

## Meeting Minutes

### 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Southeastern Branch Entomological Society of America

#### Final Business Meeting 5 March 2013

**1. In Attendance**

A total of 39 members were in attendance. The quorum was met.

**2. Call to Order – David Buntin, President, SEB-ESA, 3:35 pm**

The President Dr. David Buntin called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM. **START WITH COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**3. Reading of 2012 Minutes – JC Chong, Secretary-Treasurer**

David Hall moved to suspend the reading of, and accept, last year's minutes. The motion was seconded by Joe Eger. The minutes were accepted unanimously by voice vote.

**4. Financial Report – JC Chong, Secretary-Treasurer**

As of 31 January 2013, SEB has a net worth of \$102,924.73, which include balance from three accounts with PNC Bank: \$8,790.20 in Checking (CK), \$33,970.73 in Money Market (MM), and \$60,163.80 in Certificate of Deposit (11-month CD; established 7 August 2012).

Checking Account (2/1/2012 – 1/31/2013):

Starting balance	\$19,249.81
Deposits – Income	\$89,363.19
Deposits – From MM	\$55,000.00
Deductions – Expenses	\$84,822.80
Deductions – To MM	\$70,000.00
Final balance	\$8,790.20

\* Ending balance on 1/31/2012 was reported as \$19,294.81.

Money Market Account (2/1/2012 – 1/31/2013):

Starting balance	\$78,909.40
Deposits – Income	\$61.33
Deposits – From CK	\$70,000.00
Deductions – To CK	\$55,000.00
Deductions – To CD	\$60,000.00
Final balance	\$33,970.73

Certificate of Deposit (8/7/2012 – 1/31/2012):	
Starting balance	\$60,000.00
Deposits – Income	\$163.80
Final balance	\$60,163.80

**5. Auditing Committee Report – Catharine Mannion, Chair**

The committee met on March 5, 2013 at 3:30 pm in the Boardroom of the Hilton Baton Rouge Capital Center. Members were Raymond Hix and Catharine Mannion.

The committee checked the bank statements and Quicken account from February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013 (final bank statement). The books were in order and all receipts were accounted for.

Checking account start balance	\$19,249.81
Checking account ending balance	\$8,790.20
Money market starting balance	\$78,909.40
Money market ending balance	\$33,970.73
CD starting balance (8-10-12)	\$60,000.00
CD ending balance (1-10-13)	\$60,163.80

Tim Schowalter moved to accept the Auditing Committee report. The move was seconded by Jim Harper. The report was accepted unanimously by voice vote.

**6. Proposed Budget for 2013-2014 – JC Chong, Secretary-Treasurer**

Compared to the approved 2012-2013 budget, the proposed budget for 2013-2014 includes a significant increase in expenses. The budgets for the President (\$50), Secretary-Treasurer (\$2,750), Archiving (\$50), Site Selection Committee (\$200), and Student Affairs Committee (\$2,250) remain the same as 2012-2013. The Executive Committee approved the following increases to the budget during the meeting on 3 March 2013: 1) \$200 increase in the budget of the Program Committee to cover an increase in fees associated with Confex paper submission system; 2) an increase of \$400 for the Local Arrangements Committee to account for reimbursement to student volunteers (budgeted at 16 students at \$25 each) for their services; and 3) an increase of \$2,550 in the budget of the Student Awards Committee to account for an increase in the number of student awards. The approved budget includes \$35,950 in income and \$41,400 in expenses. A total of \$4,150 will be transferred from the reserves in Money Market to balance the budget.

David Hall moved to accept the proposed budget; seconded by Joe Eger. The budget was accepted unanimously by voice vote.

**7. Committee Reports**

- **Local Arrangements – Chair, Mike Stout**

The Local Arrangements Committee consisted of Mike Stout (Chair), Jeff Davis, Tim Schowalter, Dennis Ring, Jensen Young, and David Kerns (corporate sponsorship), all of the LSU Department of Entomology. The Chair gratefully acknowledges the efforts of the committee.

Initial hotel contact was once again made through Conference Direct. Final hotel selection was made with the assistance of Conference Direct after site visits of potential hotels. Initial discussions with the hotel were handled by Allison Crump, and our primary contact with the hotel over the past few months has been Teresa Johnston. The hotel contract was developed through Conference Direct (Morgan Klinkradt), with the assistance of David Hall and JC Chong (SEB).

Our total room block was 355 room nights, with a 75% attrition of 266 room nights. Our group “actualized” (used and paid for) 294 room nights. Our concessions from the hotel included one comp room night per 40 occupied, or 7 total comp room nights based on our 294 actualized room nights. Three of the comp room nights were used for Frank Zalom’s (ESA President –Elect) room, the remainder will be used to defray lodging expenses of other committee chairs. Our F&B minimum with the hotel was \$8500, which we easily exceeded.

ESA Central provided web-based registration. Our latest report (3/6/13) from ESA Central shows 270 total registrants (125 members, 22 non-members, 108 students, 4 emeritus, 1 honorary, and 10 guests). The number of late registrants made planning difficult. In addition, an unusually large number of registrants indicated they were not attending (or failed to indicate they were attending) mixers or the awards banquet, adding another element of uncertainty in estimating F&B needs. For example, 164 registrants indicated they would be attending the Awards Luncheon, and 216 ultimately did attend. Pamela Reid from ESA Central provided invaluable on-site assistance with registration.

Four groups met prior to the SEB ESA meeting: S-1055 (Soybean Multi-State), SERA 003, SDC-351 (Multi-State Biocontrol), and Southern Corn Insect Working Group. These groups aided in meeting room night obligations, and SEB ESA provided some audiovisual support.

David Kerns spearheaded efforts to obtain monetary support from corporate sponsors. A total of \$15,150 in support was obtained. Corporate sponsors were acknowledged in the program and on a poster displayed near registration.

Local Arrangements worked closely with Ted Cottrell and Greg Hodges (co-Program Chairs) during the planning process, and during the meeting to pre-load presentations in a dedicated audio-visual (“slide preview”) room.

Audio-visual equipment and service was handled through the hotel, by PSAV Presentation Services. Even with a 30% discount (PSAV is the Hilton’s preferred provider of audio-visual), audio visual charges totaled almost \$13,000. While this was a major meeting expense, service was excellent and no audio-visual problems were encountered during the meeting.

