

**84th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch,
Entomological Society of America
March 7-10, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Call to Order – Kris Braman, President SEB-ESA

President Braman called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm on March 7 in the Davidson Boardroom of the Hotel Doubletree, Atlanta, GA. Nineteen were in attendance. Introductions for all in attendance

2. Comments from ESA President – David Hogg

National President David Hogg stated it was a pleasure to be at the meeting and offered thanks for the invitation to attend. He had once worked at Mississippi State for two years and had attended some SEB meetings, and relayed it was nice to be back. He is currently a North Central Branch member. Dr. Hogg reviewed some ESA HQ activities. Former Executive Director Robin Kriegel resigned in January. Ann Kenworthy is the interim director and will assist in finding a new Executive Director. Financially, ESA is in very good shape (10 years ago the society was on the verge of bankruptcy). Dr. Hogg mentioned that ESA staff members are getting the opportunity to attend some branch meetings, noting that staff member Richard Levine is present at this SEB meeting. ESA membership is up. Attendance at the Indiana national meeting was very good, and good attendance is expected at the next national meeting in San Diego. ESA established a new, 6th branch, the International Branch. This new branch will hold its first meeting in conjunction with the national meeting in San Diego. He mentioned ESA's new logo, the former logo is actually the seal of the society and will be retained. A change in the ESA bylaws passed, establishing an official student member on the governing board. Rice had previously appointed a student (Wendy Johnson, Kansas State) to attend governing board meetings, a two-year appointment with no voting privilege. The bylaws change passed overwhelmingly, and an election will be held this summer to fill the new student position, which will be full committee member. ESA is updating/upgrading website software and will be much better integrated. A Task force to work with the website design company was appointed by Dr. Hogg to assist in implementing the new website and management software. The new system will go online in December. Past President Marlin Rice and President Hogg would like ESA to underwrite a number of student scholarships. This summer the ESA Governing Board will make an official assessment of how the new sections structure is working (it has been three years since the new sections were implemented). The new structure empowers the sections, and includes a budget. Some sections moved faster than others, but all are progressing. ESA has a new Journal of Integrated Pest Management, an on-line open access journal (Kevin Steffey and Marlin Rice are coeditors). No per-page charge, but a fee per article (\$500 for members, \$550 nonmembers). Ento Diversity is the theme for next annual national meeting, and geographic diversity of ESA members is a tie-in theme. President Hogg concluded by thanking SEB for inviting him to the meeting.

3. Comments from ESA Communications Director – Richard Levine

Mr. Levine updated the Executive Committee on a number of ESA issues. ESA has seven staff members. Richard is heavily involved in ESA publications. He was the editor of the printed newsletter, now he is in charge of the electronic newsletter. Mr. Levine serves as the ESA public contact point for individuals seeking to contact entomologists about specific issues. There was a 6% increase in ESA membership during 2009 (6,420 members nationwide, 1,286 SEB members. Most of the 1,286 members are regular full members and about 320 are students or student transitions. BCE is up 1%, ACE is up 58%. New association management software will be a database making things easier for staff and HQ activities, transparent to members. ESA Central now hosts branch websites, SEB was the first branch on ESA Central's website. Network software is now available for mass emailing members. Neil Willoughby is the ESA staff member available for all financial questions, support and assistance. Next year, web registrations will be handled by ESA Central and credit cards will be accepted. The new International Branch currently has 282 members, and it elected a new Governing Board member. This new branch includes members outside of Mexico, USA and Canada. James Harwood (British) is the new president. ESA has established a Facebook page, a YouTube channel, and an ESA blog. The new journal (Journal of IPM) is now accepting manuscripts, hoping to have the first volume of manuscripts out by early summer (although individual online articles will be posted as they become available. ESA student volunteers at national meetings have their early-bird registration refunded. These students help in the presentation preview room, membership booth, virtual posters, employment booth, and provide new videos using flip cameras operated by student volunteers at the meeting (see the YouTube link on the ESA website). The San Diego meeting will be held December 12-15, 2010.

John Ruberson asked Richard if branch members will be able to upload presentations through the ESA website for branch meetings. Richard said a third party vendor assists with presentation uploads and that there is a fee. Alvin said this was discussed at the Indianapolis meeting. Richard will look further into this for us.

4. Comments from ESA Governing Board Representative - Michael L. Williams

Dr. Williams reported that the 2013 annual ESA meeting will be held in Austin TX during the month of November. All future ESA national meetings will be held in November.

The Governing Board met three times in 2009: a special called meeting in April to work on the Strategic Plan, the regular summer meeting in July, and the winter meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of ESA in December.

Highlights of actions taken by the Board include:

- Approved adoption of the ESA Strategic Plan.
- Voted to create and publish Journal of Integrated Pest Management (JIPM), an online only, open access, peer reviewed journal. Co-editors-in-Chief: Kevin Steffey and Marlin Rice.
- Voted to purchase a new association management system at a cost of \$170,000. Funds for the purchase to be taken from reserves.

