

# Minutes of the Southwestern Branch

## 50th Annual Meeting

February 24-27, 2002

## Guanajuato, Gto., Mexico

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch (SWB) of the Entomological Society of America (ESA) was held in conjunction with the 37th Congreso Nacional de Entomología of Mexico at the Hotel Real de Minas, Guanajuato, Mexico, February 24-27, 2002. There were 138 registrants at the meeting.

### General Session

Southwestern Branch President Pat Morrison called the meeting to order at 7 a.m., February 25, 2002. President Morrison welcomed the membership to the 50th annual meeting and briefly highlighted the planned social and cultural events for the upcoming week, including the excursion to the monarch butterfly sanctuary. He recognized and thanked the corporate contributors FMC Corporation, Aventis Environmental Sciences, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., and Dow Agrosiences, which sponsored many of these activities. In his presidential address, Morrison thanked the SWB members responsible for the 2002 meeting, with special thanks to Carlos Blanco (Local Arrangements Chair), Julio Bernal (Program Chair), Oscar Baeza ("The Bus Man"), and the members of the Executive Committee. He also expressed his gratitude to the Entomological Society of Mexico for hosting the SWB annual meeting. President Morrison acknowledged Dr. Armando Equihua Martinez (Presidente, Entomological Society of Mexico), Dr. Edith G. Estrada Venegas (Presidenta, National Entomological Congress), and Dr. Dario Salas Araiza (Chair, Local Arrangements Committee) for their roles.

ESA President James McPherson discussed the new fiscal management plan that has been implemented by the national office. He explained the current ESA budget situation and elaborated on the ESA's strategic plan. Frank Gilstrap, SWB Governing Board Representative, presented the Entomological Foundation report. He gave a brief summary on the establishment and mission of the Entomological Foundation, which was created to promote the education of the public in entomology through scholarships and grants. He provided several examples of how individual members could contribute to the Foundation such as, weekly payroll deductions, personal gifts, estate gifts, and gifts "in memory of...". Representative Gilstrap also presented the ESA Governing Board Report. This past year the Governing Board has been primarily concerned with overhauling the fiscal management strategy of the ESA. He informed the SWB membership that an update from ESA Executive Director Paula Lettice on the fiscal status of ESA would be coming sometime in July. He stressed the need to strengthen the bonds between the Branches and the national level of the Society, and furthermore, he requested member input on how to facilitate interaction between ESA and the Branches.

President Morrison thanked the 2001-2002 Awards Committee, especially Chair Darrell Bay, for their outstanding effort. He then recognized, congratulated, and presented plaques to the SWB 2001 ESA Award Nominees: Dr. Jim Leser, SWB Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension; Dr. Jim Reinert, SWB Recognition Award in Urban Entomology; Dr. Brad Vinson, SWB Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, and Toxicology; Mr. Ron Weeks, John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award; and Dr. Don Rummel, selected as an Honorary Member of ESA. President Morrison presented Awards of Recognition to Carlos Blanco (Local Arrangements Chair), Julio Bernal (Program Chair) and Phil Mulder (Linnaean Games Chair).

# Final Business Meeting

President Pat Morrison called the final business meeting of the SWB to order at 11 a.m. on February 27, 2002. Approximately 70 members were in attendance. As the minutes of the San Antonio meeting had been posted during the course of the meeting, a motion was made to dispense with their reading and to accept them as written. The motion passed. It was noted that the minutes had been posted on the web.

President Morrison provided an update on the status of Dial Martin's injury. His surgery was successful and he will be transported back to his home on Friday. President Morrison then called for the Secretary-Treasurers report.

Secretary-Treasurer John Burd reported that the cost of the 2002 SWB meeting was \$18,359.26. There were 138 registered comprised of 74 Members, 23 Students, 12 Non-members, 6 Emeritus, 23 Spouse/Guests. Donations from industry sponsors FMC Corporation, Aventus Environmental Sciences, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., and Dow Agrosiences totaled \$1,925. Member donations totaled \$200. Secretary-Treasurer Burd reported that a draft SWB Constitution and Bylaws and SOP had been given to the Executive Committee for comment. It is planned to have these documents on the SWB web page for review and comments later this year.