Two mixers were held, a crawfish boil on Monday evening (with Cajun music and dancing) and a mixer/LSU baseball game on Tuesday evening. Jensen Young was primarily responsible for planning these mixers. A tour of the Audubon Insectarium in New Orleans was arranged for Sunday. Transportation was provided for those interested in the tour. Only about 10 registrants availed themselves of this opportunity. Local Arrangements thanks Zack Lemann, staff entomologist and

Visitor Programs Manager for the Insectarium, for providing this opportunity. Tim Schowalter helped lead the tour.

The Local Arrangements Committee also thanks the Baton Rouge Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for assistance in planning the meeting and for providing “welcome bags” and volunteers for a visitor’s information booth.

Jeff Davis coordinated volunteer efforts. Thirty volunteers consisting of students, post-docs, and research associates were recruited to assist with registration and audio-visual needs. Students received \$25 for volunteering. LSU provided poster boards for display presentations and David Kerns transported poster boards.

- **Program – Co-Chairs, Ted Cottrell, Greg Hodges**

Committee members: Ted Cottrell, GA, Co-Chair; Greg Hodges, FL, Co-Chair; David Held, AL; Catharine Mannion, FL; John Ruberson, formerly GA, *Ex officio*

The Program Committee offers sincere thanks to the Executive Committee for considerable input and assistance during this process. We are indebted to timely assistance from Secretary-Treasurer JC Chong for timely communication and information dissemination to the membership. The program co-chairs did not make a site visit prior to the meeting, thus Local Arrangements Chair Dr. Mike Stout was invaluable providing information to the Program Committee. We also greatly appreciate the service of the 22 moderators for contributed sessions and the 10 organizers/moderators for the 5 symposia

Presentations by SEB members for 2013 were second only to the 2011 meeting in Puerto Rico (see Table 1). There were 5 no-shows in student competitions and 5 no-shows in regular paper sessions. This meeting followed the precedent set by the 2012 meeting awarding multiple student awards thus allowing the opportunity to conduct concurrent sessions for the student oral competition presentations. Concurrent student oral presentations sessions condensed the length of the meeting and allowed us to end the scientific sessions Tuesday afternoon. Ending Tuesday afternoon, rather than by noon on Wednesday, had implications for member travel plans and the hotel contract negotiated by the Local Arrangements Committee. Members were made aware of the departure from the Wednesday ending time for the meeting and local arrangements worked with the hotel regarding the contract.

Ninety-nine students registered for the SEB meeting and there were 81 student presentations in the student competitions representing 39% of all presentations given during the 2013 SEB meeting. For the second year, multiple awards were presented for the student oral and poster competition at the B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. level. Multiple awards required three MS oral sessions (only 1 BS oral paper was submitted and it was given during MS oral session I), three PhD oral sessions, 1 BS poster session, 2 MS poster sessions and 3 PhD poster sessions.

The numbers of papers presented, with associated ESA sections, are noted in Table 2.

There were five symposia:

1. Invasive Species and Biosecurity Symposium: Opportunities and Challenges
2. Vegetable Entomology Symposium
3. Student Symposium: Invasive Species and Novel Methods of Identification, Monitoring and Control.
4. Multi-Disciplinary Graduate Programs Symposium: Doctor of Plant Medicine & Master of Plant Protection and Pest Management Degrees.
5. Urban Entomology Symposium: Trade Globalization is Not New-500 Years of Introducing Urban Pests in North America.

The program committee made the decision that all symposia would be 'invited' even including the usually open symposia (Vegetable, Urban and Student). The students had their symposium in order by August. We saw no reason to intervene and make the Student Symposium an 'open' symposium especially considering that the 'open' Student Symposium did not have enough presenters for the 2012 meeting. Also, we elected to ask certain members to organize the Vegetable and Urban Symposia to ensure that enough speakers would be available.

In addition to the main scientific program, we also hosted the S-1055 Soybean Multi-State Project, SERA-003 Information Exchange for Southern Region IPM, SDC-351 Multi-State Biocontrol Project and the Southern Corn Insects Working Group.

The 2013 meeting marked the second time that the Confex system was used by the SEB. Victoria ("Tori") Daigle of Confex, is invaluable using the Confex system. She is very patient instructing the program chairs using the system. As a branch and as co-program chairs, Confex is still new to us. We have asked Tori to save much of the information (i.e., annual meeting events) we had to enter into the system. Hopefully this will make it easier for the 2014 program chair. Based on our experience, Confex is very useful but the current co-chairs probably did not fully utilize the capability of the system due to the amount of time needed to become familiar with system capabilities.

We would like to recognize the assistance of Pamela Reid at ESA National for posting submission updates and the program to the SEB-ESA website.

The hotel staff was very helpful, especially their support for audiovisual services during the meeting.

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge Mr. Jim Maddox with Sphinx Inc, (Macon, GA) for printing the program booklet. Jim was very patient with our last-minute changes. The program booklet was printed using color only for the front and back cover (as has been done more often than not in the past). We ordered 250 program booklets and came in under budget. In hindsight, we should have ordered 275 booklets but could not have anticipated the exceptionally high number of late registrants for the meeting.

Table 1. SEB presentations at meeting over the past 5 years.

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Regular and	87	63	189	84	98
Regular	40	43	50	48	31
BS student	1	3	0	0	0
BS student	4	5	0	0	0
MS student	20	28	21	21	25
MS student	12	7	10	9	5
PhD student	22	19	22	21	27
PhD student	22	17	8	11	12
Total student	81	79	62	62	69
Total regular	127	106	239	132	129
Total of all	208	185	301	194	198

Table 2. Numbers of presentations and associated ESA sections at the 2013 SEB meeting.

Category	ESA Section			
	MUVE	PBT	P-IE	SEB
Student papers	5	6	29	3
Student posters	5	7	19	7
Regular papers	7	2	33	2
Regular posters	5	2	29	4
Invited symposia	7	---	36	---
Total papers	19	8	98	5
Total posters	10	9	48	11
<b>Total presentations</b>	29	17	146	16

Discussion:

David Hall wondered if the room cost would be lower if we had fewer rooms on Monday and Tuesday by stretching into Wednesday. Mike Williams believed we would have spent about the same. David Buntin said building in other working group meetings into the SEB meeting can help with room nights and thus generating more free meeting room uses.

- **Public Relations – Chair, Fudd Graham**

Public relations activities for the meeting were coordinated with Richard Levine (Communications Program Manager) and Pamela Reid (Manager, Marketing and Member Relations) of the ESA national office.