- Voted to approve 10 nominees for ESA Fellows distinction, including SEB member Dr. Norman Leppla.
- Voted to hold the 2013 Annual Meeting in Austin, TX.
- New ESA logo adopted by the Governing Board
- Awards and Honors Committee charged with creating a policy on named awards.
- JIPM fees reduced to \$500 for ESA members and \$550 for non-members for 2010 and 2011. Originally these fees were \$1000 per article.
- 2010 Annual Meeting registration costs were increased \$15 across the board, but those registering on-line would be given a \$15 discount.
- The SVPHS Section name was changed to (MUVE) Medical, Urban and Veterinary Entomology.
- Voted to support the winners of the Annual Meeting Student Debates and honor them with team plaques and individual certificates.
- Voted to establish the ESA Certification Corporation as a separate 501 (C) (6) organization.
- Voted to add a student representative to the Governing Board. Student Representatives will serve two year terms. Vote to go to the membership by February 15, 2010.
- Voted to adopt the matrix of standards developed by the Presidential Fellows Committee that describe each category for an ESA Fellow Nomination, and that the website guidelines reflect these standards in the instructions to nominators.
- Note – William’s two-year term as the SEB Governing Board Representative ends during the San Diego meeting. SEB needs to identify candidates and submit names to Richard Levine by May 15 for an election.

5. Comments from ESA Certification Board – Janis Reed

Ms. Reed could not attend the meeting. Richard Levine relayed that the Certification Board will be re-established as a separate corporation, a move to protect the ESA from liability. Certification board will continue as it has, and so will the Governing Board (see Williams report above). There are currently 435 active BCE members and 55 pending active BCE members, and 278 ACE members.

6. Comments from the Entomological Foundation – Alvin Simmons

Fundraising Results as of February 18, 2010 (average gift amount by Branch member):

Southwestern Branch	\$12.45
North Central Branch	\$11.81
Eastern Branch	\$9.70
Southeastern Branch	\$7.10
Pacific Branch	\$5.39

Fundraising Results as of February 18, 2010 (the number of members per Branch as of January 1, 2010):

North Central Branch	\$17,116; 1,449 members
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Eastern Branch	\$11,277; 1,162 members
Southeastern Branch	\$8,696; 1,224 members
Southwestern Branch	\$6,586; 529 members
Pacific Branch	\$6,490; 1,203 members

1. **New Award:** Dr. Shripat Kamble, in partnership with the Entomological Foundation, has established the Shripat Kamble Urban Entomology Graduate Student Award for Innovative Research. Dr. Kamble established this prestigious award to promote innovative research in urban entomology. Applicants must be a candidate for a doctoral degree at an accredited university and currently conducting research that demonstrates innovative and realistic approaches to urban entomology. The award is only available to students who are ESA members with genuine interest in urban entomology excluding turf and ornamental pests. The Award consists of a \$500 research grant and a plaque. The recipient is presented with the award at the ESA Annual Meeting. The recipient is also encouraged to present their research results at an ESA Annual Meeting. The first award will be given in 2010. For more information please go to: http://www.entfdn.org/awards_research.php. The deadline to apply is July 1, 2010.

2. **Educator Workshop:** Sixty K-12 educators from throughout Indiana attended the Entomological Foundation's free educator workshop at the Indiana State Fair Grounds to learn how to help students understand the life sciences through insects. Participants had the opportunity to attend three of seven workshops. All activities presented during the workshops were suitable for all grade levels, focused on Indiana's state science standards, and could be integrated into other disciplines including art, math, and reading. Depending on funding, the EntFdn would like to hold a similar event in San Diego this coming December. The EntFdn has received many letters of thanks from the participants.

3. **During 2009:** More than 4,000 children and educators throughout North America were provided insect science instructional materials by the Foundation to help educators and parents teach students about science through insects.

Approximately 4,800 children have used our new self-guided educational web site for grades 3 and 4. The site contains learning activities that help users understand primary areas of entomology related to the characteristics of organisms, their lifecycles, and the relationships between living organisms and the environment. The activity can be found at <http://www.cipm.info/entfnd/>. Plans are underway to expand the site to grade 5 in 2010.

More than 3,000 children between the ages of 4-12 and 150 educators were introduced to the world of insects through our mini-grant program. The program provided funding for experiential learning activities for children and training workshops for educators on how to incorporate insects as teaching tools into a science curriculum. (This program is no longer funded by ESA)

4. **Awards Dinner:** As a result of the changes made to the Plenary Session, ESA has asked the Entomological Foundation to present the Foundation's professional awards during its Awards Dinner and Dance. This change was implemented in 2009 and provided a unique

opportunity to celebrate not only the distinguished work of our honoree for the Medal of Honor, Tom Turpin, but also the accomplishments of the Foundation's awardees. Through these awards, the Foundation recognizes the special educators and entomologists who have advanced the field entomology and the quality of entomological education. After the event, many of the awardees thanked us for including the Dinner as part of their award.

Everyone is invited to join us for dinner in San Diego and celebrate the accomplishments of the Foundation's professional award winners. For questions concerning the event, please contact April Gower, at (301) 459-9083, April@entfnd.org. The honoree for this year's event will be announced soon.

7. Reading of the Previous Year's Minutes – David G. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

Hall stated that the 2009 Executive Committee minutes were distributed by email to the Executive Committee and committee chairs; the minutes were posted on the website and were also available at the current meeting. Simmons made a motion to suspend reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bagwell. Passed unanimously - by voice vote.

8. Committee Reports

a. Local Arrangements Committee – Stormy Sparks

The chair thanks the members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their service, particularly Phillip Roberts who worked very closely with the Chair and aided in all decisions. Phillip also served as Chair of the Sponsorship Committee which greatly enhanced our chances of a successful meeting. LAC also worked closely with the Program Chair, Dr John Ruberson, in developing the overall program with respect to room selection, set-up and timing of the program and the Chair thanks Dr. Ruberson for his help.