President Morrison then asked for committee reports.

## Committee Reports

Necrology Committee: Aithel McMahon (Chair), Grant Kinzer, Don Peters, George Teetes

The Necrology Report was presented by Phil Mulder. He reported the passing of two SWB members. Jude Magaro, an employee of Monsanto who lived in San Antonio, Texas, died in an accident in 2001. Rich Morrison died in November 2000 and was not recognized during the 2001 meeting. Rich Morrison's daughter, Andrea, spoke in remembrance of her father. There was a moment of silence in memory of our deceased members.

Audit Committee: Russ Wright (Chair), Grant Kinzer, Tom Fuchs

As approved by a vote of the membership, the Audit Committee examines the books twice a year; at the close of the annual meeting and the time business transactions relating to that meeting are closed and the books are transferred to the incoming secretary-treasurer. The balance in the secretary-treasurers accounts at the end of the annual meetings in San Antonio, Texas on February 28, 2001 was \$11,408.52.

Transactions between February 28, 2001 and May 31, 2001 when the account was transferred to incoming secretary-treasurer John Burd included \$3,069.89 in credits (deposits) and \$4,829.26 in debits for a balance on May 31, 2001 of \$9,709.05. These transactions were audited by the audit committee, Russell Wright, Tom Fuchs, and Grant Kinzer and are submitted as a signed Fax copy included with this report. As noted, the balance in the treasurer's account on May 31, 2001 was \$9,709.05.

Transactions between May 31, 2001, and the close of registration on February 26, 2002, at the annual meeting in Guanajuato, Mexico include \$21,450.78 in credits (deposits) and \$16,324.76 in expenditures (debits) leaving a balance on February 26, 2002 of \$14,835.07. The Audit Committee has carefully examined the accounts and found them to be in good order. We commend John Burd on the detailed accounts he has maintained for each transaction.

Awards Committee: Darrell Bay (Chair), Norman Elliott, Tom Sappington, Marvin Harris, Kevin Shufran, Dave Thompson, Ron Byford, Kris Giles, Chris Sansone

President Morrison congratulated the SWB 2001 ESA Award Nominees: Dr. Jim Leser, SWB Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension; Dr. Jim Reinert, SWB Recognition Award in Urban Entomology; Dr. Brad Vinson, SWB Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, and Toxicology; Mr. Ron Weeks, John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award; and Dr. Don Rummel, ESA Honorary Member. Award plaques were presented during the preliminary business meeting.

Branch Archive Committee: Greg Cronholm (Chair), Horace Burke, Don Peters  
Items archived on November 1, 2002 at TAMU, College Station, Texas

- Dr. Cole letters, March 1995
- 42nd Annual Proceedings, April 24-27, 1994, Mexico
- 43rd Annual Meeting Minutes, December 13-17, 1994
- List of Officers and Committees, 1995-96
- Guidelines for Student Papers, 1998
- Cole Letters, 1994, 1995, 1996
- Strategic Planning Committee Notes, 1994
- John Thomas, 1992-94
- Letters and Reports (Archivist Greg Cronholm), 1994
- 40th Annual Meeting Minutes, February 10-12, 1992, Tulsa
- SWB Final Business Meeting Minutes, 1994
- 41st Annual Proceedings, February 8-12, 1993, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Sid Kunz Letter, March 24, 1994, SOP for officers and committee chairs
- Letters to Carol Sutherland
- Letters from Terry Pitts, President

Other SWB Items:

- List of Officers and Committees, 1994
- List of Officers and Committees, 1991-92
- Letters, 1993
- Branch Officer Meeting, 1994
- Linnaean Games letter from Phil Mulder, 1994

- BCE Branch Nomination, 1993
- Nominating Committee, 1994
- Branch Officers Meeting, 1992
- Budget, 1992-93
- SWB Minutes, 1982-1991
- Letters to SWB President Terry Pitts, 1993
- Branch Archivist Report, 2001
- Insect Expo San Antonio
- SWB Executive Meeting Agenda, February 26, 2001
- Treasurer Report, 2000
- SWB Final Business Meeting Agenda
- SWB 2001 Handouts, San Antonio, March 1, 2001
- ESA Annual Meeting Exhibit Guide, 1994
- SWB Program, Austin, 1996
- SWB Program, El Paso
- SWB Program, Albuquerque
- XXIX Congress Nacional De Entomologia Asamblea, Annual De La SWBESA, Monterey, Mexico, 1994