A press release was prepared by Richard Levine and submitted to Eurekalert which is run by American Association for the Advancement of Science. Together we prepared a list of media outlets with contacts so that we could target local media outlets and

use a shotgun approach for other outlets with a wider reach. Richard contacted the LSU members of the National Association of Science Writers, Richard Bogren, who is a Science writer and editor with the LSU AgCenter. Copies were sent to both agriculture and urban publications (S. E Farm Press, Delta Farm Press, Pest Management Professional, PCT Magazine, Agriculture is America site, <http://agisamerica.org/>)

Alan Morgan worked also with the LSU AgCenter communications group to get the release to local media outlets. He contacted their communications and news media specialist, Dr. Linda Benedict, and forwarded the news release media information to her. She contacted the local media in the Baton Rouge area and released some news releases about the 2013 SEBESA Annual Meeting. The local communications group has better contacts with the local media.

Other local stakeholder groups were also notified of the meeting and sent a press release. Nancy Hinkle was interviewed for a localized copy by Growing America as a follow-up to Fudd's initial contact (she recommended this contact). The Alabama Ext Communications group, the LSU PSEP program, extension Urban Integrated Pest Management and a few other social media outlets (urban, LSU PSEP)

- **Membership – Chair, John Hopkins**

The committee consists of the following members (year their terms will end):

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Seven members of the committee will have to be replaced in the coming year.

On December 11, 2012 an invitation to join the Entomological Society of America was sent for dissemination to interested students and potential members via the Entomology and associated Departments at the University of Arkansas, Auburn University, Clemson University, University of Florida, University of Georgia, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, North Carolina State University, University of Puerto Rico, and the University of Tennessee. This invitation also contained links to information on:

1. ESA Member Benefits
2. How to Join the ESA
3. Information about the SEB ESA and the 2013 Annual Branch Meeting
4. Information about ESA and the 2013 National Meeting

This invitation packet was also sent to committee members for dissemination to any additional institutions or organizations within their state from which we might also obtain new members.

**SEB ESA MEMBERSHIP FIGURES**

Total membership for the SEB ESA as of March 2010 was 1030.  
Total membership for the SEB ESA as of March 2011 was 1057.  
Total membership for the SEB ESA as of March 2012 was 1039.  
Total membership for the SEB ESA as of Dec 31 2012 was 1376 (latest figure as of 02/06/13).

**TOTAL ESA MEMBERSHIP FIGURES**

Total membership for the ESA as of March 2010 was 5082  
Total membership for the ESA as of March 2011 was 5231.  
Total membership for the ESA as of March 2012 was 5165.

Total membership for the ESA as of 12/31/ 2012 was 6513 (latest figure as of 02/06/13).

As of 12/31/2012, the SEB ESA made up 21.1% of the total ESA membership.

SEB membership rates continue to roughly track total ESA membership.



*Additional activities:* The SEBESA Membership Chairman is also currently serving as the ESA National Membership Chairman for 2013. The ESA Membership Committee is working to address the charges put forth by President Wiedenmann and these include:

1. A review of membership categories to see if they meet current needs
  - a. ESA staff will run historical data on the lifecycle of various categories
  - b. A series of surveys for specific categories will be launched
    - i. First in a series of surveys sent to former student members to learn why they dropped their membership

- c. A cost/benefit analysis will also need to be done before specific recommendations can be made
- 2. Conduct the “Each One, Reach One” (EORO) membership drive, a membership campaign, reaching out to those who wouldn’t be contacted through traditional communications
  - a. Campaign launched in February in conjunction with the ESA Branch meetings
    - i. Promotional and support materials have been prepared and posted on the ESA website at [www.entsoc.org/EachOneReachOne](http://www.entsoc.org/EachOneReachOne).
    - ii. Badges at ESA Branch meetings will have the EORO logo, PPT slides and flyers will also be distributed
    - iii. Promotional emails will be sent to ESA members during 2013 beginning in late February
    - iv. Messages will be posted on social media sites, in *eNews* and in *American Entomologist*
    - v. Contest runs through November 1.
  - b. Each ESA member who recruits a new member will receive a 4-prong USB drive
  - c. Members who recruit 10 members will also receive a stadium blanket.
  - d. Members who recruit 20 new members will also receive a combination stadium chair/cooler
  - e. Each time a member recruits a member; their name will be entered into the grand prize drawing for a new Apple iPad mini.
- 3. Coordinate development of global database with the International Affairs Committee (David Jenkins - Liaison)
  - a. Building a contact list with information on the various entomological societies from around the world. List will include data on the size of the society, their meetings, membership and main contact person.
- 4. Continuing local outreach for 2013 Annual Meeting
  - a. President Wiedenmann indicated he had a list of students wanting to get more involved with ESA, and that perhaps they could spearhead this effort for 2013
  - b. Contact list of small colleges and universities in Texas developed
    - i. Letter to be emailed to all of these colleges over Dr. Wiedenman’s signature inviting prospective and new members from these institutions to special program
    - ii. Following letter, personal contact will need to be made to insure program success. Volunteers NEEDED
    - iii. ESA HQ will get a webpage up which will include details for the program (based on 2012 program).
    - iv. Work with Annual Meeting Program Committee on logistics for holding program/luncheon/reception
- 5. Study the new international membership models (Korea, Japan, Indonesia)
  - a. Korean students are now members
  - b. Still waiting to hear about status of Indonesia agreement
- 6. Review ESA website membership pages
  - a. Website reviewed and broken links identified and repaired
  - b. Additional improvements added as identified

- **Member Awards – Chair, Greg Wiggins**

The Member Awards committee met via email to consider nominees for the branch awards. The committee was comprised of the following members:

Greg Wiggins, Chair (TN)

Nannan Liu (AL, 2013)

Mary Cornelius (LA, 2014)

David Jenkins (PR, 2014)

Marianne Shockley-Cruz (GA, 2015), Chair for the 2014 meeting.

Francis Reay Jones (SC, 2015)

We would like to express our gratitude to all members who nominated their colleagues for the branch awards. One recipient was selected for each award for which nominations were received. There were no nominations for the Distinguished Service Award to the Certification Program or the Recognition Award in Entomology. After thoughtful deliberation, we recommend the following awards:

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN EXTENSION: DR. ANGUS CATCHOT**, Extension Entomologist in the Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology and Plant Pathology, Mississippi State University.

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN HORTICULTURAL ENTOMOLOGY: DR. OSCAR LIBURD**, Professor in the Entomology and Nematology Department, University of Florida.

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN TEACHING: DR. DAROLD BATZER**, Professor in the Department of Entomology, University of Georgia.