Initial hotel contact was made through Conference Direct, and their aid in selection of the location was invaluable. Final selection of the hotel was made after visiting and meeting with Sharon Johnston of the DoubleTree and verifying that the hotel could fulfill our needs. Contacts with the hotel in the last year have been primarily through Sharon and Tashea Love, both of which have been a pleasure to interact with and have been very helpful and cooperative. The contract was developed in cooperation with Dr. Catharine Mannion (SEB Secretary-Treasurer in 2009) and her help was also invaluable. Finally, Dr. David Hall (current SEB Secretary-Treasurer) was instrumental in finalizing and budgeting the current meeting.

Room blocks did provide the normal concerns. We had a total room block of 405 room nights. At the deadline for reservations, approximately 320 room nights had been reserved. The hotel extended the deadline and we have approximately 374 room nights reserved. Penalties could have been assessed had we not reached 80% of our block, and concessions could have been withheld if we had not reached 85%. Concessions provided include 3 complimentary suites, two upgrades, one complementary room for every 40 occupied, 20% discount on food and beverage, and 40% discount on audio visual equipment. We did have some minor problems with reservations, as some individuals were initially charged a higher

rate for Tuesday night, but the hotel staff worked to correct this problem. We may need to make an announcement during the opening session to ensure that all of these problems have been addressed.

Despite personal visits and numerous questions, we did experience some problems with meeting space (mostly related to size and number of people). This did result in some shuffling of the program and required moving Posters to a smaller space and meetings on Wednesday morning.

Additional issues include:

- Pre-registration: any and all steps to encourage pre-registration should be taken. Estimating food and beverage needs without accurate numbers can be very expensive, or can easily result in inadequate supplies.
- Sponsors: The LAC joins the Sponsorship Committee in recommending that one meeting registration be included when a determined level of sponsorship is exceeded (this level could be adjusted annually).
- Two requests were received for “exhibitor space” (one company, one USDA). Both were rejected. It was viewed as unfair to provide exhibitor space to anyone without offering it to our sponsors. This also would provide additional space concerns for the LAC. The Executive Committee should develop a position on this issue. Tim Kring relayed there used to be SEB guidelines for hosting vendors.
- Pre-loading of PowerPoint presentations: of 125 presentations, 38 were received prior to the meeting.
- Associates Program: it was decided that an official Associates Program would not be offered. One request was received concerning the Associates Program. The LAC Chair offered to facilitate activities, but no additional contacts were received.
- Golf outing: participation in this activity has been declining for several years. Only two individuals expressed interest. They were put in contact with one another and a course for play was identified, but it is suspected that they did not play.
- Poster boards: the LAC wishes to thank NC State for providing poster boards for the 2010 meeting.
- Budget: The expenses for audio-visual expenses and food and beverage are estimated at approximately \$28,500. This is slightly over the original budget, but well below budget when the additional sponsorships are considered.

b. Meeting Location and Time Committee – 2011 – A. Simmons

Committee Members: Tugrul Giray, PR (*Chair*); Rosa Franqui, PR; Nico Franz, PR; David Jenkins, PR; Bert Rivera-Marchand, PR; Jose Rodrigues, PR; and Alvin Simmons, SC; and David Hall, FL, Ex-officio.

The committee arranged a location and time for a joint annual meeting for the SEB-ESA and APS-CD (American Phytopathological Society-Caribbean Division). We worked with Kristin House and Morgan Klinkradt at Conference Direct. Bids were sent out twice. The committee reviewed 9 bids and narrowed them down to 2. We considered most not to be acceptable because of meeting space limitations or the rates were in excess of our limitations. Site visits were made to two properties by 2 committee members

(Giray and Rodrigues) that included complimentary overnight stays. The committee considered the pros and cons of the two sites and balanced that against the needs of SEB-ESA. Between the top choices, we concluded that one property would be too tight of space for our needs, even though the rates were very attractive. We then focused our negotiations on one site. Another party who helped in our search was Aileen Laracunte, Director of Sales, Puerto Rico Convention Bureau.

The dates for the joint meeting are March 18-23. The meeting will be held at the Caribe Hilton Hotel in San Juan, PR. The hotel resort is set on an exclusive peninsula, made up of 17 acres of lush tropical gardens, this resort is situated between the historic old San Juan and the Condado area; it offers a secluded beach and ocean front pools, and amenities tailored to families, couples, and our meeting needs. The hotel has 646 guest rooms and 264 Condado Lagoon Villas. There are 9 restaurants onsite including Starbucks Coffee and Morton's The Steakhouse.

Contracted room rates are \$179 per night for singles or doubles. The rate for a triple is \$199 and a Quad is \$219. Concessions include: one complimentary room for every 40 rooms occupied, three upgrades to Junior Suite at the group rate, one upgrade to One Bedroom Suite at the group rate, complimentary internet in all sleeping rooms, 14% Resort fee waived, three week cut-off for all individual call-in reservations, and complimentary meeting space if a minimum of \$9,000 in food and beverages is met. Outdoors accommodation was reserved for 2 evening socials, while an indoors inclement weather backup setting was also reserved. For local attendees who are not staying overnight, discounted parking rates is a minimum of \$8 for up to 4 hours and a maximum of \$20 for up to 12 hours.

The first day of the meeting was scheduled a day earlier than in the past to facilitate a professional tour day within the meeting. However, meeting space was reserved on the date for the tour to allow flexibility for program adjustment.

c. Meeting Location and Time Committee – 2012 – Rob Wiedenmann

Preliminary work has been completed by discussion with Kristin House and Morgan Klinkradt of Conference Direct. After discussing previous years' meetings and projected needs, they (Conference Direct) developed a list of properties in Little Rock and northwest Arkansas (Fayetteville, Rogers). Tentative dates are March 3-7, 2012. Properties will be visited and preliminary bids assessed to narrow the hotels from which to choose. Dates will be verified with ESA Central, to avoid overlap with other Branches (and with the 7th International IPM Symposium). A Meeting Location/Time: Arkansas (2012) Committee will be formed after the conclusion of the 2010 SEB meeting.

