

**MINUTES OF THE 58TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHWESTERN
BRANCH OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
April 11-14, 2010.**

The 55th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America (SWB-ESA) was held on April 11-14, 2010 at the Hilton Hotel, Cancun, Mexico. A total of 152 people, including 46 students, registered for the meeting.

OPENING SESSION – April 12, 2010.

Carlos Blanco, President of the Southwestern Branch, called the Opening Session to order at 7:30 a.m. and welcomed attendees to the 58th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America and the 34th Annual Meeting of the Society of Southwestern Entomologists. Brad Vinson, President of the Entomological Foundation, reported on Foundation activities and Alan Kahan, Director of Communications at ESA, followed with a report at activities at the National Office. Jim Reinert, chair of the In Memoriam Committee, recognized those members who had passed away during the past year. Bart Drees, representing Board Certified Entomologists, reported on BCE activities and Bonnie Pendleton reported on activities of the ESA Plant Insect Ecosystem Section.

FINAL BUSINESS MEETING – April 14, 2009

President Blanco called the final business meeting of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America to order at on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 am at the Hilton Hotel, Cancun, Mexico. About 22 members were present. President Blanco opened the meeting by discussing factors that lead to the decision not to meet with the Mexican Entomological Society. The President of the Mexican Society chose to hold meeting of the Mexican Society in his home state and this conflicted with plans for the SW Branch to meet in Cancun or Merida. President Blanco then called for a report of the Minutes of the 2009 Business meeting which were read and approved by unanimous vote. President Blanco then addressed several items of old business. These items require a change in the Constitution and By Laws, and as provided by these documents, the membership must be advised of these proposed changes in writing prior to the annual meeting, be discussed and voted upon at the general business meeting. On March 10, the membership was notified via e-mail regarding these proposed changes. President Carlos brought each of the following before the membership, opened the floor for discussion, and then called for a vote, with the following results.

1. Change the name of the Necrology Committee to the In Memoriam Committee. This change was proposed at the 2009 meeting by Allen Knutson and supported by Jim Reinert, Chair, and the Necrology Committee. A unanimous vote of approval was recorded.

2. Change the name of the Awards Committee to the Awards and Honors Committee. This change was proposed by Jesus Esquivel and serves to align the branch committee name with the corresponding ESA National Committee and better reflects the scope of the committee. A unanimous vote of approval was recorded.
3. A proposal to add a category for B.S. students in the Student Competition was also discussed and passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report.

Attendance at the Cancun meeting consisted of 51 Members, 28 Non Members, 46 Students, 22 Guests, and 5 Honorary/ Emeritus/Invited Speakers. A total of 152 registered for the meeting.

New Business. Concern was expressed regarding students from other branches competing in the SW Branch Student Paper and Poster competition. This competition is open only to students enrolled in a college or university at the time of the annual meeting and located within the SW Branch (Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas or Mexico). It was suggested that the rules regarding the Student Competition be more widely distributed to increase awareness and also that the deadline for submitting papers and posters be strictly enforced. The Student Affairs Committee reported they were supporting Joy Newton for candidate as the Student Representative for the ESA National Executive Committee. A motion was made, seconded for the SW Branch to endorse Joy Newton for this position. The motion passed. Allen Knutson then reported on plans for a joint ESA SW and SE Branch meeting to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas in 2012. President Blanco reported that the Executive Committee had approved of this joint meeting and then made a motion to endorse a joint meeting. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

President Blanco then called on reports from those Committee Chairs present. Final written Committee reports were provided to the Secretary following the meeting and are included in a separate report.

Bonnie Pendleton, Chair of the Nominations Committee, reported that the committee selected four candidates believed most qualified and dedicated to carrying on the work of the Branch. Following a review and ranking of these four, the Committee selected Jesus Esquivel as Secretary/Treasurer-Elect for the Southwestern Branch for 2010. In-coming President Tom Royer then thanked President Blanco for his service to the Southwestern Branch. President Tom Royer reported that the 59th meeting will be held March 7-9 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo, TX. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Knutson
Secretary/Treasurer,
Southwestern Branch, ESA, 2010