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Dear Members of the Southwestern Branch and Society of Southwestern Entomologists,

On behalf of the Executive Committees of the Southwestern Branch and Society of Southwestern Entomologists it is my pleasure to announce the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America to be held jointly with the Society of Southwestern Entomologists.

Our meeting will be in **Tulsa (Catoosa), OK, at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on February 23-26, 2015**. The meeting will include the Insect Expo (Monday-2/23), oral papers & posters (Tuesday & Wednesday 2/24 & 25), Awards Banquet (Wednesday 2/25) and the Final Business Meeting (Wednesday evening or Thursday AM 2/25-26). Details will be posted on our branch website (<http://www.entsoc.org/southwestern/southwestern-branch-2015-annual-meeting>) as the meeting nears. Many thanks to our Local Arrangements Committee (Drs. Jackie Lee, Tom Royer and Kevin Shelton, Charles Luper, Molly Keck and Natalie Cervantez) for helping finalize events at the host hotel.

Program Co-Chairs Drs. Blake Bextine & Jesus Esquivel are helping make the meeting a success and will be distributing a Call for Papers/Posters soon. This will ensure all, especially students, have ample time to prepare for the meeting and make appropriate travel arrangements.

Insect Expo has been a tremendous success and Dr. Andrine Shufran will again be ramrodding this special event. Your volunteer efforts are critical to this endeavor! We hope that you will contribute a few hours of your time to help educate and bring awareness of our profession to local youth. We will include an option on the registration form where you can indicate your willingness to volunteer with Expo. For those needing an overnight stay the night prior to Expo on 2/23, negotiated room rates at the Hard Rock Hotel will be available for the night of 2/22.

The Society of Southwestern Entomologists will meet on Monday Feb 23. The time and room number will be announced soon. Please plan on attending!

The ESA-SWB will again be hosting an Insect Photo Salon competition. Those with talents in imaging entomologically-related subject matter can submit entries. The Insect Photo Salon competition will be announced by the Committee Chair in upcoming emails and website posts. We hope this will increase the number of submissions. Some departments conduct their own photo competitions and these items can also be submitted to the Insect Photo Salon competition.

We encourage you to recognize deserving Branch Members by submitting nomination packages for the available ESA and Entomological Foundation Awards. Dr. Charles Allen will likely be circulating an announcement in the coming months. Please consider submitting nominations for undergraduate student awards and, of course, the John Henry Comstock Award. The coming announcement will provide additional details regarding available Awards and submission deadlines.

Our meeting would not be possible without strong support of our committees. I thank all for their time and effort. These key branch and society members are identified in the accompanying table. Please contact them directly with any questions you may have relative to their committee functions.

In closing, would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the upcoming 2014 Annual Meeting of the ESA (www.entsoc.org) to be held in Portland, OR, November 15-20, 2014.



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Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you in Tulsa!

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