The committee brought forth the idea of having another ESA Branch, the Southwestern Branch, to meet with us in western Arkansas. Plusses and minuses exist. There would be opportunities to hold symposia on topics of mutual interest. A joint meeting might counter loss of attendance by SEB members from eastern seaboard. A negative might be a dilution of SEB identity. If we met together, SEB and SWB would cost share to some

extent but revenues to each kept separate. Kris Braman was in favor of the idea, pointing out a possible synergism. But she wondered if a 2012 joint meeting would be a good time on the heels of the Puerto Rico meeting. Mike Williams thought that a joint meeting might call for an extra meeting day if a larger number of papers were submitted. SEB never has met with another branch, but Simmons thought the idea was attractive. Ruberson likes it for reasons including that regional collaborative project personnel could meet together. Kring thought that timing and location of a joint meeting were linked issues. Proximity of the SEB meeting to the SWB is important, and AR and LA are only logical locations. Sparks did not think there would be any economic advantage to a joint meeting based on food and drink per person. Room rates – larger attendance might stimulate lower room rates. \$125 rate upper end is what the Arkansas meeting committee is asking for, Conference Direct is already involved. Some hotels in the Fayetteville area have come in at \$139 per night but these will likely be reduced.

Wiedenmann asked the Executive Committee for guidance in how to proceed. Hale will be president during planning of the meeting, and he suggested we find out how SWB feels about a joint meeting and then to decide how to proceed. Bagwell asked if a vote was in order. Williams thought we should wait to hear of SWB interest before a vote is made. Such a vote could be done electronically.

d. Program Committee – John Ruberson

Committee members:

John R. Ruberson, chair (Univ. of Georgia)

Michael D. Toews (Univ. of Georgia)

Shimat V. Joseph (Univ. of Georgia)

Nannan Liu *ex officio* (Auburn Univ.)

James Cilek *ex officio* (Univ. of Florida)

Our committee would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Mike Caprio for setting up and operating the website at Mississippi State for paper submissions, and to Dr. David Hall for his assistance in getting information out to the membership. As we understand it, next year the entire submission process will be handled by the ESA office, which will let Mike off the hook. He is owed a deep debt of gratitude for the many years he has been doing this for the Branch.

We also would like to extend our great appreciation to the 18 moderators and session organizers for the meeting.

Finally, our thanks to the Colson Printing Company in Valdosta, Georgia- who printed 260 copies of the program for a cost of \$875.00. They used a pdf version of the program.

1. Program Overview

The program includes an invited Plenary Address by Dr. Joe Lewis, recently retired from the USDA-ARS, as well as six symposia:

1. Armyworm Symposium
2. Student Symposium
3. S-1034 Regional Project Symposium
4. Turf and Ornamental Symposium
5. Urban Symposium
6. Vegetable Symposium

The program for the 2010 meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America compared with the preceding three meetings is as follows:

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Regular papers	94	110	98	84
Regular posters	47	30	31	48
MS papers	8	12	25	21
MS posters	6	3	5	9
PhD papers	7	19	27	21
PhD posters	12	19	12	11
<i>Total student presentations</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>62</i>
Total presentations	174	193	198	194

Contributed Non-student and Paper Representation by ESA Section:

Section	Papers	Posters
Systematics, Evolution, and Biodiversity	2	2
Integrative Physiological and Molecular Insect Systems	1	2
Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology	13	10
Plant-Insect Ecosystems	46	34

We also served as host for the S-1034 Regional Project meeting, Southern Corn Entomologists Working Group, and SERA-IEG 23 (Cotton Insects) meeting.

2. Notes and Observations

1. We had the typical problems with getting the submissions in on time. This is a difficult issue to resolve, but will become increasingly important as agencies require more advance notice of meetings with firm justification. It is impossible to provide people with meeting schedules when the program is incomplete. I (JRR) must accept some responsibility for the delays with the program this year because of personal scheduling problems, but we need to come up with reasonable deadlines and then put some teeth into those deadlines. This issue was addressed in 2008 with the recommendation that the room and paper submission deadlines be synchronized and scheduled for January in preparation for a March meeting. This deadline might be unrealistic for travel plans, however, due to the time needed to compile and organize the submissions after submission. Many presenters need to know presentation schedules in order to finalize travel plans.

2. In accordance with previous recommendations, no students were permitted to enter more than one presentation in the competitions, although this was managed through direct communication with students rather than having clarifying directions *a priori*. All of the students were cheerfully compliant. This policy needs to be formalized in the awards guidelines and paper submission forms. Even with elimination of student competition redundancies, we still had plenty of student competition papers.

3. We need to make sure we get high resolution pictures for the program in the future. Some of the images we had this year were less than ideal.

e. Annual Meeting Sponsorship – Phillip Roberts

Members:

Mark Abney, NC	Nancy Hinkle, GA	Dan Suiter, GA
Jerome Goddard, MS	Will Hudson, GA	Karen Vail, TN
Jeff Gore, MS	Phillip Roberts, GA, <i>Chair</i>	
Frank Hale, TN	Dave Schuster, FL	

The Ad Hoc Annual Meeting Sponsorship Committee corresponded by email and phone to identify potential sponsors for the 2010 SEB-ESA Annual Meeting. Sponsors and contacts from the 2009 Annual Meeting were obtained from the 2009 Committee Chair and potential new sponsors and contacts were identified by this committee. A total of 27 entities were identified and contacted about the sponsorship opportunity.

