

**Final Business Meeting
March 5, 2002
Salon B
DoubleTree Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas**

President Gary Lentz called the Final Business Meeting of the 76th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America to order at 5:30 P.M. on March 5, 2002. The Business Meeting was held in Salon B of the DoubleTree Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas. There were 46 members in attendance for the meeting.

President Lentz asked Secretary-Treasurer Sprengel to present the budget for the coming year and the financial report for the SEB. Richard indicated that there were three changes in the 2002-03 budget from that for 2001-02. These included an increase in anticipated Program Enhancement Funds coming into the SEB from the national office (from \$2,500 to \$3,080); an increase in expenses for the second place oral presentation awards for M.S. and Ph.D. categories (a total of \$200), and a new item approved by the Executive Committee, a total of \$3,000 for travel to bring the ESA President and ESA Executive Secretary to the Branch meeting. This would result in a budget for 2002-03 having a projected income of \$35,080 and projected expenses of \$36,650. Gus Lorenz made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Seth Johnson seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

Richard then presented the Financial Report. He reported that on February 1, 2001, the Branch had a balance of \$41,780.41, all funds being held in a Morgan Stanley Active Assets Account. During the year, the Branch had an income of \$29,414.89 and expenses of \$28,165.17, leaving a final balance on January 31, 2002, of \$43,030.13. John Ruberson made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Ellen Thoms seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

Frank Guillot, reporting for the Auditing Committee, stated that the committee found the books of the SEB to be in order and balanced. The Auditing Committee recommended that the Secretary-Treasurer send monthly reports to the President, President-Elect and immediate Past-President. These reports would include the Morgan Stanley monthly statement and a printout of the checkbook ledger sheet. Don Allemann made a motion to accept the Auditing Committee's report. Seth Johnson seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

Gus Lorenz, Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, indicated that this was the first year when digital visuals were fully supported. There were a few problems but generally things went well. At the present time the Local Arrangements Committee appears to be within budget.

Jeff Willers, Co-Chair, Program Committee, expressed his appreciation to the presenters of the oral presentations and posters. He noted that the deadline for

submissions was October 1. However, by November 15 only one-half of the final number of titles was received. He observed that it would be desirable to stick with the schedule but that in doing so a number of presenters would be eliminated. The electronic submission process has saved the Program Committee. Jeff acknowledged the committee for their help in making the program a success. He reported that the Statistics Workshop, in its first year, was a productive component of the program. He recommended that it be continued next year with another topic. He also recommended that the workshop be expanded to 6 hours.

Catharine Mannion, reporting for the Membership Committee, indicated that the committee had been contacting members whose membership had lapsed. They had been working with the national office to develop procedures and materials to recruit and retain members. The committee had also been working with the national office to develop a website for new and current members detailing how to get involved in the ESA. The committee has been working with the Student Affairs Committee to develop a plan to increase student membership and generate more student participation in branch activities. Patty Connelley has been assigned as the national office liaison to the ESA Membership Committee.

Ellen Thoms, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, proposed a resolution remembering members who passed away this past year. These were Gary Herzog, Everett R. Mitchell, Bobby Pass and Willard Whitcomb. Ellen requested that the members present stand for a moment of silence in memory of these deceased members and that the Branch President send letters of condolence to the families. Ellen offered a resolution of gratitude to Branch President, Gary L. Lentz; President-Elect Beverly Sparks; Past President, Frank S. Guillot; Secretary-Treasurer, Richard K. Sprengel; and previous ESA Governing Board Representative, Gary A. Herzog as well as acting Governing Board Representative Wayne Gardner for their leadership in and management of the affairs of the Branch during the year. In addition, the efforts of the Program Committee Co-Chaired by Jeffrey L. Willers and Alvin M. Simmons toward an excellent program and the Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chaired by Gus Lorenz and Don Johnson for arrangements prior to and during this meeting particularly the organization of the electronic presentations were recognized. Ellen also presented a resolution instructing Secretary-Treasurer Sprengel to write a letter on behalf of the members of the Branch to express appreciation to the management and staff of the DoubleTree Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas, for their cooperation, services, and hospitality which contributed to the completion of an outstanding and successful 76th Annual Meeting. A resolution was made expressing the appreciation of the Branch for the financial contributions of the following: Arkansas Crop Protection Association, AMVAC, Aventis, BASF, Bayer Ag, Clemson University Department of Entomology, Dow AgroSciences, Dupont, EDEN Bioscience, Monsanto, Syngenta, UAP, Uniroyal, and University of Arkansas, Department of Entomology.