**RECOGNITION AWARD IN INSECT PHYSIOLOGY, BIOCHEMISTRY, AND TOXICOLOGY: DR. PETER TEAL**, Research Physiologist and Research Leader of the Chemistry Research Unit at the Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology, USDA-ARS, Gainesville, FL.

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: DR. FANGNENG HUANG**, Associate Professor of Entomology, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center.

**RECOGNITION AWARD IN URBAN ENTOMOLOGY: DR. JULES SILVERMAN**, Charles G. Wright Distinguished Professor of Structural Pest Management, North Carolina State University.

- **Student Awards – Chair, Gregg Nuessly**

The 2012-13 committee consisted of Gregg Nuessly (Florida), Paula Mitchell (South Carolina), Melissa Willrich Siebert (Mississippi), Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes (Tennessee), Xing Ping Hu (Alabama), Karen Nix (Louisiana), Mark Abney (North Carolina), Glen Studebaker (Arkansas), and Rajagopalbabu Srinivasan (Georgia). The Chair gratefully acknowledges the efforts of the committee. The SEB needs to

re-establish the rotation of committee members on the Student Awards Committee. All but one (Paula Mitchell) of the current committee have served on the committee for at least two years and several for three years. A two- or three-year rotation needs to be reestablished so that new people have the opportunity to serve the society. The committee should be made up of one representative from each of the 9 states represented by the Southeastern Branch of the ESA. David Hall announced at the meeting that Rajagopalbabu (Babu) Srinivasan will serve as the 2013-14 committee chair.

The John Henry Comstock Award was presented to Dustin Swanson at Clemson University. The Kirby H. Hays Memorial Award will be presented to Kevin Langdon of NC State at this meeting. Students must be nominated by their departments for both of these awards. The committee should be seeing at least 9 and probably 12 nominees for each of these awards every year, but the number of nominees has dwindled over the last two years. **NOMINATE YOUR BEST STUDENTS FOR THESE AWARDS!!!**

The Awards Committee repeated the plan for program awards developed last year by providing a first and second award for each of the MS and PhD presentation and poster sessions and a first place award for the best undergraduate presentation and poster. The outstanding undergraduate oral presentation was given by Nicholas Allen of North Carolina State University. The outstanding poster presentation for an undergraduate student was presented by Clinton Trammel of the University of Arkansas. First and second place for MS presentation session 1 were given by Adam Alford of the University of Arkansas and Andrew Adams of Mississippi State University, respectively. MS presentation session 2 winners were both from the University of Georgia: 1<sup>st</sup> place was Joni Blount and 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Jacob Holloway. In the third session, Zachary DeVrie of Auburn University took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Rebecca Browning of the University of Southern Mississippi took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Outstanding MS poster presentations for the 1<sup>st</sup> session were in 1<sup>st</sup> place Khem Raj B.C. and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place Nabanita Mukherjee, both of the University of Southern Mississippi. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> MS poster presentation session Xuan Chen of Louisiana State University took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Katharine Youngs of North Carolina State University took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Robert T. Gast awards for outstanding PhD presentations were awarded to students in all three PhD sessions. In session 1, 1<sup>st</sup> place went to William Reed and 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Ting Li, both of Auburn University. Brian Adams of Mississippi State University took 1<sup>st</sup> place and Nicholas Seiter of Clemson University took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in session 2. First and second place in session 3 went to H. Alejandro Merchán of North Carolina State University and Elizabeth Benton of the University of Tennessee, respectively. The winners of the outstanding PhD poster presentations for session 1 were in 1<sup>st</sup> place Deepak Kumar of the University of Southern Mississippi and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place Anup Bastola of Louisiana State University. Erika Machtinger of the University of Florida and Amber Tripodi of the University of Arkansas took the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards in session 2. In session 3, Abdul Hakeem of the University of Tennessee won 1<sup>st</sup> place and Chris Werle of the USDA-ARS Poplarville, Mississippi won 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

- **Student Affairs – Matt VanWeelden**

Committee members: Matt VanWeelden (LA) *Chair*, Diane Silcox (NC), Loren Goltz (MS), Katheryne Nix (TN), William Reid (AL), Eutyclus Kariuki (FL), Margie Lehnert (SC), Stephanie Weldon (GA), AR and PR representative are vacant.

Erika Machtinger, FL, *Co-Chair for SEB-ESA 2014*

Hamilton Allen, SC, *Co-Chair for SEB-ESA 2014*

Linnaean Games Sub-Committee: William Reid, *Chair*

The Linnaean Games Committee was responsible for organizing the Linnaean Games at the ESA Southeastern Branch meeting. Responsibilities included organization of teams, gathering of submitted questions (to be turned over to the moderator), ordering awards, and designation of a moderator and judges. The team rosters are listed below:

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Nick Allen  
Dylan Kraus

Photo Salon Sub-Committee: Diane Silcox, *Chair*

The photo salon committee's responsibilities were to email a call for pictures in January. There was a reminder email sent in February 2013. Emailed questions were answered by the committee regarding category descriptions and a reminder of the deadline to submit. Once all submissions were collected a PowerPoint presentation was created to showcase the photographs. This presentation also included the information provided for each picture. The committee also created a second PowerPoint presentation for the award certificates. Both presentations were forwarded to the South Eastern Branch Student Affairs Committee chair prior to the meeting in Baton Rouge.

Student Symposium Sub-Committee: Stephanie Weldon and Erika Machtinger, *Co-Chairs*

The student symposium theme, Invasive Species and Novel Methods of Identification, Monitoring and Control, was chosen by the subcommittee for the 2012 ESA-Southeastern branch meeting in Little Rock, AR. Unfortunately, due to a delay in staffing the committee, no student symposium was organized in Little Rock. The then-current SAC agreed as a whole to retain the topic for the 2013 meeting this year in Baton Rouge, LA. A total of eleven participants were invited to speak during this symposium in a variety of systems, with a particular emphasis on integrative technologies. Prior commitments prohibited some intended speakers from attending, but we ultimately found a diverse set of specialists whose interests well-matched our themes and goals. Some confusion persisted on the protocol for entering speakers in to the registration system, but all speakers were added by the deadline.

Job Placement Sub-Committee: No Chair

A call for volunteers was sent out in January. All replies from potential student volunteers were forwarded to Dr. Jeff Davis of LSU.