It was decided that three sponsorship levels be recognized: Gold \$1,000, Silver \$500-\$1,000, and Bronze <\$500. The decision to offer sponsorship levels was made in part at the request of potential sponsors. A total of \$11,750 was committed to sponsor the 2010 SEB-ESA Annual Meeting. A listing of sponsors and sponsorship levels will be recognized in the program.

2010 SEB-ESA Sponsors

Gold Sponsors	Silver Sponsors	Bronze Sponsors
AgraQuest	Bayer CropScience	Nichino America
BASF	Chemtura	
Dow AgroSciences	OHP, Inc.	
DuPont		
Monsanto		
Syngenta		
Valent		
UGA Department of Entomology		
UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences		

f. Public Relations – Raymond Hix

A total of 30 media outlets were notified about the SEB Atlanta including television stations, radio stations, newspapers, and magazines. Nancy Hinkle gave a radio interview about the meeting on March 6. Richard Levine told us that he could assist us with public relations for future annual SEB meetings.

g. Education Committee – Pat Zungoli

No report.

h. Membership – Eileen Buss

No report.

i. Member Awards – David Riley

The 2009-2010 SEB Awards Committee was comprised of the following members:

David Riley (Chair), GA (2010) dgr@uga.edu
Ellen Thoms, FL (2012) emthoms@dow.com
Eric Riddick, MS (2011) eric.riddick@ars.usda.gov
Fiona Goggins, AR (2011) fgoggin@uark.edu
Kathy Kidd NC (2012) kathleen.kidd@ncmail.net
Ken Ward, AL (2010) kenneth.ward@aamu.edu

In the summer of 2009 we issued a call for nominations using the ESA distribution list 'se.annc@lists.entsoc.org' to recognize entomologists for their career accomplishments at the annual 2010 SEB-ESA Conference. We also made the membership aware that the only eligible SEB nominees for the 2009 national ESA Distinguished Award for both Teaching and Extension were the 2009 SEB winners of these two awards: Teaching - Dr. Gene Reagan, Louisiana State University and Extension- Dr. Alton (Stormy) Sparks, University of Georgia. Our committee attempted to distinguish the process for nominations for each of the national (ESA Headquarters) branch (SEB) awards. The professional awards currently supported by the SEB-ESA include:

- 1) Distinguished Service to the Certification Program
- 2) Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management
- 3) Recognition Award in Entomology
- 4) Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching
- 5) Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension
- 6) Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology
- 7) Distinguished Achievement Award in Urban Entomology
- 8) Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, & Toxicology

In 2009, each award was administered according to the guidelines described on the SEB-ESA website (<http://n-fl-bugs.ifas.ufl.edu/SEB/08-09/RevisedSebEsaGuideFeb08.pdf>) or on the national ESA website (<http://www.entsoc.org/awards/index.htm>). Although additional awards were listed on the national ESA website, only those listed above were used to recognize SEB-ESA members at the annual branch meeting. Revisions to the SEB Guidelines for the Awards Committee were provided (see attached document).

For the national awards, a description of each award, the sponsor, and nomination/application criteria were included on the website:

http://www.entsoc.org/awards/procedures_index.htm. A template for the CV and electronic submission requirements also are listed at this site. We recommend that a similar website be constructed for the SEB awards.

The SEB-ESA Award nominees were scored by the committee in a timely fashion during the fall. I (D. Riley) removed myself from the scoring process since there were a simple majority of nominees from my own institution, the University of Georgia, to avoid a conflict. The winners of the SEB ESA Member Awards for 2010 were:

- 1) Distinguished Service to the Certification Program - No nominations
- 2) Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management - **John Ruberson**
- 3) Recognition Award in Entomology - **Robert McPherson**
- 4) Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching - **Don Champagne**
- 5) Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension - **Dan Horton**
- 6) Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology - **Abner Hammond**
- 7) Distinguished Achievement Award in Urban Entomology - **Dan Suiter**
- 8) Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, & Toxicology - **Michael Strand**

Again the recommended changes to the SEB Awards Committee Guidelines have been turned in and we recommend that the guidelines for nominations be made available on the SEB website. This report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the 2009-2010 SEB Awards committee.

Note – Rogers Leonard pointed out that there is some confusion about the National Teaching and Extension Awards. These have to be won at the branch level before winning at national level.

j. Student Awards – Gary Leibee

John Henry Comstock Award (outstanding Ph.D. student): Waseem Akbar, LSU

Kirby L. Hays Memorial Award (outstanding M.S. student): Mark Galatowitsch, University of Georgia

Braman asked about the number of students participating and what to do about possibly increasing number of awards. Mike Williams thinks we need to get back to the written completed paper for part of the criteria for best Ph.D. and M.S. presentations. This would eliminate some students entering the competition and circumvent the idea of increasing the number of awards. This would also ease the labor of judges and circumvent incomplete research projects from being submitted. Hinkle pointed out submitting a written abstract or paper this is part of the competition guidelines. An abstract or hardcopy of a presentation would suffice, provided well ahead of time.

Hinkle moved that the Awards Committee require a written paper to accompany the Gast and SEB student award submissions as specified in the guidelines, but that a second tier of awards (certificates) be established for students who only submit an abstract. 2nd by Mike Williams.