During the ESA national meeting in San Diego last December, I met with the Special Committee on Entomological Heritage, chaired by Carol Sheppard of Washington State University. Also present were Don Allenman and Rick Weinzierl. We discussed developing a plan for archiving materials at the national level. Also talked about developing a heritage symposium for the 2003 ESA meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Insect Detection, Evaluation and Prediction Committee: John Jackman (Chair), Richard Grantham, Carol Sutherland (with R. Wright contributing to this report)

*Texas:* Caterpillars of many types were common during the spring in East and Central Texas on many broad-leaved trees. Spring cankerworms and fall cankerworms were the primary defoliators of oaks in that region. Some fall armyworm problems occurred later in the year. Grasshoppers were still a wide spread problem in much of the state but somewhat reduced from the previous year. Red harvester ants, *Pogonomyrmex spp.*, seem to be increasing which is good news because the numbers have been down for several years. There was a survey for an oak gall midge, *Arnoldia atra*, conducted in 14 counties surrounding Harris and Austin counties where it was first recorded. No new counties were added to the distribution for this insect. The Diaprepes weevil numbers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley are generally low and local. This pest remains of concern to the citrus industry. Mediterranean fruit fly and West Indian fruit fly eradications programs were handled by USDA-APHIS-PPQ and the Texas Department of

Agriculture. Karnal bunt continues to be a major concern to PPQ and the wheat growers. Channeled apple snail, *Pomacea canaliculata*, records were reported by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Harris, Brazoria, and Galveston counties. This pest has the potential to impact rice production and cause environmental damage.

*New Mexico*: 2001 was the year of weird Orthoptera in New Mexico with three species to report. First was a quick brush with a flightless northern mole cricket accidentally brought into Las Cruces in April 2001 in several container-grown nectarine trees from a nursery in El Paso. Although the homeowner and Master Gardener submitted only two adults and one nymph. The other 30 or so were stomped by the woman and her kids. She did submit these unknowns through her Dona Ana County agent for identification. The crickets have not been submitted from a New Mexico location for identification before. It is unlikely that they are established in New Mexico or at least that's what we think now. The second weird Orthoptera for the year was collected in June in the higher elevation grasslands around Estancia in north-central New Mexico. Two female Mormon crickets were collected in a Japanese beetle trap that had fallen at a local turf farm. Additional Mormon crickets – in “migratory” bands – were observed by ranchers and U.S. Forest Service agents at even higher elevations in two northern counties near the Colorado border by August. Several dozen males and females were collected. These insects have not been reported from the state since the early 1950's, but their appearance in 2001 was coincident with large populations of Mormon crickets all across the western United States. The third wild Orthoptera was one of our psychedelic lubber grasshoppers, *Brachystola magna*, the flightless lubber with pink wings spotted in black and navy blue joints. While common in eastern New Mexico by late summer, these insects were numerous in central and western New Mexico this year also. By September in Silver City, hundreds of lubbers were often visible in people's yards even in town – chewing flowering annuals and aged vegetable plants to the ground.

*Oklahoma*: Year of the caterpillar and resulting moths. Higher than usual outbreaks of armyworm, fall armyworm, various cutworms and loopers. Armyworms were even into Bermuda grass in some cities. Grasshopper populations were high in some of the southern and southeastern counties. False chinch bugs were a problem on soybeans in some areas of northeastern Oklahoma in early fall. Coldest winter in 9-10 years in 2000-2001 greatly reduced fire ant populations in all infested areas. Survey's and incidence reports down 80% through mid August. Some populations starting to rebound by September and October.