- **Resolutions – Chair, Nancy Epsky**

Members of the Resolutions Committee include Nancy Epsky (FL) and Kris Braman (GA). Most of the Committee's work was completed prior to the Branch meeting, where the Resolutions were compiled and posted 24 hours before the Final Business Meeting. The assistance of President David Buntin (GA), Secretary-Treasurer Juang-Horng 'JC' Chong (SC), Local Arrangements Chair Mike Stout (LA), and Program Committee Co-Chair Ted Cottrell (GA) in finalizing the Resolutions was greatly appreciated.

Prior to the Branch meeting, an e-mail message was sent on March 1, 2013 to all members, via JC Chong (Secretary/treasurer, SEB-ESA), to remind members that they can submit resolutions for presentation at the Annual Meeting. The message provided is listed below:

“Please send us the names of SEB-ESA members who have died during the past year so that we may recognize them in a resolution at our upcoming meeting and submit any resolutions to the Resolutions Committee at least 28 hours prior to the Final Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 5 (**resolutions must be received no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, March 4**). Submit resolutions to members of the Resolutions Committee at the meeting or by email: Nancy Epsky ([Nancy.Epsky@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Nancy.Epsky@ars.usda.gov)) or Kris Braman ([kbraman@uga.edu](mailto:kbraman@uga.edu)). For your perusal, the proposed Resolutions will be posted in a prominent location near the registration area 24 hours prior to the Final Business Meeting.”

Names of deceased members also were sought at the Executive Committee Meeting and at the Opening Session and Business Meeting.

### **RESOLUTIONS OF THE 87<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

Whereas we have been saddened by the passing of the following members of this Branch during the past year:

**Mary Grodner** – Louisiana State University  
**Ron Kuhr** – North Carolina State University  
**Paul ‘Skip’ Choate** – University of Florida  
**Robert Bullock** – University of Florida  
**Edward Holman Smith** – North Carolina State University  
**Carl Jones** – University of Tennessee

Therefore,

**(Resolution #1)** Be it resolved, that we stand for a moment of silence in memory of these friends and colleagues.

Whereas the success of the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America is due to the efforts of officers and committees and other members of the Branch, therefore,

**(Resolution #2)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch express gratitude to the Executive Committee, Branch President, David Buntin; President-Elect, David Hall; Past-President, Norm Leppla; Secretary-Treasurer, Juang-Horng ‘JC’ Chong; Governing Board Representative, Nancy Hinkle, and Members-at-Large, Eileen Buss, Melissa Seibert, and Natalie Hummel, for their leadership in and management of the affairs of the Branch during the year; and

**(Resolution #3)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the excellent and important efforts of the Program Committee, co-chaired by Ted Cottrell (GA) and Greg Hodges (FL), with the following members David Held (AL), Catharine Mannion (FL), and *Ex officio* member John Ruberson (GA) for developing an excellent, appropriate, timely and informative program; and

**(Resolution #4)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the efforts of the Local Arrangements Committee Baton Rouge, Louisiana Meeting 2013, chaired by Mike Stout (LA) with the following members Tim Schowalter (LA), Jeff Davis (LA), Dennis Ring (LA), Jensen Young (LA), David Kerns (LA) for arrangements prior to and during this meeting; and to Kristin House and Morgan Klinkradt with Conference Direct who helped secure the Capitol Hilton for the meeting site; and to Karron Alford, Julie Koontz and Courtney Hunt with Visit Baton Rouge who were instrumental in helping with local arrangements; and

**(Resolution #5)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the efforts of the Program and Local Arrangements Committees for organizing and loading electronic presentations on laptop computers for meeting sessions; and

**(Resolution #6)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the efforts of David Gammel, Neil Willoughby, Pamela Reid and other ESA Central staff for their contributions to the automation of the SEB-ESA website, posting of meeting information, running the branch elections and meeting registration; and Victoria Daigle with Confex for handling submission of presentation titles, formatting the online program and providing presenter and scientific indices for the program booklet; and

**(Resolution #7)** Be it resolved, that Secretary-Treasurer, Juang-Horng (JC) Chong on behalf of the members of the Branch, be instructed to express written appreciation to the management and staff of the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, LA, for their cooperation, services and hospitality, which contributed to the completion of a successful and outstanding 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting; and

**(Resolution #8)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize and express our appreciation for the financial contributions of our Platinum Sponsor (Cotton Incorporated), Gold Sponsors (Amvac Chemical Corp., BASF, Bayer CropScience, Cheminova Inc., Chemtura Corp., Dow AgroSciences, DuPont, Monsanto, Pioneer, Syngenta, Valent U.S.A.), our Silver Sponsor (Terminix Pest Control), and our Bronze Sponsors (Helena Chemical Comp., Nichino America, Inc.) for providing support for the opening mixer/reception, Tuesday night mixer, awards luncheon, continental breakfast and coffee breaks at this meeting.

Whereas, the members of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America are proud of the accomplishments and recognition of their fellow members

who were nominated by the Branch or their departments for national awards by the parent society, therefore,

**(Resolution #9)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch commend the following members for their respective national awards and honors received at the 2012 Entomological Society of America Meeting, Knoxville, TN:

**Judith B. Black**, The Steritech Group, Distinguished Service to the Certification Program Award,

**Loganathan Ponnusamy**, North Carolina State University, Early Career Innovation Award

**Gregg Henderson**, Louisiana State University, Recognition Award in Urban Entomology

And that the members of the Branch commend the following 2013 SEB special award:

**Thomas "Gene" Reagan** was honored in "Recognition for Outstanding Service to ESA" for his service to the society as ESA Liaison to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Pesticide Programs and as a member of the Editorial Board of *Environmental Entomology*

And that the members of the Branch commend the following members for their respective 2013 SEB awards and nominations:

**Angus Catchot**, Mississippi State University, SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension,

**Oscar Liburd**, University of Florida, SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology,

**Darold Batzer**, University of Georgia, SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching,

**Peter Teal**, USDA-ARS, Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology, Gainesville, FL, SEB-ESA Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology,

**Fangneng Huang**, Louisiana State University, SEB-ESA Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management,

**Jules Silverman**, North Carolina State University, SEB-ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology.

Whereas, the members of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America are very proud of the accomplishments of their student members, therefore,

**(Resolution #10)** the following members are congratulated for their respective national awards and honors received at the 2012 Entomological Society of America Meeting, Knoxville, TN:

**Dustin Swanson**, Clemson University – John Henry Comstock Award, Outstanding Ph.D. Student

**Paul Bardunias**, University of Florida – Jeffery P. LaFage Graduate Student Research Award

**Alejandro Del Pozo**, North Carolina State University – Larry Larson Graduate Student Award

**Dawn Calibeo**, University of Florida – Shripat Kamble Urban Entomology Graduate Student Award for Innovative Research

2012 ESA National Meeting Ten-Minute Paper:

MUVE – winners:

**Timothy Davis**, University of Florida; **Dawn Calibeo**, University of Florida

**Chet Joyner**, Emory University

PBT- winners:

**David McKinney**, University of Georgia

PIE - winners

**Lindsay Iglesias**, University of Florida; **B.E. Wilson**, Louisiana State University

PIE – runner up:

**Brian Adams**, Clemson University; **Chloe Hawkings**, University of Florida

2012 ESA National Meeting Poster Competition:

MUVE -undergraduate

**Eric Guidry**, New Orleans, LA

MUVE- runner up:

**Nabanita Mukherjee**, University of Southern Mississippi; **Garima Kakkar**, University of Florida

PBT- undergraduate:

**Mark Phillips**, East Tennessee State University

PBT- winner:

**Jerreme Jackson**, University of Tennessee; **Ting Yang**, Auburn University

PBT-runner up:

**Qi Zhang**, University of Georgia

PIE – winner:

**Kevin Langdon**, North Carolina State University; **Abdul Hakeem**, University of Tennessee ;**Fei Yang**, Louisiana State University

PIE – runner up:

**Rachel Suits**, North Carolina State University; **Tolulope Morawo**, Auburn University

**Jiamei Li**, University of Arkansas; **Kara Tyler-Julian**, University of Florida

and be it resolved that the members of the Branch commend the following Student Members for their respective 2012 SEB awards:

**Dustin Swanson**, Clemson University – 2013 John Henry Comstock Award, Outstanding Ph.D. Student Annual SEB Meeting,

**Kevin Langdon**, North Carolina State University – 2013 Kirby L. Hays Memorial Award, Outstanding M. S. Student, Annual SEB Meeting,

2012 Robert T. Gast Award, Best Ph.D. Oral Presentation Annual SEB Meeting:  
**Ting Li**, Auburn University; **Carey Minter**, University of Arkansas

2012 Outstanding M.S. Oral Presentation Annual SEB Meeting:  
**J. Eric Howard**, University of Arkansas; **Erika Machtinger**, University of Florida;  
**Sandy Steckel**, University of Tennessee

2012 Outstanding B.S. Oral Presentation Annual SEB Meeting:  
**Kyle Hurley**, University of Central Arkansas

2012 Outstanding Ph.D. Poster, Annual SEB Meeting:  
**Thomas McElrath**, University of Georgia; **Ishakh Thodi**, University of Georgia

2012 Outstanding M.S. Poster, Annual SEB Meeting:  
**Kevin Langdon**, North Carolina State University

2012 Outstanding B.S. Oral Presentation, Annual SEB Meeting:  
**Clinton Trammel**, University of Arkansas

Whereas, the Linnaean Games have been enjoyable for both the participants and the audience due to the excellent moderating style of the Games Master Jerome Grant (TN), and the fair and knowledgeable presence of the judges Jim Harper, Alvin Simmons, and Norm Leppla and the preparation and good sportsmanship exhibited by the Linnaean Games Teams, therefore,

**(Resolution #11)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch express their appreciation to the participating teams from Louisiana State University, University of Florida, Florida A&M University, University of Georgia, University of Arkansas, Auburn University, North Carolina State University, Mississippi State University and their coaches, and to Matt VanWeelden, Louisiana State University, the student organizer for the Linnaean Games, and congratulate the winning team from North Carolina State University and the second place team from Mississippi State University. Congratulations also are expressed to the University of Georgia and the University of Florida who represented the Branch at the 2012 National Linnaean Games, and to the University of Georgia as 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner of the 2012 National Linnaean Games competitions in Knoxville, TN.

Whereas, the members of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America are grateful for the superior service, leadership and representation of the Branch by Nancy Hinkle on the ESA Governing Board, therefore,

**(Resolution #12)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch express their appreciation to Nancy Hinkle for her dedicated service as Governing Board Representative.

Joe Eger moved to accept the Resolutions; seconded by Greg Hodges. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

• **Meeting Location and Time (2014) – Chair, Alvin Simmons**

Committee Members: Alvin Simmons (Chair), Jeremy Greene, Rizana Mahroof, Paula Mitchell, Francis Reay-Jones, and Juang-Horng Chong, *Ex-officio* (all SC)

After receiving bids from 16 hotels in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville and Myrtle Beach, SC, site visits were made at the top 4 choices of the committee. In April 2012, sites visits were made at one hotel in Columbia (DoubleTree), and three hotels in Greenville (Embassy Suites, Hilton, and Hyatt) while focusing on room costs, projected meeting costs, etc. We worked with Kristin House and Morgan Klinkradt at Conference Direct and consulted with Rosina Romano (ESA Director of Meetings) on site selection. With concurrence from the SEB-ESA Executive Committee, a contract was signed with the Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort and Conference, in Greenville, SC.

Dates for the meeting are March 2-5, 2014. Contracted room rates are \$134 per night for Singles or Doubles. The rate for a Triple is \$144, and a Quad is \$154 per night. A total of 462 room nights were blocked. All rooms are suites.

Complimentary and other negotiated concessions includes:

- One complimentary room for every 40 occupied revenue-producing room;
- 10% of the block (46 Room Nights) will be offered to federal employees at the prevailing government per diem rate;
- Five complimentary microphones for Linnaean Games Meeting Room;
- Complimentary shuttle to and from the airport throughout the meeting dates;
- Complimentary shuttle to downtown which is a few minutes away;
- Complimentary internet in all guest rooms and all meeting space;
- Complimentary daily cook-to-order breakfast;
- Complimentary daily Manager's reception;
- Complimentary onsite parking;
- One complimentary President Suite;
- Two complimentary King Executive Suites;
- No resort fee.

Each room contains a microwave and refrigerator in this full-service hotel. One can enjoy an invigorating workout in the fitness center, have a relaxing swim in the indoor or outdoor hotel swimming pools, or play a few sets on one of four lighted tennis courts at one of the best resort destinations of all hotels in Greenville, SC. The hotel is located on its own par-72 championship course, The Preserve at Verdae.

- **Meeting Location and Time (2015) – Chair, Fred Musser**  
Mississippi will host the 2015 meeting. Three hotels in Biloxi were contacted, however, only one submitted bid. Other cities are being considered.

**8. Selection of Meeting Site for 2016**

To be reported by David Hall in the New Business.