Discussion. Mannion was not in favor; thought the second tier would complicate things and increase committee workload. “Too many students” has not been the rule of thumb. She thought that establishing a second tier of monetary winners is a better idea. The last thing she thinks we want is to discourage students, which a separate tier of certificate winners might do. Poster presentations are basically a written report. For the oral presentations, a PowerPoint show could suffice as the written report. Hix didn’t think a full scientific paper should be required. Hale thought that the PowerPoint sent ahead as an evaluation should be fine. Kring relayed that at the national level when lots of extra students are involved that submitted abstracts aren’t really considered. He doesn’t think we should make things harder than at national level. Hogg relayed that the Governing Board has discussed this, and finally resolved that getting the students there presenting preliminary results and giving them experience is the important thing. Leonard thought it shouldn’t be an issue for a student putting an abstract together even for preliminary data. Honorable mention could be a new category created. Simmons said if we want to encourage student participation, there is always space for students in regular presentation slots so not all students have to compete. Perhaps we should consider a maximum number of students allowed for competition. Getting enough judges is also an issue. Ruberson disagreed that excess students should be routed to regular presentations, the competition is really valuable, the more students the better.

After these discussions, Nancy withdrew her motion and Mike withdrew his 2nd.

Leonard had us review the 2009 minutes with respect to suggestions on how to handle too many students.

Bagwell moved we adopt last year’s committee’s suggestion for handling variability in number of students in oral completion, which was:

- 12 or fewer individuals are in a competition, a first and second place award should be granted
- For 13-20 participants, awards should be granted for first, second and one honorable mention (certificate or plaque only)
- For 21 or more participants, awards should be granted for first, second and two honorable mentions

Frank Hale seconded.

Discussion – this doesn’t handle problems for judges when there are so many students. Hix thought we could handle the judge overload. Bagwell thought this should be a separate issue. Wiedenmann thought we could put both ideas from last year’s committee suggestion, namely that when there are large number of students then break down the students into two groups. But there are potential budgetary planning problems. Ralph

thought you could pick the best of each of two groups and have them come back and compete directly.

Bagwell withdrew his motion, and Hale withdrew his second.

Bagwell then moved to accept what the committee suggested last year (both sections 1 and 2), Hale 2nd.

The committee suggestion was that, in cases of large participation in student paper competitions, particularly the oral competitions, that the Student Awards Committee has the following options:

- If 12 or fewer individuals are in a competition, a first and second place award should be granted
- For 13-18 participants, awards should be granted for first, second and one honorable mention (certificate or plaque only)
- For 19-23 participants, awards should be granted for first, second and two honorable mentions
- For 24 or more individuals, divide students into two sections A and B, with a 1st and 2nd place winner in each section. Second place winners may or may not receive a cash award but should be given a plaque or certificate. Thus, there would be a Gast or SEB Student Award for sections A and B.

Call for question by show of hands:

6 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstained. Passed.

Next student award committee will handle how to get written papers with submissions and establish deadlines.

k. Student Affairs – Ana Cabrera

Members

The members of the Student Affairs Committee, Southeastern branch ESA for 2009-2010 are: Ana Cabrera, Chair (North Carolina State University), Cheri Abraham (University of Georgia), Teresia Nyoike (University of Florida), Sarah Self (Mississippi State University), Becky Trout (University of Arkansas), Jason Hamm (Louisiana State University), Oulimathe Paraiso (Florida A&M), Claudia Holquin (Clemson University), Carla Dilling (University of Tennessee), Prithwiraj Das (Auburn University) and Carlos Diaz (Puerto Rico). We also had the contribution of Catherine Parys (Louisiana State University) who volunteered to help the SAC.

Insect Photo Salon

Cheri Abraham is coordinating the Insect Photo Salon. He contacted the Southeastern branch members via email to request submission of pictures of insects in the following categories: traditional macro, microphotography, artistic, arthropods in action and entomologists in action. Cheri proposed that the category arthropods in action will

include a series of 3-6 pictures of insect(s) or arthropod(s) depicting an action. Cheri also proposed the new category entomologists in action. The deadline for entries was set for February 24. The committee will meet on Sunday March 7 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at the Piedmont Room A to judge the pictures and select the winners of each category and an overall winner. During awards luncheon, Cheri Abraham would like to run a slide show to show all submissions and he will also announce the winners.

Linnaean Games

The following universities in our branch will participate during the Linnaean games: Auburn University, Clemson University, University of Florida, Florida A&M University, University of Georgia, Louisiana State University and North Carolina State University. The University of Arkansas, Mississippi State University and the University of Tennessee do not have a Linnaean team competing this year. The Linnaean games committee received new questions from Auburn University, Clemson University, University of Tennessee, University of Georgia, Florida A&M, University of Florida, and North Carolina State University. The competition will be held on Monday, March 8 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the Peachtree Ballroom A and B. The games master will be Dr. Norm Leppla (University of Florida) and the judges will be Dr. David Hogg (ESA President; University of Wisconsin), Dr. Kristine Braman (SEB-ESA President; University of Georgia), and Dr. John Ruberson (SEB-ESA Program Chair; University of Georgia). Teresia Nyoike, Sarah Self, Rebecca Trout and Catherine Parys are organizing the Linnaean games. Teresia is serving as the Linnaean games Chair.

Student Symposium

The student symposium will be held on Tuesday March 9 from 1:30 to 3:35 PM at the Piedmont Room B. The topic selected for this year is “A creature is a creature: Contributions to the study of non-insect arthropods”. Ana Cabrera (North Carolina State University) is the organizer of the Student Symposium. The speakers are Dr. Hannah Burrack (faculty, North Carolina State University), Dr. Ashley Dowling (faculty, University of Arkansas), Dr. Marjorie Hoy (faculty, University of Florida), Elijah Meck (Ph. D. candidate, North Carolina State University), Sarah Stellwagen (M. Sc. Student, Clemson University) and Nicholas Kimps (M. Sc. Student, North Carolina State University). Each speaker will present for 15-18 min with additional 2-5 min for questions and discussion.