Linnaean Games Committee: Phil Mulder (Chair), Richard Berberet, Richard Grantham, Frank Gilstrap, Gerald Michels, Jr., Mark Muegge, Harlan Thorvilson, David Richman, Thomas Sappington, Carol Sutherland, Scott Russell, Scott Armstrong, and Russell Wright

(Committee report from February 27, 2000) The 18th SWB Linnaean Games Competition was held at the 15th SWB Annual Meeting in Guanajuato, Mexico. Teams representing New Mexico State University, Oklahoma State University, and Texas A&M University, participated in the games. In seven well-played matches, Oklahoma State University won first place, whereas second place went to New Mexico State University. Members of all teams either have received or will receive a Certificate of Honor for Outstanding Participation, and the teams from Oklahoma State and New Mexico State are eligible to represent the SWB at the national competitions at the next national ESA meetings to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Oklahoma State University will receive financial (usually \$500.00) support for their travels to the meeting. The committee would like to thank the SWB and Dow AgroSciences (specifically Drs. Vernon Langston and Carlos Blanco) for their support of trophies and other awards provided to the winning teams. We would also like to thank Dow AgroSciences for their special support of the 1st International Linnaean Games Competition between a team from Mexico and the SWB champion. In one well played match the team from Oklahoma State University won the trophy, commemorative gold medallions, and international bragging rights for the upcoming year. The runners-up also received silver medallions and a trophy to commemorate the event.

Members of the 1st-place Oklahoma State University Linnaean Games Team were Doug Jones, Audrey Sheridan, Omero Lopez, and Kenneth Brown.

Local Arrangements Committee: Carlos Blanco (Chair), Noel Troxclair, Jr., Robert Crocker  
Major Accomplishments: Planning for this joint meeting with the Mexican Entomological Society began

with our first contact through a video conference on February 3, 2000, more than 700 days ago. After that, numerous emails, phone conversations and a visit to Guanajuato brought us to this point.

We are very pleased to announce that due to negotiations we obtained a room rate discount of 34%. More than 2/3 of the rooms in this hotel are occupied by ESA members due to early planning and member enthusiasm for this meeting.

Transportation by bus for the ESA members was obtained at less than 50% of the cheapest estimate we were able to obtain in the United States and in Mexico, due to a generous donation by Mr. Oscar Baeza. Over 80 of our members and guests are traveling to Guanajuato by bus and more than 100 have registered for the monarch butterfly excursion on Thursday.

We also booked two hotels at capacity in Zitacuaro, over 50 rooms total, all of this without the help of professional travel agents; all the work was done by our members or through the network of our friendships.

For all the help of those involved in this planning, we would like to express our most sincere appreciation.

Membership Committee: Scott Armstrong (Chair), Gerrit Cuperus, Jesus Esquivel, Marvin Harris, Pat Porter, Tom Royer, Dale Spurgeon, Pete Teel, Harlan Thorwilson, Cole Younger  
Membership Report:

| <b>New Members</b>   | <b>2000</b> | <b>2001</b> | <b>2002 (as of 1/31/02)</b> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Full                 | 14          | 17          | 4                           |
| Student              | 32          | 28          | 5                           |
| Youth                | 3           | 5           | 0                           |
| <i>Total</i>         | <i>49</i>   | <i>50</i>   | <i>9</i>                    |
| <b>Total Members</b> | <b>2000</b> | <b>2001</b> | <b>2002 (as of 1/31/02)</b> |
| <u><i>Paid</i></u>   |             |             |                             |
| Full & Students      | 476         | 407         | 327*                        |
| Youth                | 8           | 9           | 0                           |
| Emeritus             | 36          | 20          | 28                          |
| <u><i>Unpaid</i></u> |             |             |                             |
| Full & Students      | 116         | 69          | 152*                        |
| Youth                | 3           | 3           | 9                           |
| Emeritus             | 46          | 8           | 4                           |
| Honorary, Life       | 7           | 8           | 10                          |
| <i>Total</i>         | <i>692</i>  | <i>524</i>  | <i>530</i>                  |

\*Includes full members, family members, students, and student transitions

2001 Deaths: Wilbert O. Ridgway (EM)

2002 Deaths: None reported

Resignations: 5 in 2001; 0 in 2002

There are 90 BCE members in the Southwestern Branch; 23 have not paid for 2002.

