

**2004 SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH - ESA ANNUAL MEETING
FRANCIS MARION HOTEL, CHARLESTON, SC
GOLD BALLROOM**

**FINAL BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.**

1) Call to Order - Michael L. Williams, President SEB-ESA

President Williams called the Final Business Meeting of the 78th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America to order at 6:36 pm on February 17, 2004. The meeting was held in the Gold Ballroom of the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC. There were 41 members in attendance.

2) Reading of 2003 Minutes - Catharine Mannion, Secretary-Treasurer

Mannion indicated that the minutes of the 2003 Final Business Meeting at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Baton Rouge, LA, were placed on the SEB homepage and were available at the registration desk at this meeting. Mannion requested a motion to dispense with reading the minutes and to approve the minutes as posted. Michael Roof moved to accept the motion. Gary Lentz seconded the motion and the motion was carried on voice vote.

3) Financial Report 2003-04 - Catharine Mannion, Secretary-Treasurer

Mannion presented the Financial Report. The books were transferred to Mannion in May 2003 with a balance of \$41,108.73. The balance on February 13, 2004, was \$48,759.86. Most of the expenses for this meeting (hotel costs, food, awards) have not yet been paid. All funds were held in a Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Active Assets Account. Nancy Hinkle made a motion to accept the financial report. Karen Vail seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

4) Auditing Committee Report - Richard Sprinkel.

Sprinkel and committee members Beverly Sparks and Wayne Brewer met with the Secretary-Treasurer to audit the SEB financial records. The committee found the books to be in order. Nancy Hinkle made a motion to accept the Auditing Committee Report. John Ruberson seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

5) Proposed Budget for 2004-05 - Catharine Mannion, Secretary-Treasurer

Mannion presented the 2004-05 budget. She reported two changes. The amount of the ESA Subvention and Program Enhancement Funds was increased to the amount received in the

current year (\$3,241) and the amount of the Industry Contributions was reduced to \$5,000 (from \$7,500.00). This would result in a budget for 2004-05 having a projected income of \$26,542 and projected expenses of \$37,650.00. The discrepancy between the projected income and projected expenses is not real in that much of the money in the budget is not actually spent. Actual expenses will be added to the budget for next years meeting and there will be an effort to modify the proposed budget for 2005-06 to be more realistic. Gary Lentz made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Gary Mullen seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

6) Committee Reports:

Local Arrangements Committee - Joe Culin, Chair – Culin thanked the members of the Local Arrangements Committee (Jay Chapin, Eric Benson, Pat Zungoli, Amy Chapman, Keith Griffith, Don Alleman, Mike Jackson, and Alvin Simmons). He also thanked Donna Pomian, Clemson Univ., Coastal Research and Education Center, Suzie White, Francis Marion Hotel, Ken Allen, Clemson University, and Holly Glenn, Univ. of Florida, Tropical Research and Education Center. He also thanked all the volunteers who helped take down the poster boards and those from North Carolina State Univ. who brought the boards to the meeting. The sponsors for the meeting were AmVac, Bayer CropScience, CeresAgri, Crompton Uniroyal Chemical, Dupont Crop Protection, and Dow AgroSciences. The presentations at the meeting have been going smoothly with all but 5 presentations being digital. Most of the presentations arrived prior to the meeting and with enough time to be loaded. The FTP site worked well. The attendance was as follows:

- 159 – Active
- 65 – Student
- 22 – Associates
- 16 – Non-members
- 28 – One-day registration (14 PCO's + 5 T&O)

Member Awards Committee - Donn T. Johnson, Chair – Johnson thanked the members of his committee (Charles Apperson, Catharine Mannion, and Phillip Roberts). Award winners were announced earlier at the awards banquet. By November 1, 2003, a total of 7 nominations was received from SEB-ESA members for 5 award categories (listed below). Johnson checked to make sure that all nominees were current members of ESA since this is a requirement to receive these awards. Unfortunately, no one submitted nominations for the ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology or the ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, and Toxicology or Distinguished Service to Certification Program.

The 5 award winners were:

- Excellence In Integrated Pest Management - Dr. Ronald E. Stinner, Professor of Entomology and Biomathematics at North Carolina State University, Director of the NSF Industry/University Cooperative Research Center for Integrated Pest

Management and the USDA Southern Region IPM Center.

Distinguished Achievement Award In Extension - Dr. Eric P. Benson, Extension Specialist and Professor of Entomology at Clemson University.

Distinguished Achievement Award in Regulatory Entomology - Dr. Mary L. Grodner, Professor & Pesticide Coordinator in the Department of Entomology in the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center.