Job Placement Center

Employers were invited to submit position announcements in the Job Placement Center by bringing the announcement to the meeting or by sending it via e-mail to Jason Hamm (Louisiana State University). Those seeking employment were encouraged to bring their CVs to the center at the Magnolia Room. The center will be open during the meeting.

l. Resolutions – Jerome Grant

The Resolutions Report will be presented at Tuesday’s Final Business Meeting.

m. Board Certification – Roxanne Connelly

Certification Board has been working on approving new logos for the BCE and ACE programs; those should be approved within the next few months.

Certification Board voted to revert to prior standards for BCEs: a minimum of a bachelor's degree would be required to apply.

2009 closed as a record year for ACE with huge growth.

Renewals for 2010 are proceeding at a nice rate, fueled at least in part by a marketing incentive offered by ESA HQ to send an ACE lapel pin to the first 100 renewals received. This serves the dual purpose of encouraging renewals and also using up supply of the 'old logo pins'.

We are currently discussing a problem with unpaid ACE. No rules have ever been issued by the Certification Board on when an unpaid ACE loses their certification.

n. Archives – Don Allemann

All known SE Branch ESA records have been archived at the North Carolina State University library in Raleigh, NC. Adam Berenbak is currently the Staff person in charge of the material. The archived records consisting of eight office file boxes include a rather complete collection of SE Branch Meeting Programs, old correspondence and some old photographs. The material is available to anyone by calling 919-515-2273 or email, special@ncsu.edu. One can also request information via online webform (http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/special_collections/research/request_information.html). The approved \$1,000 support grant from the SE Branch to the library has not been requested so I suggest it be put back in the Branch treasury. The NCSU Library will be happy to receive future records from the Branch to keep the archived collection complete. A copy of the Deed of Gift Contract to the NCSU Library signed by Allemann is attached as Addendum A.

At the National Office level, a Special Committee is working to resolve where and what records from ESA should be archived. I represent the Branch on that Committee.

The committee decided to forward all three boxes of archives currently in possession by Secretary-Treasurer Hall to NC State (Anna Cabrera will transport to Jim Harper or Don Allemann). The Executive Committee will act on last year's past motion to send \$1000 to NC State. Jim Harper will look into whom to send this to.

o. By-Laws Revisions – Tim Kring

A bylaws change is needed for program delivery date to members. Kring explained the bylaws change process. He will propose the bylaws change and any others will be sent to executive committee and changes approved at least 30 days before the next executive committee meeting.

p. Nominating – Rob Wiedenmann

Committee Members:

Chip Anderson, Ted Cottrell, Nancy Hinkle, Doug Houseworth, Susie Legaspi, Rob Wiedenmann (Chair)

Names were solicited by email from Committee members for President-Elect and Member-at-Large. Twenty names were received from Committee members for both offices. Members then selected five semi-finalists for President-Elect and six for Member-at-Large, and then ranked them through e-mail vote. The final ranking was used to contact the top-ranked candidates to determine willingness to serve. Once agreement was reached, the names of the two top-ranked candidates for each office were forwarded for the ballot, which listed:

Candidates for President-elect:

Robert Meagher, Jr. -- USDA-ARS, Gainesville, FL
Norm Leppa -- University of Florida, Gainesville

Candidates for Member-at-Large:

Eileen Buss -- University of Florida, Gainesville
Phillip Roberts -- University of Georgia, Tifton

Discussions ensued on whether to tell winners before the final business meeting. There was general agreement that it is advantageous to let winners know. Michael Williams thought this should definitely be a Presidential task to call them and that the new pres-elect should attend the executive meeting of the meeting when winners are announced. Hale will put this in the President guidelines.

q. Nominations for National Office – James Harper

The previous Ad hoc National Offices Nominating Committee in the 2008-09 year did not have a recommendation for the office of Chair of the Board Certified Entomologist Program, nor does the current Committee. The previous Committee had unanimously agreed to approach Dr. Robert Wiedenmann to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the office of VP-Elect of ESA in 2008. He declined at the time due to other commitments but expressed a desire to be reconsidered in the near future. At the National ESA meetings in Indianapolis in December 2009, he allowed his name to be considered by the P-IE Section of ESA as their nominee for this office and received a unanimous vote. This Committee recommends that the Southeastern Branch of the ESA accept our recommendation of Dr. Wiedenmann for the office of VP-Elect of ESA. We have contacted him and have received his approval for this action. We recommend that during the final business meeting of the SEB in Atlanta in March 2010, Dr. Wiedenmann's name be put forth as a nominee for this office, that nominations from the floor be called for, and that after discussion of the nominees takes place, a vote be taken and the winner declared our Branch nominee for the office of ESA Vice-President Elect for 2010. We further recommend that, if approved, the Branch leadership contact the leadership of

appropriate sections, networks or other groups and work with them to gain further support for our Branch nominee.

Simmons noted that shortly after the last annual meeting, the executive committee unanimously voted to give the support of SEB to the North Central Branch's nominee (Grayson Brown) for ESA Vice-President Elect for 2009 in exchange for NCB's pledge to support SEB's nominee for 2010. After their candidate won the election, NCB reaffirmed their pledge to support SEB's candidate for 2010.

