

North Central Branch ESA
Honorary Awards Committee Report
March 15, 2009

The NCB ESA Honorary Awards Committee had responsibility to select recipients for two NCB awards: the CV Riley Award and the Award of Merit. Before nominations were submitted, the committee spent time revising the awards guidelines to synchronize nomination and decision deadlines. Revised guidelines for both awards posted to the NCB Web site before the call for nominations.

Multiple calls were made for nominations. In August, Entomology Department Chairs were e-mailed a request to support nominations in their departments. In September, a call for nominations went out to all members via the branch listserv. This was followed by calls for nominations sent by President Yaninek in his communications to the membership. A reminder notice was also posted on the bulletin board at the ESA meeting in Reno.

The Committee reported the names of nominees to the Executive Committee in confidence. The Committee awarded the CV Riley Award to Dr. Kun Yan Zhu of Kansas State University and the Award of Merit to Dr. Bruce Hibbard of the University of Missouri. There was a single dissenting vote on these awards, which were otherwise unanimous.

Committee Members: Casey Burkes, Lance Meinke, Annie Ray, Joe Rinehart, Mike Tolley, Changlu Wang.

Respectfully submitted by committee co-chairs Michelle Smith and Marion Harris.