**9. Report of the Nominating Committee – Chair, Wayne Gardner**

Committee Members: Joe Eger, Greg Hodges, Seth Johnson, Randy Luttrell, Gary Mullen, Walt Mullins, and Wayne Gardner (Chair)

The Nominating Committee secured two (2) nominees each for three (3) elected posts for the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America. Those posts and nominees are as follows:

President-Elect – Jeff Gore and Catharine Mannion

SEB Governing Board Representative – Ted Cottrell and Tim Schowalter

Executive Board Member-at-Large – Don Cook and Gus Lorenz

ESA Headquarters coordinated the balloting process, which opened on February 22nd and was closed on March 1st. The final results of the voting with the winners for each post were as follows:

President-Elect – Catharine Mannion

SEB Governing Board Representative – Tim Schowalter

Executive Board Member-at-Large – Gus Lorenz

**10. Nominations for National ESA Offices – Chair, David Buntin**

No report. ESA Treasurer position is open. President office is elected every year.

**11. Ad hoc Guidelines Committee – Chair, Norm Leppla**

The “Guidelines for Officers and Committee Chairs of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America” were updated in 2012. Because of their knowledge and experience, all of the Branch’s officers were given an opportunity to review the document. Considerable input was provided by Melissa Siebert, Kathy Kidd, Joe Eger, Alvin Simmons, Greg Wiggins, Gregg Nuessly, and Fudd Graham.

The updated guidelines are structured to be consistent with the ESA-SEB Constitution and By-laws, as cited for each section. The body was condensed to 35 pages by creating an appendix for a total of 70 pages. The new formatting should make the document easier to read, understand, use, and update. David Hall created a new index and placed the document online.

The guidelines always will remain a “work in progress.” For example, there is no provision for handling proposed constitutional changes. The previous guidelines mentioned standardized forms for submitting and processing paper submissions. These forms should be added to the appendix, along with forms for evaluating oral and poster

presentations. A decision should be made about what to do if ESA-SEB bestows two IPM awards in a year and can only forward one for the ESA national competition.

**12. *Ad hoc* By-Law Revisions Committee – Chair, Michael Toews**

No report.

**13. *Ad hoc* Secretary-Treasurer Position Committee – Chair, David Hall**

This committee was charged with assessing the current SEB-ESA Secretary/Treasurer position and making recommendations to the Branch regarding possible modifications to the position. The assessment was stimulated by the fact that it has been difficult to find branch members interested in committing to a three year term for a volunteer position with a heavy workload. Although not required in the Bylaws, individuals elected to the office are typically encouraged to run for and serve a second term.

Last year's report from the Committee noted that ESA Central is handling much more of the registration process during the Little Rock meeting including onsite registrations, and will supply name badges and registration packets. They plan on assisting us at the registration desk. These changes are certain to make the SEB-ESA Secretary-Treasurer job easier. Ultimately, the committee agreed to see how the Little Rock meeting goes before making any recommendations on the Secretary-Treasurer position. Regardless of whether the position is changed in the future, the committee recommends that the incoming SEB secretary-treasurer should start during the first meeting following his or her election.

ESA Central's assistance with the Baton Rouge meeting was excellent in terms of reducing the Secretary/Treasurer workload. Therefore, two back-to-back meetings with ESA Central's help convinced the committee that no further change in the position is currently needed.

**14. Old Business**

• **Entomological Foundation – Alvin Simmons**

The Entomological Foundation is an educational non-profit organization dedicated to "Educating & Exciting young people about science through insects." The foundation is working to build a future for Entomology.

ESA & the EntFdn, you may say, have an alliance, but are separate non-profit organizations. ESA is a professional society that focuses on the professional & scientific needs of its members and receives membership dues. The EntFdn is an educational nonprofit focusing on the needs of future entomologists & receives funding through donations.

Volunteers support the work to create and deliver programs to assist K-12 educators in educating children about entomology, who may one day become an ESA member.

Ranked #17 in the world in science and education, the US is not prepared for the expected 8 million jobs to open within the next several years in science, technology, engineering and math.

A survey of educators indicates that they are desperate for entomological information: background material, lesson plans/activities, simple demonstration materials, laboratory materials, photographs, drawings, and so on.

More than 70,000 children & educators have been reached through the foundation outreach programs and activities.

Now some bad news and good news. The bad news is that unfortunately, the financial picture for the Foundation has been going downhill over the past decade.

However, the good news is that things are now stable following some tough decisions by the Foundation. One of the most difficult actions is that the paid staff was let go, and the office (located in MD) was closed. Office space and administrative support for the Foundation is currently being provided complimentary by IPM Institute of North America, Madison WI. A reorganization of the Foundation resulted in: continued resources, student and professional awards, reception, silent auction, website, volunteer committee reorganization, joint awards program review with ESA, strategic plan update, prioritize and focus, and a new science fellowship program with FMC.

One can support the activities of the Foundations by: volunteering, giving a gift by mail, phone to 608 232-1410 or online at [www.entfdn.org](http://www.entfdn.org), Shop through iGive.com, or during the ESA November meeting in Austin, participate in the Foundation's silent auction, raffle and awards reception.

A big Thank-You goes out to: all donors and sponsors, volunteer Directors and Counselors, awards program participants, and to April Gower and Melodie Dziduch for their years of service.

### **Past Presidents escorted David Hall to the podium.**

#### **15. New Business**

- **Recognition of Program and Local Arrangements Chairs**

David Hall recognized the Program Committee chairs (Ted Cottrell and Greg Hodges), Local Arrangement Committee Chair (Mike Stout), Student Awards Committee Chair (Gregg Nuessly), Member Awards Committee Chair (Greg Wiggins), as well as the chairs and members of all standing and *ad hoc* committees.

- **Comments from President-Elect – David Hall**

It has been an honor serving as President-Elect of the ESA-Southeastern Branch, and I thank everyone for the support I have received. I especially appreciate the guidance

provided to me during my term as President-Elect by President Buntin and Past-President Leppla.

As the 2013-2014 SEB President, I look forward to working with everyone on the upcoming meeting in South Carolina. We have a great beginning slate of Committee Chairs.

2014 Nominating Committee (approved by the Executive Committee)

Kris Braman (University of Georgia) – Chair

Frank Hale (University of Tennessee)

Oscar Liburd (University of Florida)

Rob Meagher (USDA-ARS)

David Shapiro-Ilan (USDA-ARS)

Melissa Siebert (Dow AgroSciences)

Josh Temple (DuPont).