Mike Williams moved that we accept the Committee's recommendation to nominate Rob Wiedenmann, Simmons second.

Unanimously passed by voice vote.

9. Treasurer's Report, Secretary-Treasurer – David Hall

Hall passed out the Financial Summary for 2009-10 and a proposed budget for 2010-11.

2009-10 Financial Summary. Out-going Secretary/Treasurer Catharine Mannion transferred \$50,000 to David Hall during early July, 2009, which he deposited into a National City Bank Small Business account in Fort Pierce, FL (no annual fee). During October 2009, Hall established a Money Market account (no annual fee) and deposited \$45,000 of the \$50,000. All remaining society funds (\$13,557.02) were transferred from Mannion to Hall and deposited into the Money Market account during October, 2009. During November 2009, PNC incorporated National City, which had no effect on either account. The total balance of both on January 29, 2009 was \$66,198.49 (February statement not received by March 5, 2010). Most of the expenses for this meeting (hotel costs, food, awards) have not yet been paid. While in Mannion's possession, all funds were held in a Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Active Assets Account, with a \$150 annual fee. Although this Assets Account earned as much as around \$300 annually during previous years, apparently due to the current economic situation this account only earned \$2.61 during 2009.

2010-11 Proposed Budget. The proposed budget for 2010-11 showed a \$50 net balance. The changes included: establishing a \$500 income line item for donations for student travel to the 2011 meeting; reducing travel budget for Secretary/Treasurer by \$350 and adding this to Local Arrangements; adding expense line items for shipping meeting materials to Puerto Rico and student travel awards; reducing the award plaque budget by \$200, and reducing the Bank Fees line item by \$100.

The NC State archives issue was discussed, and noted was that last year's Executive Committee voted to donate \$1,000 to NC State for archiving. These funds were never dispersed. These planned expenditures were therefore added to the 2010-11 proposed budget. This resulted in a negative end of year balance. The Executive Committee therefore went through expenditure line items and made expenditure reductions, primarily in travel funds for committee members. The revised proposed budget showed a final balance of \$100.

Simmons moved to accept budget as amended, second by Braman, passed by voice vote.

Puerto Rico registration fee: In addition to our normal social and lunch, there will be an additional meal to be held jointly with the American Phytopathological Society Caribbean Division. This group is currently charging \$165 for a meeting in the Caribbean, so Simmons thought SEB might need to charge a pre-registration fee of \$170 or \$175. A tour will be covered by registration. An Associates Program is planned for the Puerto Rico meeting. Leonard opposes a high registration cost for students. Lots of agreement expressed about this. But we still may need to raise the student fee from \$60 to \$75.

The Jenkins \$500 donation for student travel was discussed. SEB will match this, and ask for additional donations. An Ad hoc committee to handle who gets these funds for travel should be established. Simmons moved that we recognize the Jenkins for their donation by establishing a David and Laura Jenkins Student Travel Award for the 2011 SEB meeting in Puerto Rico. Williams noted that we should be careful to follow what ESA national criteria are for naming awards. Hale thought we should not name it after the Jenkins but that we honor the Jenkins in some way. Tabled for later discussion.

10. Comments from President-Elect – Frank Hale

Passed out revised guidelines. Pointed out these are constantly changing. Cleaned up the format and has made it easier to edit. Asked for any corrections or suggestions. Not all guidelines updated. Some confusion about 2008 versus 2009 revisions, Frank worked with a set for 2008. Next president elect will take this over.

Nominating Committee:

Robert Meagher (Chair) – USDA-ARS

Nancy D. Epsky USDA-ARS

Paris L. Lambdin – UT

Natalie A. Hummel – LSU

Anthony W. Weiss – Dow AgroSciences

Jeffrey D. Smith – Valent USA Corporation

Simmons moved we accept these names as the nominating committee, second Hall, passed unanimously by voice vote.

For 2011 meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico

The local arrangements committee has three co-chairs:

Tugrul Giray

Jose C. Rodrigues

Alvin M. Simmons

Program Committee Co-Chairs:

Juang-Horng ‘JC’ Chong

Raymond Hix

Public Relations Committee Chair:
David Jenkins USDA-ARS

11. Other Business Items

- Support of NCB-ESA's nominee for ESA Vice-President Elect. Discussed earlier.
- Abundance of papers in student competition. Discussed earlier.
- Industry-sponsored student luncheon (Ralph Bagwell): Good idea for many reasons, especially for job potentials and learning about different jobs. For SEB, it is an opportunity to put a program together that is perhaps a job fair (not in conjunction with a real meal due to cost). Positive for students looking for jobs, positive for potential employers. Mannion thought maybe this could be a symposium, or a panel discussion in conjunction with snacks and maybe beer or wine, one-on-one exchanges. Bagwell said if costs are involved that we might lose sponsorship support. So maybe a mixer setting isn't necessary. This could be looked into by an Ad Hoc committee.
- Gold sponsors – Williams moved that sponsors contributing \$1,000 or more be classified as Gold sponsors and that they receive one free registration to our meetings, second by Braman. Unanimously passed by voice vote.
- Entomological Foundation will have a raffle this year, winners will be announced during the award luncheon, do not have to be present to win.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:50 pm was made by Hall, seconded by Bagwell. Passed.

Addendum A. Deed of Gift Contract to the NCSU Library

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Don Allemann

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Donor

Signature: Don V. Allemann, Historian Date: March 30, 2009
SE Branch of the Entomological Society of America

NCSU Libraries
Representative

Signature: Eun Lawrence Date: 4/13/09

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Exhibit A (list of materials being donated)

Attached summary prepared August, 2007.