Ellen offered a resolution commending the following members for their respective awards:

Rick L. Brandenburg – 2002 Recognition Award in Urban Entomology
John R. Meyer B 2002 Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching
David J. Schuster - 2002 Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management
Kenneth A. Sorensen B 2002 Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension
John W. Van Duyn B 2002 Recognition Award in Entomology

Ellen offered a resolution commending the following student members for their respective awards:

Debra L. Murray - 2001 John Henry Comstock Award
Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes - 2001 Robert T. Gast Award
Melissa M. Willrich - 2001 Kirby L. Hays Award and Southeastern Branch Student Award
Richard O. Musser - 2001 Outstanding Student Display Presentation Award - Ph.D.
Francisco Javier Diaz - 2001 Outstanding Student Display Presentation Award - M. S.

A resolution of appreciation was made to Games Master, Raymond Hicks, and the fair and knowledgeable presence of the judges, Jay McPherson, Gary L. Lentz and Beverly Sparks as well as the teams participating, and congratulations to the winning and second place teams from North Carolina State University and Auburn University, respectively.

Ellen offered a resolution of appreciation to Mike Caprio for maintaining the website for electronic submissions and to Richard Sprenkel and staff for developing the website where registration information and the program were posted for the 2002 meeting.

Tim Kring made a motion to accept these resolutions. Michael R. Williams seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

Catharine Mannion, member of the Member Awards Committee, reported that a combined total of eight nominations were received for SEB-ESA member awards. This was the first year that nominations were submitted as electronic documents using files attached to emails. Only minor problems were experienced using this procedure.

John Ruberson, Chair of the Student Awards Committee, reported that there were six nominees and three nominees for the Comstock Award and Kirby Hays Award, respectively. In 2002, the SEB will go exclusively electronic submissions for the Comsock and Hays Awards. For the paper and poster presentation competitions, 20 judges were utilized. Five judges were present in each session. Entries for each competition were: MS Oral 11; PhD Oral 8; MS Poster 6; and PhD Poster 8. The winners were:

Rhett Gable of Louisiana State University – Outstanding MS Student Display

Chad Gore of North Carolina State University – Outstanding PhD Student Display

Nicole Pendleton of the University of Tennessee – Southeastern Branch MS Student Award (First Place)

Scot Waring of the University of Florida - Southeastern Branch MS Student Award (Runner Up)

Helen Hull-Sanders of Auburn University – Robert T. Gast Award (PhD Oral) (First Place)

Jeff Gore of Louisiana State University - Robert T. Gast Award (PhD Oral) (Runner Up)

Seth Johnson, Local Arrangements Chair for the 2003 Meeting, announced that the meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Baton Rouge, LA on March 9-12, 2003. Room rates for the meeting will be \$84/ night for a single or double.

The 2004 Meeting Location & Time Committee Chair Joe Culin reported that Charleston was selected as the site. At this time, the Radisson (formerly the Sheraton) for \$105 and the Francis Marion at \$159 are being considered. As a fall back option, the Myrtle Beach area with rooms in the \$85-90 range is being considered. Joe asked for an informal show of hands for the two cities as a meeting site. Charleston was preferred. President Lentz pointed out that, regardless of which site is selected, the SEB needs to be aware of possible conflicts in meeting dates with other branches.

