

2005 SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH - ESA ANNUAL MEETING - TUNICA, MS
FINAL BUSINESS MEETING
ROOM 1 - GRAND CASINO CONVENTION CENTER
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

1) Call to Order – Gary Mullen, President SEB-ESA

President Mullen called the Final Business Meeting of the 79th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America to order at 6:03pm on March 8, 2005. The meeting was held in the Room 1 of the Grand Casino Convention Center, Tunica, MS. There were 41 in attendance.

2) Reading of 2004 Minutes - Catharine Mannion, Secretary-Treasurer

Mannion indicated that the minutes of the 2004 Final Business Meeting at the Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC, 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. Joe Culin moved to accept the motion. David Buntin seconded the motion and the motion was carried on voice vote.

3) Financial Report 2004-05 - Catharine Mannion, Secretary-Treasurer

Mannion presented the Financial Report. The balance on March 1, 2005 was \$34,870.06. 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. Tim Kring made a motion to accept the financial report. Sterling Southern seconded the motion and it passed on voice vote.

4) Auditing Committee Report - Richard Sprenkel.

The Auditing Committee (Wayne Brewer, Jim Harper and Richard Sprenkel, Chair) met with Secretary-Treasurer Catharine Mannion on March 7 to review the financial books of the Southeastern Branch ESA. The Committee reviewed the records between January 31, 2004 when the last Auditing Committee report was made (showing a balance of \$39,614.86) through January 31, 2005. This was the last date covered by the most recent statement from Morgan Stanley. The Committee found the books to be complete and in good order and noted an ending balance on January 31, 2005 of \$23,611.28. Tim Kring made a motion to accept the Auditing Committee Report. The motion was seconded and it passed on voice vote.

5) Proposed Budget for 2005-06 - Catharine Mannion, Secretary-Treasurer

Mannion presented the 2005-06 budget and a summary of actual income and expenses

from 2000-2001 to the 2004-05 year. Changes to the budget include the following:

1. Income from meeting registration should be \$20,600 based on increases in registration fees (see below for registration structure).
2. The amount of the ESA Subvention and Program Enhancement Funds was estimated to be \$3,200 which is what was approximately received in 2004-05.
3. The estimate for interest earned on the money market account was reduced based on recent years actual interest
4. Industry contributions were increased from \$5000 to \$6000.
5. Fees for Associates was doubled from \$25 to \$50 with an assumption of at least 10 Associates attending.
6. The travel funds for the SEB president were reduced by \$100 and \$250 for miscellaneous expenses
7. The cost for the printing/mailing of the meeting information/program was reduced to \$4,300 from \$8,5000 because the first mailing will be done electronically and the printing of the program will be the charge of the Program Chair who can usually get a better local printing cost. Also, the program is not mailed to the membership.
8. Travel for the Secretary-Treasurer was reduced by \$100.00.
9. Travel for the Program Committee Chair was reduced by \$100.00.
10. Travel for the ESA President/Executive Director was reduced by \$2,000.00.
11. Travel for LAC Chair was reduced by \$100.00
12. Budgets for the mixer and break refreshments are reduced to \$3,000.00 and \$5,250, respectively. Budget for the banquet is \$6,600.00.
13. A budget item for the Monday breakfast has been added to the budget (\$1,400) and the Associates Program (\$700)
14. Miscellaneous expenses for the LAC were increased by \$200
15. Miscellaneous expenses for the Office of Archivist was reduced by \$50.00

The projected income is \$30,950. Projected total expenses are \$30,900 with a profit of \$50.00.

Registration Fee Structure:

	<u>Pre-registration</u>	<u>On-site Registration</u>
Active Members	\$100	\$140
Guest	50	50
Students	25	40
Non-members	125	150
Honorary Members	Free*	Free*
Emeritus Members	Free*	Free*
One Day Registration**	50	50

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 – Clarence Collison

Collison thanked his committee members and volunteers. He stated that we had an excellent meeting and program and the Associates also have a very good program. The attendance was as follows:

Active	142
Student	79
Non members	16
Emeritus	4
Comp	4
1 day	8
Guests	14
TOTAL	267

Member Awards Committee - Donn T. Johnson

Johnson offered congratulations to our SEB members who were national ESA Award winners!

ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Regulatory Entomology - Dr. Tad Hardy
ESA Distinguished Achievement in Teaching - Dr. Jerome Grant
ESA Recognition Award in Entomology - Dr. Rick Brandenburg

By 1 September 2004, a total of 7 nominations were received from SEB-ESA members for 5 award categories (listed below). All nominees were current members of ESA since this is a requirement to receive these awards. There were no nominations within the branch for ESA Recognition Award in Entomology, Distinguished Service to Certification Program or Distinguished Achievement in Regulatory Entomology.

The 2004 SEB Member Award winners recognized in March 2005 were:

- 1) SEB ESA Award for Excellence In Integrated Pest Management,
Dr. James F. Walgenbach (North Carolina State University)
- 2) SEB ESA Distinguished Achievement Award In Teaching (ESA Award)
Dr. Pat Zungoli (Clemson University)
- 3) SEB ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry & Toxicology
Dr. Coby Schal (North Carolina State University)
- 4) SEB ESA Distinguished Achievement Award In Extension (ESA Award)
Dr. Dennis R. Ring (Louisiana State University)
- 5) SEB ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology
Dr. Eric P. Benson (Clemson University)

On 23 June 2004, Johnson created and opened access to several web pages. These pages contain details about each Award, qualifications and how to electronically submit nomination materials to the SEB Member Awards Committee Chair. Johnson worked by email with Don Berger who inserted links to the following web pages on the

Southeastern Branch ESA Home web page at <http://n-fl-bugs.ifas.ufl.edu/SEB/index.htm>:

Overall, Johnson has no suggestions for improving the Member Awards Committee protocol. The new electronic nomination submission system appears to be working well.

Student Awards Committee – John Adamczyk

Adamczyk thanked the committee members (John All, Henry Fadamiro, John All, Frank Hale, Greg Hodges, Wes Watson, Gerry Carner, Linda Hooper-Bui, and Allen Szalanski) and all the judges. Adamczyk noted that the M.S. Display winner was disqualified because the student was an undergraduate and the second author of the display. This was discussed with the student’s advisor who agreed to the disqualification. The award was then given to the 2nd place person. The award winners were announced previously at the Awards Luncheon. Adamczyk said that there were 7 nominations for the Comstock Award and 6 nominations for the Hays Award. There was a good response for request for judges after an email solicitation. Adamczyk proposed changes to the guidelines regarding the wording on eligibility of students to be in the competition so that students that are working in entomology but not necessarily pursuing a degree in entomology can still participate in the competition. A proposal was presented at the Executive Committee Meeting.

John Henry Comstock	Andrew Cline	Louisiana State University
Kirby L. Hays Award	Amy Kovach	University of Tennessee
Robert T. Gast (Ph.D. oral)-1 st	J. H. Chong	University of Georgia
Robert T. Gast (Ph.D. oral)-2 nd	Jonathan Siebert	Louisiana State University
SE Branch (M.S. oral) – 1 st	L. D. Cooper	Auburn University
SE Branch (M.S. oral) – 2 nd	Josh Temple	Louisiana State University
Outstanding Ph.D. Display – 1 st	Stephanie Hebert	University of Arkansas
Outstanding M.S. Display – 2 nd	Carrie Owens	University of Arkansas

Jerome Grant noted some errors in the program. Matt Bertone received the best M.S. Display Award, not the best M.S. Paper. Amy Kovach was the recipient of the Kirby L. Hays Award and also the SE Branch Award.

Student Affairs Committee - Sandra Woolfolk

Four Student Affairs Committee (SAC) members will be replaced next year; most names will be provided after this meeting. Next year’s SAC chair will be Matt Bertone (NCSU).

Insect Photo Salon. Donny Oswalt (Clemson University) was the Insect Photo Salon coordinator this year. The committee met on Sunday, March 6 (4:00 – 6:00 PM) to judge the winners of each category and best overall winner. There were 28 participants with a total of 104 submissions this year, consisting of 10 photomicroscopy, 14 artistic, 51 traditional macrophotography, and 29 arthropods in

action. The winners for each category were: Dr. Jeffrey Barnes (U. Arkansas) for photomicroscopy category, Dr. Jerry Carner (Clemson University) for artistic category, Nathan Burkett (Auburn University) for traditional macrophotography, and Michael Seymour (LSU) for arthropods in action. During awards luncheon, the best overall winner (Michael Seymour from LSU) was presented a plaque. Jim Young (UGA) will be the Insect Photo Salon Coordinator for next year.

