

**Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America**  
**77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Radisson Hotel and Conference Center**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
**March 9-12, 2003**

**Final Business Meeting**  
**March 11, 2003**

1. Call to Order (President Beverly Sparks): President Sparks called the Final Business Meeting of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of The Entomological Society of America to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 11, 2003. The meeting was held in Cypress I of the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Baton Rouge, LA.
2. Reading of 2002 Minutes (Richard Sprenkel): Mike Williams made a motion to adopt the minutes as written. The vote was seconded and passed.
3. Financial Report 2002-2003 (Richard Sprenkel): Secretary-Treasurer Sprenkel reported that on January 31, 2003, the branch had a balance of \$40,542.03. All funds are held in a Morgan Stanley Active Assets Account. During the year the branch had an income of \$37,876.90 and expenses of \$40,383.00. A motion to adopt was made and seconded. Motion passed.
4. Auditing Committee Report (Gary Lentz): Committee audited the books and found them to be in order. A motion to adopt was made by Nancy Hinkle and seconded by Stormy Sparks. Motion passed.
5. Proposed Budget for 03-04 (Richard Sprenkel): Sprenkel provided copies of the proposed budget. Changes for the 2003/04 budget include an estimate of 350 registered at average receipt of \$65 and an additional \$1,000 for program printing and mailing costs. We need to find alternative ways to handle this mailing. Projected income and expenses initially looks bad but we were not spending all monies in past years. We break even each year. A motion to adopt the proposed budget was made and seconded by Seth Johnson. Motion passed.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Local Arrangements (Seth Johnson): 325 registered for meeting. 160 active, 5 emeritus, 23 guests, 6 gratis, 92 students, and 39 non-members. Johnson thanked the members of his committee and acknowledged companies for their contributions. Johnson also made the following acknowledgements: Roger Leonard for poster boards; Mike Stout for AV; Stacy Claton for website/FTP; Abner Hammond for golf and music and a special thanks to Dan Suiter. Need suggestions for improving powerpoint presentations.
  - b. Membership (Catharine Mannion):

	Current Members 12/31/03	% Current Members	New Members (in 2002)	% New Members	Lapsed Members (from 2001)	% Lapsed Members
<b>Total</b>	<b>1125</b>		<b>110</b>		<b>147</b>	
Member	794	71	43	39	86	58
Student Member	243	22	62	56	51	35
Emeritus Member	67	6			3	2
Honorary Member	8	< 1				
Lifetime Member	2	< 1				
Youth Member	4	< 1	3	3	6	4
Miscellaneous	7	< 1	2	2	1	1

- c. Resolutions (Stormy Sparks): Committee met on March 10, 2003 and composed 11 resolutions.

Resolution 1 – motion to accept – passed

Resolution 2-10 - motion to accept - passed

- d. Member Awards (Seth Johnson for Dorothy Prowell): A total of 4 nominations were received from SEB-ESA members. The nominations included Excellence in Pest Management (1), Distinguished Achievement in Teaching (1), and Distinguished Achievement in Extension (2). All nominations were handled electronically. The number of nominations was low and announcements to Entomology Departments and Agricultural Stations in the SE region drew limited responses.

Award Winners:

ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension – Stephen J. Toth, NC State

ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching - Jerome F. Grant, Univ. of Tennessee

- e. Student Awards (Micky Eubanks): Eubanks received 6 nominations for the Comstock award and 7 for Kirby Hays award. In the student competitions, there were 8 Ph.D. posters, 11 Ph.D. oral presentations, 13 M.S. posters, and 7 M.S. posters. There was one cancellation for the M.S. paper.

Award Winners:

MS Oral Presentation 1<sup>st</sup> Place (SEB Award) – Ian Kaplan

MS Oral Presentation Runner-up – J. M. Avila

PhD Oral Presentation 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Robert Gast Award) – Scott Akin

PhD Oral Presentation Runner-up – W. P. Shepherd

MS Display Presentation – D. P. Hoyme

PhD Display Presentation – Charles Swart

Kirby-Hays Award – Dawn Calibeo-Hays

Comstock Award – Douglas Anspaugh

- f. Meeting Location and Time 2004 (Joe Culin): We will meet in Charleston, SC, at the Francis Marion Hotel, February 14 – 18, 2004.
- g. Meeting Location and Time 2005 (Mike Williams): Two locations are being considered in Mississippi (Biolxi and Tunica).
- h. Student Affairs (Melissa Willrich): The activities coordinated by the students include the Photo Salon, Student Symposium, Linnaean Games and the Job Placement Room.

Student Symposium: “Entomology beyond the degree: where do we go from here” was organized by Helen Hull-Sanders, Auburn University. Nine speakers participated.

Photo Salon: 9 photos were submitted as 35 mm slides. The first place winner was T. Kondo from Auburn University. He was awarded a plaque. Starting next year, submissions will be submitted electronically to the organizer as a jpeg file.

Linnaean Games: Seven universities will be competing this year (Arkansas, Mississippi State, Georgia, Auburn, Tennessee, Clemson, and North Carolina). First and second place teams will represent the SEB at the 2003 national meeting. These teams are NCSU and Georgia. Drs. Beverly Sparks, ZB Mayo, and Mike Williams served as judges. The moderator was Dr. Chris Charlton. Pen sets were given to each of the judges and moderator and a plaque was awarded to the first place team. All gifts and plaques were purchased locally in Baton Rouge for a cost of \$145.29.

- i. By-Laws Revisions (Tim Kring): The Education Committee is being elevated to a standing committee which requires a bylaws change Article III, Section 14. The amendment was included in a mail out. Seventy-four were returned. Achieved more than 2/3 votes. A change in the bylaws was read. A motion to adopt was made. All in favor.
  - j. Education Committee (Joe Culin): Mike Williams chaired the committee. The Teaching Symposium was successful. Mike will be chairing again next year. Plan for next year is another teaching symposium and a teacher training workshop which will be off site
  - k. SEB Website Development (Dan Suiter): Website will remain as current.
7. Report of Nominating Committee (Kathy Flanders): 176 votes were received from the following states:  
Alabama – 14, Arkansas – 21, Florida – 42, Georgia – 25; Louisiana – 12, Mississippi – 21, North Carolina – 13, South Carolina – 8, Tennessee – 11, and other – 9.

President –Elect: Gary Mullen  
Member-at-Large: Wayne Brewer

8. Nomination Committee to National Office (Mike Williams): Unable to identify a nominee for the national office. Gary Mullen will chair committee with past presidents to identify nominees for national office. Membership should submit suggestions to the committee.
9. Old Business Items (Sparks): President Sparks thanked Paula Lettice and ZB Mayo for attending the meeting.
10. New Business:  
President Sparks presented plaques and expressed appreciation to the Local Arrangements Chair (Seth Johnson), Program Chair (Dan Suiter), and Secretary Treasurer (Richard Sprenkel) who has served since 1998.

Incoming President Mike Williams was escorted by past presidents (Ted Pfrimmer and Alton Sparks). The Kirby Hays gavel was presented to Williams from President Sparks. Williams expressed thanks to President Sparks for her service and received a plaque.

Williams introduced the chairs for the 2003 committees:

- SEB Nominations – Nancy Hinkle
- Program - John Ruberson
- Membership - Mike Caprio
- Student Awards – Jeremy Green
- Member Awards – Donn T. Johnson
- Student Affairs - Donnie Oswald
- Local Arrangements - Joe Culin
- Meeting Location – Clarence Collison and/or Mike Williams
- Resolutions - Stormy Sparks
- Education – Mike R. Williams
- Audit – Richard Sprenkel

Meeting Adjourned.