Nominations Committee: James A. Reinert (Chair), James A. Webster, Carol Sutherland, Ann Weise  
The Nominations Committee met several times by email to consider several outstanding candidates for Secretary-Treasurer-Elect. After voting, it is our honor to nominate the following slate of officers for the SWB in 2002-2003.

President: Terry W. Mize  
President-Elect: John D. Burd  
Secretary/Treasurer: Phil Mulder  
Secretary/Treasurer Elect: Bastiaan M. Drees (Bart)  
Past President: William Pat Morrison  
ESA Governing Board Rep: Frank Gilstrap

Members attending were asked for any additional nominations for Secretary-Treasurer-Elect. No additional nominations were made; a motion to close nominations was made and seconded. Bart Drees was elected unanimously. The slate of officers was also elected unanimously. Bart Drees is with the Department of Entomology, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Program Committee: Julio Bernal (Chair), Johnathan Edelson, Jan Breen Pierce  
Dates for the 50th SWB Annual Meeting were February 24-27, 2002. The meeting was held in conjunction with the XXXVII Congreso Nacional de Entomologia at the Hotel Real de Minas in Guanajuato, Mexico. Announcements for the meeting along with a call for papers were mailed to all members and entomology departments within the SWB on September 9, 2001. The deadline for paper and poster submissions was November 14, 2001, and the host hotel reservation deadline was February 1, 2002. Registration costs for the meeting were: Active Member \$60/\$80 (Pre-pay/On-site), Student Member \$20/\$30, Youth Member \$10/\$10, Guest, Honorary, Emeritus Members No Charge, Nonmember \$75/\$95. A combined total of 166 papers were presented, along with 109 posters. On the final day of the meeting, an overnight excursion to a monarch butterfly sanctuary was organized by the Program Committee and was well attended by the membership.

Public Information Committee: Edmond Bonjour (Chair), Charles Chilcutt, Jim Criswell, Forest Mitchell, David Richman (with Nathan Riggs contributing to this report)  
Members of the committee worked in various ways to provide information to the public and to promote an awareness of entomology. Edmond Bonjour photographed many aspects of the 2001 meeting as well as the Insect Expo prior to the meeting. A total of 109 slides was given to Gregory Cronholm for inclusion in the branch archives.

Faculty, staff and students from New Mexico State, participated in numerous outreach efforts. David Richman, Carol Sutherland, and Carlos Valdez presented, "The Good, the Bad and the Bugly" during a 4-H leader's workshop in Sheridan, Wyoming. An FFA State Entomology Contest was held for 140 high school students, and 500 students and adults attended Alamogordo Earth Day. The Insect Expo attracted 1635 elementary school students. Members of NMSU also helped with four 4-H District contests, the 4-H State contest, the New Mexico 4-H Novice Camp, Master Gardner programs, and a curriculum presentation on butterflies for second grade teachers. Carol Sutherland presented "Fantasia Insecta" to 250 visitors during the Southern New Mexico State Fair. The booklet entitled, "100 Common Insects of New Mexico" (authors, D. Richman, C. Sutherland, and C. Oseto) was revised and had the 3rd edition published as well as placed on the internet. Carol Sutherland also revised her insect coloring book and had it reprinted and made available on the internet. Thousands of coloring books have been given out over the past few years. David Richman, Carol Sutherland, Adrine Morrison, Richard Lee, David Thompson, and Scott Bundy gave numerous presentations to more than 1600 students at public and private schools.

Students, staff, and faculty from Texas A&M University gave presentations on a variety of topics to public and private school children in the College Station area. Preserved and live insects were used to introduce and discuss entomology as a science and professional career. They also judged local, district and regional science fairs. As part of the Science Teachers Association of Texas Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching, Bart Drees, Dale Mott, John Jackman, Roberto Gorena, and Anna Kjolen gave out 500