Distinguished Achievement Award In Teaching - Dr. Clyde E. Sorenson, Associate Professor of Entomology at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

SEB Nominee for ESA Recognition Award In Entomology - Dr. Lane D. Foil, Professor of Entomology at Louisiana State University.

Two electronic "Calls for Nominations for SEB Member Awards" were sent to all department heads on 18 July (15 September deadline) and again on 22 September 2003 (delayed deadline to 1 November). Each email listed all the awards available and hyperlinks to the URL addresses where a nominator could read about the qualifications and nomination packet format about each award. By 15 September and 1 November, respectively, Johnson had received 5 and 7 nominations by email, which was an improvement over 2003 of only two nominations. All nominations were handled electronically at the submission stage and the committee evaluation stage. All files for each nomination packet were available on a FTP site that could be accessed by a password.

Johnson made the following suggestions for improvement of the Nominations Committee:

- 1) The Awards Committee will try to meet at the 2004 SEB meeting in Charleston, SC to discuss ways to increase the number of nominations for all Awards. The committee could complete at least three tasks:
 - a. As stated in the 2003 report, the committee could keep an eye out for potential nominees at the SEB meeting and be more proactive in recruitment in their own and neighboring institutions.
 - b. Identify a name/email for the Department Award Committee Chair for each SEB Entomology Department.
 - c. Begin in early summer to work with these Department Award Committee Chairs to identify potential nominees for each Award.
- 2) A better exchange of information between outgoing and incoming Awards Chairs might be achieved if the individuals did the transfer in person at the 2004 SEB meeting. Therefore, the 2004-2005 Awards Committee Chair and new members should be identified during the 2004 SEB meeting. Outgoing chair and members can:
 - a. Transfer ideas
 - b. Review committee responsibilities - give all committee members and new chair a copy of the SEB Operations Manual
 - c. Give new chair a CD of a large number of useful computer files

- i. Email list of department heads/chairs and Award committee chairs
 - ii. Format for the “Call to Submit”
 - iii. Annual Awards Committee Report
- 3) I suggest that the 2004-2005 SEB Awards Committee Chair have their computer people set up in late Summer a unique FTP address with a password given only to Awards Committee members so they can securely access all the electronic files for each nominee.
- 4) The chair could work with SEB web master to develop a SEB Awards web page to be linked through the SE Branch web site (draft web page attached).
- 5) The SEB Operations Manual requires a few updates to fit the electronic era and to clarify the SEB Awards presented at the SEB meeting versus those awards for which the SEB Awards committee merely submits an electronic nomination to ESA Office and national presents plaques to winners at the National ESA meeting.

Suggested changes for pp. 43-45 of the SEB Operations Manual, Member Awards Committee (See original excerpt from Manual) (Note: Suggested changes are denoted by italics)

P. 43. Paragraph 3:

The Member Awards Committee is composed of six Southeastern Branch ESA members in good standing. Each Committee Member will serve a three-year term. It is suggested that each year, the President-Elect of the SEB-ESA and Chair of the Awards Committee select the new Chair, before the annual SEB-ESA meeting. It is suggested that the new Chair be selected from among the two members having one year remaining to serve. Members should include representatives from research (state and federal), extension, teaching, industry, regulatory entomology, and a Board-Certified Entomologist. The responsibility of the Chair of the Member Awards Committee is to solicit nominations and supporting documentation for the:

- 1) *ESA Founders' Memorial Award (National ESA level only)*
- 2) *Thomas Say Award (National ESA level only)*
- 3) *Henry & Sylvia Richardson Research Grant (National ESA level only)*
- 4) *Excellence in Integrated Pest Management (Sponsored by Sandoz Agro, Inc.)*
- 5) *Recognition Award in Entomology (Sponsored by Novartis)*
- 6) *Distinguished Achievement Awards in Teaching,*
- 7) *Distinguished Achievement Awards in Extension*
- 8) *Distinguished Achievement Awards in Regulatory Entomology*
- 9) *ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology*
- 10) *Distinguished Service to the Certification Program Award, and*
- 11) *ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology*

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2. January 1 - February 15 (Year 1)

A. Chair corresponds with Committee Members. Establishes procedures for soliciting nominations, adopts evaluation process, adopts a selection process, etc.