Linnaean Games. All nine universities in our branch (Auburn U., U. Arkansas, Clemson U., UFL, UGA, LSU, NCSU, MSU, UT) participated in the competition. The competition was held on Monday, March 7 (5:00 – 7:30 PM). The games masters were John Adamczyk and Livy Williams (USDA-ARS, Stoneville MS) and the judges were Michael Ivie (ESA President; University of Montana), Wayne Gardner (SEBESA President Elect; University of Georgia), and Scott Stewart (University of Tennessee). The first winner was Clemson University and the second place was NCSU.

Recommendations for replacing the current trophy:

To replace the current trophy with a large plaque (list names of all previous winners in addition to the new winner)

Suggestions on what to do with the current trophy once it is replaced:

Auction? – if it is done, the money should go to the Student Affairs Committee

Place the current trophy at the headquarter office

Retire the trophy to the most winning team (i.e. NCSU)

Discussion on this topic: Mullen stated that the large trophy needs to be retired or replaced with something easier to carry from year to year. Mike Ivie commented that if it goes to headquarters, then no one will ever see it. Williams suggested that the new plaque should list both teams that go to the national meeting. Mullen stated that any comments/suggestions should go to the Student Affairs Committee.

Student Symposium. The student symposium was held on Tuesday, March 8 (8:00 – 11:10 AM). The topic was “Opportunities in Insect Rearing: From Basic Training to Practical Application”. Sandra Woolfolk (MSU) and Shannon (NCSU) were the organizers. The speakers were Norman Leppla (University of Florida), Frank Davis (MSU/USDA-ARS emeritus), Nancy Adams (Monsanto, Union City, TN), James Carpenter (USDA-ARS, Tifton, GA), and Amanda Lawrence (MSU). Two speakers were not able to attend (Drs. Frank Davis and Jim Carpenter). Dr. Norm Leppla and Amanda Lawrence gave a talk on behalf of Dr. Davis, and Dr. Cloti Tate gave a talk for Dr. Carpenter.

Suggestions for next year’s symposium were: 1) Interfacing media, 2) Graphics, and 3) Role of mentorship.

Job Placement Center. Fourteen job announcements and two student resumes were posted.

Membership Committee – Jerome Grant

Grant recognized and thanked David Riley who served as Chair (at large, Section F) of the ESA Membership Committee for providing excellent guidance and leadership. Riley and Chris Stelzig, Headquarters, developed and implemented activities that should reap tremendous benefits in membership renewal. There is an emphasis on each state to encourage membership and renewal.

As of 12/31/03, there were 1,125 current paid members in the SEB, ESA (from SEB, ESA report given by Catherine Mannion). These included: 794 Members, 243 Student Members, 67 Emeritus Members, 8 Honorary Members, 2 Lifetime Members, 4 Youth Members, and 7 Miscellaneous Members. In early March 2004, Grant received a listing of non-renewed SEB, ESA members from David Riley. Based on this listing, there were 543 non-renewed members as of February 2004. By September 2004, 206 of these members had renewed their memberships (37.9% of the February non-renewals). Of those February non-renewals, 62.1% (n=337) still had not renewed their memberships as of September 2004. A breakdown by membership category illustrates that non-renewals occur across all categories, although it is probably the highest in the student member category (based on 243 student members as of 12/31/03).

Grant asked what can be done to encourage membership. Encourage everyone to look at the website. There is a problem with retention. There is a transition period for students.

Education and Youth Committee - Michael R. Williams

This committee has 4 members:

M.R. Williams (MS) Chair
Tanja McKay - AR (3 years)
Tracie Jenkins - GA (3 years)
Joe Culin (Past Chair)

The committee met at the 2005 SEB meeting. The committee proposes to have a teacher symposium at the 2006 meeting. Williams requested that 2 more members be added to the committee

Meeting Location and Time-2006 - Sterling Southern

The 2006 SEB meeting will be on March 5-8, 2006 in Wilmington at the Hilton Riverside Hotel. Williams stated they will do all they can to have a nice mixer and will work with the program committee to provide a good program

Meeting Location and Time-2007 - Jerome Grant

Tennessee will host the 2007 meeting. Both Nashville and Knoxville are being considered. In Knoxville there are several attractions such as the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, various museums, Knoxville zoo, a riverboat, and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Field trips to show the impact of exotics are being considered.