fire ant posters, 500 "What is Entomology" handouts, plus brochures and catalogues listing entomology web sites and resources. Live exhibits of a fire ant colony, hissing cockroaches, saltmarsh caterpillars and walking sticks were shown. Sherry Ellison, Pat Gillogly, Heather Williams, Indira Kuriachan, and Deby Cassill participated in Expanding Your Horizons, a one day conference attended by 130 6th and 7th grade girls as part of the Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology Program. Girls performed experiments with ants and termites and were given a chance to look at different stages of ants, ticks, and mealworms with microscopes. Marvin Harris, Alejandro Calixto, Allen Dean, and Lisa Brooks gave 4th graders hands-on experience with entomology by performing an experiment with painted lady beetle larvae in which they looked at development and survival of individuals placed in a refrigerator for one week versus those kept at room temperature. In other areas of Texas, faculty and staff of TAMU including Mo Way, Roy Parker, Glen Moore, Stormy Sparks, Robert Crocker, Greg Cronholm, Chris Sansone, and Kerry Siders gave over 50 entomology presentations to 4500+ grade school students as part of the TAMU Ag in the Classroom program. They also acted as judges in science, entomology, and 4-H contests around the state giving several prizes and awards sponsored by the SWB.

Since its inception, 55 articles featuring entomological topics as discussed by faculty, staff and students of the Entomology Department at TAMU were submitted to the news media by the AGNMORE list server. This list is managed by the news team in the Department of Agricultural Communications at TAMU. The articles are read by subscribers across the country and contain pictures and data suitable for publication in any newspaper, newsletter or journal. There are more than 500 AGNMORE subscribers, predominantly journalists. The subscribers run the gamut from the High Plains Journal to the Wall Street Journal and represent a good cross section of the news media. Topics have included forensic entomology, Africanized honeybees, boll weevil eradication and articles on individual scientists. From January 1, 2001, until December 31, 2001, news stories about entomology were accessed 190,456 times. These stories remain on the server, where they continue to attract interest.

Using web rankings by Links3Go, SWB members had two web sites ranked in the top 50 under the keyword 'Insects' and three web sites in the top 50 under the keyword 'Entomology'. The ESA national site was also ranked #5 under 'Entomology'. This web ranking service complies and prioritizes links to the most relevant Internet content on tens of thousands of topics spanning tens of millions of web pages and updates rankings monthly.

Use of the Texas Fire Ant Project web site continues to rise. In 2001, the site recorded 2.7 million hits and 202,605 sessions, a 22% and 30.4% increase over last year. The web site is a huge tool that reaches thousands of people each month.

At Oklahoma State University, nearly 50 personnel hosted the Insect Zoo during the Tulsa State Fair. Don Arnold and Richard Grantham took the Insect Zoo to four public schools and made the presentation to about 400 students. Several people helped with the Orkin Insect Zoo which had over 5000 people visit the display. The K.C. Emerson Entomology Museum at OSU was toured by 33 groups which included 531 children and 200 adults. During the last year, about 500 students have completed the Insects and Society class which is taught by Ken Pinkston. These students continue to adorn the Department with their artwork.

All of these activities and events help to promote entomology in a very positive way to the general public.

Resolutions Committee: Bill Ree (Chair), John George, Marcia Trostle, Stan Carroll, Allen Knutson  
Resolution No. 1.- Whereas, the 50th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America has been very productive, highly informative and enjoyable for the members and guests, and Whereas, the success of the meeting has been due in large part to the efforts of the executive officers Pat Morrison, Terry Mize, John Burd, Phillip Mulder and Jim Reinert; Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize and express their gratitude to all those involved in this pleasurable meeting.

Resolution No. 2.- Whereas, the Program Committee, chaired by Julio Bernal, and the Local Arrangements Committee chaired by Carlos Blanco have organized a highly informative and interesting program in a most enjoyable setting, and Whereas, all of the other committee chairpersons and members along with the program moderators and numerous volunteers added significantly to the success of the meeting; Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize and thank all those involved in the planning and conduct of the meeting.

Resolution No. 3.- Whereas, Mexican Entomological Society President Armando Equihua Congress Chair Edith Estrada and Local Arrangements Chair Dario Salas Have provided for a highly successful meeting; Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize and express their gratitude for this highly productive and informative meeting.

Resolution No.4.- Whereas, ESA President J.E. McPherson and Southwestern Branch Governing Board Representative Frank Gilstrap have contributed to the success of this meeting through their perspectives of the status, health and goals of the ESA; Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize and express their gratitude to these individuals for their participation in and contributions to this meeting.