B. Email request for nominations to Branch Briefs, ESA Newsletter, 9301 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706-3115. (esa@entsoc.org)

3. May 1 (Year 1)

A. Chair prepares and sends *email* to unit leaders requesting nominations and providing guidelines for the awards [Refer to Bulletin 28(1):57-61, current Membership Directory, or the Awards page accessed from the ESA Homepage at <http://www.entsoc.org>].

B. Remind nominators that submission of SEB nominations package(s) *must be made electronically to the email address of the current SEB Awards chair. For electronic submission specifications, access the site titled, "ESA Awards and Honors: Electronic Submission Requirements" at http://www.entsoc.org/about_esa/awards/electronic.htm.*

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9. January-February (Year 1)

A. Prepare a written report to be presented at the Executive Committee meeting on the day prior to the official beginning of the meeting (usually Sunday or Monday afternoon).

B. Chair, or his designee, will present plaques to the following awards winners at the Awards Luncheon at the Branch (SEB Secretary orders these plaques):

Excellence in Integrated Pest Management

** Recognition Award in Entomology - UNSURE ABOUT THIS AT SEB LEVEL, LAST AWARDED IN 1998 & 2004*

Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching

Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension

Distinguished Achievement Award in Regulatory Entomology

** Recognition Award in Urban Entomology*

Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology

*Distinguished Service to the Certification Program Award (**Never Awarded in SEB**)*

** An asterisk indicates that one or two plaques may be needed*

12. June 15-30 (Year 2)

A. *Email ESA dossiers for each SEB Awards nominee using the submission web site titled, "Nomination Submission Site ESA Awards and Honors Program" at <http://www.entsoc.org/ESA-Awards/welcome.asp>. Nominations must be submitted to ESA headquarters by 1 JULY. ESA headquarters requires:*

1 electronic copy for the:

Excellence in IPM Award

1 electronic copy each for the:

Recognition Award in Entomology

Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching

Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension
Distinguished Service to the Certification Program Award
Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology
 1 electronic copy each for the:
Distinguished Achievement Award in Regulatory Entomology
Recognition Award in Urban Entomology.

Re-nomination: Any candidate nominated, but not selected, may be re-nominated no more than two times within the two-year period after his/her initial submission. Nomination packages will be retained for two years by the ESA National Office. Nominators must send a letter of re-nomination to *awards@entsoc.org* by the nomination deadline above. Previously submitted documentation will be used for the evaluation process unless the nominator submits new or updated documents. The re-nomination *e-mail* must contain this additional documentation. New or updated documents must follow the electronic submission requirements.

B. ESA Founders' Memorial Award

Any ESA member may submit nominations for this award. Nomination packages must be received by the ESA National Office by October 1 of the year prior to the year the award is to be presented. The submission of nominations must be made electronically via the ESA Nomination Submission Web Site or e-mail. For details on the electronic submission requirements and submission options go to http://www.entsoc.org/about_esa/awards/electronic.htm.

Student Awards Committee - Jeremy Greene, Chair – Green thanked the committee members (John Adamczyk, Henry Fadamiro, John All, Frank Hale, and Michael Stout) and all the judges. The award winners were announced previously at the Awards Luncheon. Green said that there were 6 nominations for the Comstock Award and 3 nominations for the Hays Award. There were 36 student papers. Green noted that there were no second place awards for the poster competitions and requested that it be considered for future meetings.

John Henry Comstock	Will K. Reeves	Clemson University
Kirby L. Hays Award	Christian Torres	University of Georgia
Robert T. Gast (Ph.D. oral)-1 st	F. P. Reay-Jones	Louisiana State University
Robert T. Gast (Ph.D. oral)-2 nd	M. M. Willrich	Louisiana State University
SE Branch (M.S. oral) – 1 st	A. L. Kovach	University of Tennessee
SE Branch (M.S. oral) – 2 nd	R. H. Gable	Louisiana State University
Outstanding Ph.D. Display – 1 st	H. Liu	Auburn University
Outstanding M.S. Display – 2 nd	M. A. Bertone	North Carolina State University

Student Affairs Committee - Donny Oswalt, Chair – The Student Affairs Committee met on Sunday, 2/15/04 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm to draw for positions in the game bracket for the

Linnaean competition; select topics for the 2005 SEB student symposium; judge the photo salon entries; and address changes in leadership and representatives.

