Penn State), Samantha Hays (Texas A&M), Gina Karam (University of Manitoba), Alexandra Pagac (Penn State), Victoria Pickens (Oklahoma State). The students present at the business meeting had an opportunity to introduce themselves to the group.

Since the 2018 LIWC meeting minutes had not been distributed to the membership for review, there was a motion to defer approval of the minutes until they were circulated. (N. Hinkle/K. McKenzie - CARRIED).

[ACTION ITEM: S. Swiger to circulate 2018 Business Meeting minutes to the membership.]

C. Holderman presented details on the 64th LIWC meeting he will be hosting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in North Texas. He invited the membership to join him June 14-17, 2020. The meeting venue will be the Gaylord Texan Resort in downtown Grapevine, located between Dallas and Fort Worth. The resort is accessible from DFW airport and the hotel offers a free shuttle service. The hotel contract is not signed yet, but the room rate is expected to be \$209/night + \$20 daily resort fee; if required, parking fees are \$20/day.

C. Holderman noted the federal room rate may not be honoured.

B. Donahue asked about the meeting schedule. C. Holderman indicated we would follow the "normal" meeting schedule: Sunday afternoon start, full sessions on Monday, half-day on Tuesday followed by the evening banquet, and half-day on Wednesday. However, the schedule is not yet set in stone.

There was some discussion about the cost of rooms and the government rate:

- There are no hotels within walking distance of the meeting venue (Gaylord Texan Resort) so the federal rate cannot be honoured "close by". However, there are some options within a short driving distance.
- D. Taylor suggested a private poll to determine who was planning to attend the 2020 meeting and if they planned on bringing students.
- B. Clymer mentioned many members pay their own way and less costly options should be considered. He noted the attendance would also depend on the cost of registration as well.
- D. Taylor voiced some concerns about student attendance. S. Swiger pointed out the LIWC offers travel grants to students, usually sponsored by Bayer.
- P. Kaufman reminded those present that the meeting host has always selected the location and the venue in the past, and that C. Holderman was the only one to volunteer hosting the 2020 meeting. Kaufmann pointed out the cost of parking at the resort was lower than the cost of

airfare, and that many regular attendees will likely be driving. He concluded that although the room cost was higher than average, the membership should acknowledge the efforts of a fellow member stepping up.

NEW BUSINESS

S. Swiger introduced the other members of the LIWC Advisory Board (elected at the 2017 business meeting): Jim Hunter (Industry), Adalberto (Beto) Pérez-de-León (Federal Research), and Kateryn Rochon (University Research). S. Swiger represents Extension.

A. Pérez-de-León is stepping down as Federal Research representative and S. Swiger indicated that members affiliated with federal research needed to select a new representative. After a short deliberation, Donald Thomas was selected as the new Federal Research representative for the next three years (2020-2022 inclusive).

D. Taylor asked for some clarification on the “new” LIWC structure.

S. Swiger explained the structure was the same, but we were starting a staggering of members on the Advisory Board. Traditionally, members were elected for three years and the advisory board would completely change every three years. K. Rochon added that this would allow the Advisory Board to maintain a certain level of experience and memory of what had occurred in previous years.

B. Donahue presented the Treasurer's report. Since this year's meeting is a joint event and all arrangements were handled by the WAAVP, the LIWC had no revenues and no expenditures in 2019. The LIWC is in good financial standing and the bank account has a balance of \$29,218.45.

S. Swiger invited A. Pérez-de-León to present information on the 65th LIWC meeting to be held in Kerrville, TX in 2021 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Knipling-Bushland U.S. Livestock Insects Research Laboratory. A. Pérez-de-León had nothing to add other than to indicate the meeting would be held in June.

D. Taylor asked about how far ahead we needed to plan further meetings. The general response was that we needed to know two years ahead (as is the case now). S. Swiger urged the membership to come to the next meeting with proposals for 2022 and to think about nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Industry Appreciation Award.

A. Pérez-de-León asked about thoughts on joint meetings. The general consensus was that it was “too soon” to comment.

With no further items to discuss, S. Swiger called for a motion to adjourn. (P. Kaufman/B. Donahue - CARRIED)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kateryn Rochon