Resolution No. 5.- Whereas, the organizers, moderator and participants of the Linnaean Games provided an outstanding program of entertainment and education; Be it resolved, that the Branch membership extend their appreciation and thanks for the efforts of these individuals; and Be it further resolved, that the membership extend congratulations and best wishes of the success to the winning team of the Linnaean Games.

Resolution No. 6.- Whereas, FMC Corporation and Dow Agrosiences provided funds for Branch Functions; Be it resolved, that the Branch membership express thanks and appreciation to the sponsors.

Resolution No. 7.- Whereas, the accommodations, service, and hospitality for this meeting contributed to the success of the meeting; Be it resolved, that President Pat Morrison express written appreciation to the management and staff of the Hotel Real de Minas.

Resolution No. 8.- Whereas, the Invitational Speakers provided informative and enjoyable messages; Be it resolved, that the Branch membership express their thanks to all Invitational Speakers for their participation in this meeting.

Resolution No. 9.- Whereas, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. and Aventis Environmental Sciences provided funds for Spousal functions, Whereas, this support contributed toward a pleasant and successful meeting; Be it resolved, that the Branch membership express thanks and appreciation for this support.

Resolution No. 10.- Whereas, the AutoTransPortes San Jose Iturbide – Quereturo and Monarca Inn Hotel have provided for a highly pleasurable and educational event; Be it resolved, that president Pat Morrison express written appreciation to the management of the Monarcha Inn Hotel and AutoTransPortes San Jose Iturbide – Queretaro.

The Resolution Committee report was accepted as presented.

Site Selection Committee: Allen Knutson (Chair), Pat Morrison, Dave Thompson, Jim Reinert, Kim Cook

The Site Selection Committee met during the Southwestern Branch Meeting at Guanajuato, Mexico and recommended the following sites for future branch meetings:

2003 – Oklahoma City, OK

2004 – Lubbock, TX

2005 – Albuquerque, NM

2006 – Central or South Texas

The Committee also would like to suggest that the vice-president, secretary-treasurer and secretary-treasurer-elect be ad hoc members of this committee so they can have input into the selection of the meeting site for the year in which they will serve as President.

Student Affairs Committee: Andrine Morrison (Chair), Doug Jones, Marcia Trostle, Ron Weeks, Leonardo Camelo, and Ana Palousek

With the branch meeting held in Guanajuato, Leon, Mexico, this year, changes were made from the typical SAC activities. The student mixer was not held due to the many other social activities planned for this special meeting and the Job Opportunity Room was not established. The student poster and paper competition were held as usual with good participation and quality production.

The committee met on February 25th, 2002. The motion was made to appoint Doug Jones to chair the SAC in Oklahoma City, 2003. The motion was approved unanimously by committee members. Then there was open discussion on student involvement in the SWB and the suggestions raised in this discussion are as follows:

(1) To have a "Poster Pub" session similar to those at Ecological Society of America meetings replacing or in addition to the student mixer. The format of this session would be a 1-2 hour informal gathering in the poster hall on the first and/or second evening of the meetings. A cocktail party atmosphere with a mini-bar serving beer, sodas, and snacks would encourage attendance and posters to mingle among would encourage discussion and socialization among students and professionals. This suggestion is a good enhancement of the idea that the SAC put forth last year of moving the student mixer to earlier in the meeting's program.

(2) To establish a student web newsletter or bulletin board that would appear just before and remain until after the meetings. Students coming to the meeting would post their names, addresses, e-mails, and academic interests to the board. The purpose of this would be two-fold. First, to inform students of the activities available to them and the times of committee meetings as well as give students a place to sign up for volunteering opportunities. This would enable students to discuss and learn about the location of the meeting beforehand, too. Secondly, after the meeting, this newsletter/bulletin board would give students a place and opportunity to network with the other students that they met, letting them answer questions, make suggestions, and inform each other of job possibilities arising. It was suggested that this web newsletter could be an additional duty handled by the SAC in the future.