Linnaean Games: Six teams participated (Auburn, Clemson, Univ. of Florida, Univ. of Georgia, NCSU, and Univ. of Tennessee). The competition was held on Monday, 2/16/04 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm in the Gold Ballroom. The winning team was Clemson University and the runner-up team was Auburn University. Both teams will represent the branch at the national Linnaean Games competition during the national ESA meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Student Symposium: The student symposium was held on Tuesday, 2/17/04 from 8:00 to 11:15 am. The topic was Entomology in the Genetic Revolution. There were seven speakers (Tracie Jenkins, Marjorie Hoy, Tovi Lehmann, Nannan Liu, Mike Caprio, Jason Rasgon, and Matt Turnbull). The committee came up with several suggestions for topics for the 2005 meeting which include: insect rearing techniques, ethics and peer review in journals, and obtaining gainful employment with special emphasis on teaching.

Photo Salon: The committee addressed the need for submission criteria and categories for next year's competition. Some of the criteria would be a limit on the number of photos to be submitted, standardized file names, and unique title and description of the picture taken. Suggested categories include immature and adult category, non-insect category, artistic, and microscopy. The overall photo salon winner would be selected from the winners of each category. There were 145 photo submissions.

Winners: 1st – Jen Nauman, Clemson University
 2nd – Nathan Burkett, Auburn University
 3rd – Eric Paysen, Clemson University
 4th – Eric Paysen, Clemson University

Membership Committee - Mike Caprio, Chair – No report was given. David Riley, National Membership Committee Chair, said he would like to have a membership renewal drive to encourage those that have not renewed their membership. He will work with the branch committee to provide a list of members that have not renewed.

Education Committee - Michael R. Williams, Chair – Williams stated that he and Joe Culin have been the committee for the last several years. He is in the process of writing guidelines for the committee. He asked that more members be appointed to the committee. In general, the committee develops teacher workshops and also a symposium for educators and youth. That did not happen this year, but hope to have it next year.

Meeting Location and Time-2005 Committee - Clarence Collison, Chair – Collison stated that Mississippi State looks forward to hosting the next branch meeting. The dates are

March 6 –9, 2005. The meeting will be held at the Grand Casino Resort and Convention Center, Tunica, Mississippi. Tunica is located on the banks of the Mississippi River, 25 miles south of Memphis. Lodging will be at the Veranda Hotel for \$59.00/night. The convention center has over 27,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and the resort features a variety of restaurants, a spa and salon, and a Hale Irwin-designed golf course. Outlet shopping is located nearby.

Meeting Location and Time-2006 Committee - Sterling Southern, Chair – Jim Harper extended an invitation to the branch to have the 2006 meeting in North Carolina. Harper requested that Sterling Southern be accepted as the chair of the site committee. A location has not been chosen but information will be forthcoming. If the members have any ideas, please let him or Southern know.

7) Selection of Meeting Host State Three Years Out (2007)

President Williams asked for a bid from the floor to host the 2007 branch meeting. Jerome Grant accepted the bid and invited the members to have the meeting in Tennessee. A motion was made to accept this invitation. The motion was seconded and it passed on voice vote.

8) Resolutions Committee Action - Alton “Stormy” Sparks, Chair

Sparks proposed a resolution remembering members who passed away this past year. Michael Perich was included in the resolution as a member who had passed. Gary Lentz asked that Harry Williams be added and Ken Sorenson asked that John Falter be added. Sparks 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. Sparks offered a resolution of gratitude to Branch President, Michael L. Williams; President-Elect, Gary Mullen; Past-President, Beverly Sparks; Secretary-Treasurer, Catharine Mannion; and ESA Governing Board Representative, Wayne Gardner, for their leadership in and management of the affairs of the Branch during the year. Sparks proposed that the members of the branch recognize the efforts of the Program Committee, chaired by John Ruberson, for developing an excellent and informative program; the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Joe Culin, for arrangements prior to and during this meeting; both the Program and Local Arrangements Committees for organizing and loading electronic presentations on laptop computers for meeting sessions; and Mike Caprio and the SEB Website Development Committee for automating the website where the 2004 Program was posted. Sparks presented a resolution instructing the Secretary-Treasurer, Catharine Mannion, to write a letter on behalf of the members of the Branch, to express appreciation to the management and staff of the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, for their cooperation, services and hospitality, which contributed to the completion of a successful and outstanding 78th Annual Meeting. A resolution was made to express appreciation for the financial contributions of Amvac, Bayer CropScience, Ceresagri, Crompton Uniroyal Chemical, Dow AgroSciences, and Dupont Crop Protection.