President Lentz next asked for the ad hoc Committee on By-Laws report. Tim Kring, Chair, reported that the proposed change to the Constitution raising the Education Committee to standing committee status was included in the first mailout. He indicated that the next step was to get approval for a mailout ballot on the proposed change. Ted Pfrimmer made a motion to include a ballot in the next mail out of the SEB to change the Constitution making the Education Committee a standing committee. Joe Culin seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

Tim Kring presented a petition that made a motion to initiate the process to allow for the inclusion of the award winners of the student paper and poster contests in the resolutions adopted at the final business meeting during the same year of the award. John Ruberson, Mickey Eubanks, Lance G. Peterson, Catharine Mannion, Richard O. Musser and Tim Kring signed the petition. Don Johnson seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

Mike Williams invited the Branch to hold its 2005 meeting in Mississippi. Michael L. Williams made a motion to accept this invitation and hold the 2005 meeting of the SEB in Mississippi. Beverly Sparks seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

Kris Braman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the nominees for President-Elect were James E. Carpenter and Michael L. Williams, for Member-at-Large David G. Buntin and Frank Hale and for Secretary-Treasurer-Elect Catharine Mannion and Jim Dutcher. Ballots were returned by mail to Secretary-Treasurer Sprenkel. Ballots received from the various states were Alabama-21, Arkansas-9, Florida-47, Georgia-39, Louisiana-14, Mississippi-19, North Carolina-15, South Carolina-13, Tennessee-12 and other or unknown location-10. A total of 199 ballots were received.

Winners of the election were for President-Elect, Michael L. Williams, for Member-at-Large David G. Buntin and for Secretary-Treasurer-Elect Catharine Mannion.

President Lentz asked for suggestions for nominees for Vice President-Elect of the ESA. He indicated that Michael L. Williams would be serving as Chair of an ad hoc committee to make a nomination for the position. Suggestions should be directed to Mike.

President Lentz asked ESA President Jay McPherson if he would like to make any final comments to the members of the SEB. President McPherson indicated that he enjoyed his visit to the SEB and felt that the SEB was a strong branch. He stated that volunteer efforts were critical at all levels and encouraged SEB members to get involved. He presented a plaque to President Lentz from the national office for his leadership during the past year. President Lentz expressed appreciation to the members in the SEB who responded when asked to help.

President Lentz presented plaques and expressed appreciation to Local Arrangements Co-Chairs Gus Lorenz and Don Johnson and Program Committee Co-Chairs Jeff Willers and Alvin Simmons

President Lentz asked Past-Presidents Randy Luttrell and Don Johnson to escort President-Elect Beverly Sparks to the podium. President Lentz presented the gavel to President-Elect Sparks. President Sparks then presented a plaque of appreciation from the SEB to Past-President Lentz.

President Sparks expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence. President Sparks indicated that the SEB Guidelines had been updated and asked the committee chairs to pick up a copy before leaving. President Sparks announced that the following had agreed to serve as committee chairs: Dan Suiter (Program Committee), Mickey Eubanks (Student Awards Committee), Dorothy Prowell (Member Awards Committee), and Susan Webb (Membership Committee). She indicated that she would be soliciting nominations from department chairs for the Student Affairs Committee. She indicated that the following were approved at the Executive Committee meeting for Nominating Committee: David Oi (Chair), Jim Carpenter, Nancy Hinkle, Kathy Flanders, Chip Anderson and Keith Griffith.

President Sparks indicated that she was setting up the following as hoc committees. Ad hoc Committee on Nominations for the National Office (Mike Williams, Chair, Frank Guillot, Gary Lentz, Don Johnson and Joe Culin), ad hoc Committee on Web Site Development (Mike Caprio, Chair, Frank Salansky and Dan Suiter), and ad hoc Committee on By-Laws Revisions (Tim Kring, Chair, and Don Herzog).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.