(3) The topic of standardization of the poster format arose again as it did in 2001. It was suggested that there be a permanently standard format to the poster competition. This would increase fairness in competition as well as eliminate confusion before the meeting and disappointment during the meeting when students discover that their poster is an awkward size or orientation for presentation. Additionally, it was suggested and approved by the committee that an uncomplicated and easy-to-locate description of the standard format be available on the web prior to the meeting. It was hoped that this action would help avoid the frustration felt and the complaints heard by the SAC representatives from students at their respective schools.

(4) To increase the awareness of national and branch ESA achievement awards available to be awarded to students. It was suggested that a brief reminder go out via email or with a regular newsletter prior to the deadlines for awards so that busy and distracted professors might be prompted to consider and possibly nominate students. This would widen the field of competition and involve more members as well as increase the value of the award.

In conclusion, all the representatives of the SAC would like to express their sincere and tremendous thanks to the SWB. The level of support and enthusiasm for student involvement that was demonstrated by the professional members of the branch during this special meeting in Mexico was extraordinary. We are all deeply grateful to have had this unique and enriching travel opportunity in addition to the more regular, yet still important, opportunities of meeting peers, professionals, and enjoying some pleasant competition. The year 2002 will undoubtedly be remembered by all as an exceptional and incredibly rewarding year.

Student Research Paper and Poster Awards Committee: Juan Lopez (Chair), Julio Bernal, Carlos Blanco, Carlos Bogran, Victor French, Charles Suh, Harry Howell, Patricia Pietrantonio, Megha Parajulee, Chris Sansone, Stormy Sparks, Kim Cook White, and James Ross

The members of the Society and of the committee that served as judges for the student paper contest were Carlos Bogran, Carlos Blanco, Harry Howell, Stormy Sparks, Victor French, and Megha Parajulee. This year for the first time a B.S.-level category was added to the contest because the Mexican Society of Entomology includes this as part of their annual meeting. This is appropriate because there is a requirement for completion of a research project as a part of their training for the B.S. degree. There were no entries from the SWB at this level, but there were 11 contestants from the Mexican Entomological Society. Members of the committee served as judges and an appropriate report was submitted to the Mexican Society of Entomology. At the master's level for the oral and display presentations, there were one and five presentations, respectively. For the Ph.D. level, there were two presentations for the oral category and three display presentations.

The competition winners were as follows:

### **Oral Presentations**

*PhD*

1st Place: Ron Weeks, Jr., TAMU

2nd Place: Leahann Borth, TTU

*MS*

1st Place: Rodrigo Diaz, TAMU

### **Poster Presentations**

*PhD*

1st Place: Roberto Gorena, TAMU

2nd Place: Doug Jones, OSU

3rd Place: James Martin, TAMU

*MS*

1st Place: Jason Mottern, TAMU

2nd Place: Leonardo Camelo, TTU

3rd Place: Kenneth Brown, OSU

A certificate of recognition was given to the students listed above. Each first place received \$200 and a one-year subscription to the Southwest Entomologist. All second place winners received \$100 and third place winners were awarded \$50.

## **Old Business**

SWB Secretary-Treasurer John Burd provided an update on the revision of the SWB Constitution and Bylaws. A final draft should be ready for review by the Executive Committee prior to the 2004 meeting.

President Morrison pointed out that the SWB and the Southwestern Entomological Society made a formal agreement to partner the cost for the student competition awards. He also praised the role that the SWB web site played in our annual meeting process and pledged his support to keep it going. The last month before the meeting, the web site recorded over 4,100 hits that (likely) corresponded with 4,100 fewer phone calls!

At this time, President Morrison introduced Terry Mize as the new SWB president and passed him the gavel.

President Mize thanked Past President Morrison for his efforts and complimented he, Carlos Blanco, and Julio Bernal for the wonderful meeting site and tremendous program. President Mize made several remarks concerning the upcoming 2003 meeting in Oklahoma. He announced that Johnathan Edelson would chair the Program Committee. and Tom Royer and Kris Giles will chair the Local Arrangements Committee. President Mize also announced that the Executive Committee unanimously voted to present Professor Don C. Peters, Oklahoma State University, the "Ta-que-ne-whap" Award. It is planned that the award will be presented during the 2003 SWB meeting.

Having no further business to discuss, President Mize adjourned the final business meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John D. Burd  
Secretary/Treasurer, Southwestern Branch, ESA