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

Ronald E. Stinner, NCSU – 2004 ESA Award for Excellence in IPM
Eric P. Benson, Clemson – 2004 Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension
Mary L. Grodner, LSU – 2004 ESA Recognition Award in Regulatory Entomology
Clyde E. Sorenson, NCSU – 2004 Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching
Lane D. Foil, LSU – 2004 ESA Recognition Award in Entomology

Will K. Reeves, Clemson – 2003 John Henry Comstock Award
Christian S.A.S. Torres, Georgia – 2003 Kirby L. Hays Award
D. Scott Akin, MSU– 2003 Robert T. Gast Award
Ian Kaplan, Auburn – 2003 Southeastern Branch Student Award
Chris Swart, Louisiana – 2003 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Display Presentation
Debra P. Hoyme, Tennessee – 2003 Outstanding M.S. Student Display Presentation

F. P. Reay-Jones, LSU – 2004 Robert T. Gast Award
M. M. Willrich, LSU – 2004 Ph.D. Paper Presentation 2nd place
A. L. Kovach, Tennessee - 2004 Southeastern Branch Student Award
R. H. Gable, LSU – 2004 M.S. Paper Presentation 2nd place
H. Liu, Auburn - 2004 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Display Presentation Award
M. A. Bertone - 2004 Outstanding M.S. Student Display Presentation Award

A resolution of appreciation was made to Games Master John Morse, and the fair and knowledgeable presence of the judges Kevin Steffey, Mike L. Williams and Nancy Hinkle as well as the teams participating and congratulations to the winning and second place teams from Clemson and Auburn University, respectively.

A resolution was made to express appreciation to Wayne Gardner for his service as Governing Board Representative over the last three years.

Hinkle made a motion to accept these resolutions. It was seconded and passed on voice vote.

9) Report of Election Results from Nominating Committee - Nancy Hinkle, Chair

Hinkle thanked the committee members (Art Appel, Chip Anderson, Jeff Dobbs, Frank Guillott, and David Williams). Hinkle also thanked the below members to be nominated for President-Elect and Member-at-Large.

President-Elect: Craig Abel
 Wayne Gardner

Member-at-Large: Karen Vail
 Mitchell Roof

Ballots were returned by mail to Secretary Treasurer Mannion. Ballots received from the various states were: Alabama – 9, Florida – 34, Mississippi – 16, Tennessee – 17, South

Carolina – 11, Georgia – 26, Louisiana – 12, Arkansas – 10, North Carolina – 13, and unknown – 4 for a total of 152 votes.

Winners of the election were Wayne Gardner for President-Elect and Karen Vail for Member-at-Large.

10) Report of Nominating Committee for National Offices - Gary Mullen, Chair

Mullen stated that there were no nominations put forth for national offices. There is a continuing concern and hope that this will change. We can nominate for Vice President Elect of ESA and also this year Secretary-Treasurer of ESA. Mullen encouraged members to nominate for these offices.

11) Old Business - Michael L. Williams, President SEB-ESA

Williams told members that we need to convince qualified members to be nominated for national offices. Williams also expressed his appreciation to the branch for their attendance and President Steffey and Executive Director Lettice for their attendance. Williams asked for any announcements. Roger Leonard asked the branch to support Scott Hutchins who is running for national office because he was a student in the SE branch.

12) New Business - Michael L. Williams, President SEB-ESA

President Williams presented plaques and expressed appreciation to Local Arrangements Chair Joe Culin and Program Chair John Ruberson. President Williams asked Past Presidents Don Alleman and Joe Egar to escort President-elect Gary Mullen to the podium. President Williams presented the gavel to President-elect Mullen. Mullen then presented a plaque of appreciation from the SEB to Williams.

13) Introduction of 2004-05 Committee Chairs - Gary Mullen, President SEB-ESA

President Mullen expressed his thanks to Past President Williams. Mullen announced that the following had agreed to serve as committee chairs: Art Appel and Micky Eubanks – Program Committee, Jerome Grant – Membership Committee, Donn T. Johnson – Member Awards Committee, John Adamczyk – Student Awards Committee, Sandra Woolfolk – Student Affairs Committee, Nancy Hinkle - Nominations Committee, Mike R. Williams – Education Committee, Stormy Sparks – Resolutions Committee, Clarence Collison – Local Arrangements Committee, Sterling Southern – 2006 Meeting, Richard Sprenkel – Auditing Committee, Don Alleman – Archives Committee, Don Alleman – Board Certification Committee, and Tim Kring – Bylaws Revision Committee. The president-elect will chair the Nominations Committee for National Offices.

President Mullen asked for any new business. A motion was made to add 2nd place winners in the student poster competition. It was seconded by Joe Culin and passed with voice vote. Details of the type of award (money and/or plaque) will be discussed at the next branch meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.