Announcement of Program, Local Arrangement, Member Awards, Student Awards, and 2016 Site/Location Committee Chairs:

David Jenkins (USDA-ARS, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico) has agreed to serve as Program Chair for the 2014 meeting in Greenville, South Carolina.

Alvin Simmons, (USDA-ARS, Charleston, South Carolina) has agreed to transition from the 2014 site/location committee to Chair for Local Arrangements for the 2014 meeting in Greenville, South Carolina.

Marianne Shockley Cruz (University of Georgia) has agreed to serve as Chair for the Member Awards Committee.

Babu Srinivasan (University of Georgia) has agreed to serve as Chair of the Student Awards Committee.

Hanna Burrack (North Carolina State University) has agreed to serve as Chair of the 2016 Site/Location Committee, which following the SEB normal rotation will take place in North Carolina.

While we have a good start on committee chairs and members for the 2014 meeting, there are a number of vacancies that I will be trying to fill. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on a committee.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your President.

- **Condensed format for the SEB meeting agenda**

Nancy Hinkle made a motion to make the arrangement of completing SEB meeting agenda in two days permanent and included in the guidelines. Discussion of pros and cons among members followed. The two-day format certainly condenses the program

and make for a shorter meeting. However, there are concerns that making the two-day agenda permanent may reduce the flexibility for future Program Committee and meetings.

The motion was seconded by Joe Eger.

The motion was opposed unanimously by voice votes.

- **Insect Expo at the next SEB meeting**

Marianne Shockley Cruz informed the members that, under the direction from ESA President Rob Wiedenmann, the Education Committee will organize an Insect Expo at the next annual meeting in SC. The event will need many student volunteers.

Members discussed how such an event may necessitate having a longer meeting program. Marianne was instructed to further explore the timing of the event.

Alvin Simmons also reported that an InsectExpo is planned for the ICE 2016 meeting

## **16. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the Final Business Meeting was made by Norm Leppla and seconded by Frank Hale. Members approved the motion to adjourn unanimously by voice votes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Minutes submitted by JC Chong.

## Appendix A

### 2013-2014 SEB-ESA BUDGET

(Approved by the Executive Committee on 3 March 2013)

		2012-2013		2013-2014		
		Approved Budget		Proposed Budget		
		Amount	Total	Proposed Change	Amount	Total
<b>INCOME</b>						
	Meeting Registration	25500			25500	
	ESA Program Enhancement Funds	4500		-1000 a	3500	
	Transfer from Money Market	1300		4150 b	5450	
	Interests from CD and Money Market	200			200	
	Gast and Hays Awards	750			750	
	Sponsorship	6000			6000	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>38250</b>			<b>41400</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
President	Travel for SEB President	0		0 c	0	
	Miscellaneous (phone, postage, etc)	50	50		50	50
Secretary-Treasurer	Program printing	1200			1200	
	Office supplies/printing	300			300	
	Miscellaneous (on-site expenses)	300			300	
	Bank Fees/State Fees	100			100	
	Shipping costs for meeting	200			200	
	Travel	650	2750		650	2750
Program Committee	Travel for Program Chair	200			200	
	Travel for ESA President/Exec Dir	1000			1000	
	Confex (paper submission system)	1100		200 d	1300	
	Travel for Invited Speakers	750	3050		750	3250
Local Arrangements	Travel for LAC Chair	200			200	
	Student volunteers (\$25 each)	-		400 e	400	
	Mixer	6000			6000	
	Break Refreshments	8250			8250	
	Banquet	8500			8500	
	Monday breakfast	1700			1700	
	Associates Program	700			700	
	Poster boards rental	350			350	
	Miscellaneous	1000	26700		1000	27100
Student Affairs	Linnaean Team Travel to ESA Meeting	2000			2000	
	Linnaean Game Supplies + Shipping	100			100	
	Linnaean Games Award Plaques/gifts	100			100	
	Photo Salon Award Plaques	50	2250		50	2250
Site Selection	Travel for Chair	200	200		200	200
Archives Committee	Maintenance of archives (NCSU Library)	50	50		50	50

**Appendix A continues**

		2012-2013 Approved Budget		2013-2014 Proposed Budget		
		Amount	Total	Proposed Change	Amount	Total
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Awards Committee	Kirby L. Hays Memorial Award	250			250	
	John Henry Comstock Award	100			100	
	Gast Award (Ph.D. Oral)	500		1000 f	1500	
	SE Branch Award (M.S. Oral)	200		400 g	600	
	Oral - First Place (Undergraduate)	-		100 h	100	
	Oral - Second Place (M.S. student)	100		200 i	300	
	Oral - Second Place (Ph.D. student)	100		200 j	300	
	Display - Award (Undergraduate)	-		100 k	100	
	Display - Award (M.S. student)	200		400 l	600	
	Display - Award (Ph.D. student)	200		400 m	600	
	Display - Second Place (M.S. student)	-		150 n	150	
	Display - Second Place (Ph.D. student)	-		150 o	150	
	Award Plaques	900			900	
	Micellaneous	650	3200	-550 p	100	5750
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>38250</b>			<b>41400</b>

OVERVIEW	2012-2013	2013-2014
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>38250</b>	<b>41400</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>38250</b>	<b>41400</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Proposed Changes:

- a. Reduced by \$1000 based on suggestion from ESA Central.
- b. Transfer from Money Market Account to balance budget.
- c. Remain unchange from 2012-2013. Incoming President, David Hall, will not need the travel funds.
- d. Confex fee was \$1300 in 2012-2013.
- e. New budget item: reimbursement of \$25/person for 16 student volunteers.
- f. Added \$1000 to account for 3 Robert T. Gast Awards at \$500/student (Ph.D.).
- g. Added \$400 to account for 3 SEB Student Awards at \$200/student (M.S.).
- h. New budget item: \$100 for outstanding undergradaute oral presentation at \$100/student
- i. Added \$200 to account for 3 second place M.S. student oral presentations at \$100/student.
- j. Added \$200 to account for 3 second place Ph.D. student oral presentations at \$100/student.
- k. New budget item: \$100 for outstanding undergradaute display presentation at \$100/student.
- l. Added \$400 to account for 3 M.S. display presentation awards at \$200/student.
- m. Added \$400 to account for 3 Ph.D. display presentation awards at \$200/student.
- n. New budget item: \$150 for 3 second place M.S. display presentations at \$50/student.
- o. New budget item: \$150 for 3 second place Ph.D. display presentations at \$50/student.
- p. Subtract \$550 that was budgeted to cushion for increased numbers of student awards in 2012-2013.