Both cities are served with major interstate highways. If you have a preference, please contact Grant or Frank Hale.

7) Selection of Meeting Host State Three Years Out (2008)

Florida will be the host state for the 2008 meeting. There has not been a formal invitation to Florida. Hodges stated he is not aware of any discussion but was sure that Florida would be happy to host the meeting.

8) Resolutions Committee Action - Alton “Stormy” Sparks

Sparks submitted a report from the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions were posted for 24 hours. Sparks proposed a resolution remembering members who passed away this past year. LeGrand M. Sparks was included in the resolution. 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, Gary Mullen; President-Elect, Wayne Gardner; Past-President and Governing Board Representative, Michael L. Williams; and Secretary-Treasurer, Catharine Mannion 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 Arthur Appel and Micky Eubanks, for developing an excellent, appropriate, timely and informative program; the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Clarence Collison, 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 2005 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 Grand Casino Hotel, Tunica, Mississippi, for their cooperation, services and hospitality, which contributed to the completion of a successful and outstanding 79th Annual Meeting. A resolution was made to express appreciation for the financial contributions of Bayer/Gustafson, Dupont Crop Protection, Valent Corporation, Delta and Pineland Company, Emergent Genetics, Beltwide Cotton Genetics, Amvac, The Cotton Board, Syngenta Corporation, Arvesta Corporation, and Monsanto Corporation.

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

James F. Walgenbach – 2004 ESA Award for Excellence in IPM

Dennis R. Ring – 2004 Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension

Tad Harding – 2004 ESA Recognition Award in Regulatory Entomology

Patricia A Zungoli – 2004 Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching

Eric P. Benson – ESA Recognition in Urban Entomology

Coby Schal – 2004 ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, & Toxicology

Andrew Cline, Louisiana State University – 2004 John Henry Comstock Award
Francis P.F. Reay-Jones, Louisiana State University – 2004 Robert T. Gast Award
Amy Kovach, University of Tennessee – 2004 Kirby L. Hays Award
Amy Kovach, University of Tennessee – 2004 Southeastern Branch Student Award
Huqi Liu, Auburn University– 2004 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Display Presentation Award
Matt Bertone, North Carolina State University – 2004 Outstanding M.S. Student Display Presentation Award – M. S.

A resolution of appreciation was made to Games Master John Adamczyk and Livy Williams, and the fair and knowledgeable presence of the judges Mike Ivie, Scott Stewart, and Wayne Gardner as well as the teams participating and congratulations to the winning and second place teams from Clemson and North Carolina State University, respectively.

A resolution of appreciation was made to Michael L. Williams for his service as Governing Board Representative.

Gardner 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

Hinkle thanked the committee members (Art Appel, Alvin “Chip” Anderson, David Boyd, Jeff Dobbs, and Doug Streett). The new Member-at-Large is Kris Braman and the President Elect is Richard Sprenkel. There were a total of 165 ballots. Electronic voting will be available through headquarters in the future.

10) Report of Nominating Committee for National Offices - Wayne Gardner

There were no nominees for any of the national offices. If there are suggestions, contact Gardner

11) Old Business - Gary Mullen

None

12) New Business - Gary Mullen

President Mullen presented plaques and expressed appreciation to Local Arrangements Chair Clarence Collison and Program Chairs Art Appel and Micky Eubanks. President Mullen asked Past Presidents Mike Williams and Joe Culin to escort President-elect Wayne Gardner to the podium. President Mullen presented the gavel to President-elect Gardner. Gardner then expressed appreciation from the SEB to Mullen (the plaque from

ESA headquarters already awarded).

13) Introduction of 2005-06 Committee Chairs - Wayne Gardner

Gardner announced that the following had agreed to serve as committee chairs:

Program Committee – David Buntin and Tracie Jenkins

Local Arrangements – Sterling Southern

Member Awards – Amanda Hodges

2007 Meeting – Jerome Grant and Frank Hale

Nominating Committee – Doug Streett (approved by the Executive Committee)

Gardner stated that we will be working with our Bylaws to change to electronic voting and making any other necessary changes. Tim Kring is the only member of the Bylaws Committee. Gardner asked do we need to add another member.

14) Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Culin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.