

**SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF
AMERICA
81TH ANNUAL MEETING, KNOXVILLE, TN**

**FINAL BUSINESS MEETING
CROWN PLAZA HOTEL
5:00 PM, MARCH 6, 2007**

- 1. Call to Order – Richard Sprenkel, President SEB-ESA**
The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm in Salon A and B of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Knoxville, TN, Tuesday, March 6, 2007. There were 39 in attendance when the meeting was called; there was a quorum. Sprenkel welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Reading of 2006 Minutes - Catharine Mannion, Secretary-Treasurer**
Mannion stated that the minutes were posted on the website and were also available at the current meeting. Williams made a motion to suspend reading of the minutes and to adopt the minutes as published on the web with the above corrections. Vail seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on voice vote.
- 3. Comments from ESA President Scott Hutchins**
Hutchins thanked the branch for the invitation to come to the meeting. Hutchins briefly commented on the new changes in ESA and stated that headquarters is stable and morale is good and that ESA should continue to enjoy much success.
- 4. Financial Report – Catharine Mannion, Secretary Treasurer**
Mannion passed out the Financial Summary for 2006-07. The balance on March 3, 2007 was \$50,616.10. 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.

Hale made a motion to accept the Financial Summary. The motion was seconded and passed on voice vote.
- 5. Auditing Committee Report – Randy Luttrell**
The Auditing Committee met with Secretary-Treasurer Catharine Mannion on March 5 to review the financial books of the Southeastern Branch ESA. The Committee reviewed the records between January 31, 2006, when the last Auditing Committee report was made (showing a balance of \$27,372.77, through January 31, 2007. 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 \$37,740.31. Hammond made a motion to accept the Auditing Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Johnson and it passed on voice vote. No discussion.
- 6. Budget Report – Catharine Mannion, Secretary Treasurer**
Mannion passed out a proposed budget for 2007-08.

The proposed budget for 2007-08 shows a zero net balance. Changes in the proposed budget include adding \$200 to the amount of income from interest accrued from \$300 to \$500; income from Gast and Hays Award be changed from \$750 to \$500; subtract \$3,000 from the program printing/ mailing to be more in line with expenses for the change of electronic exchange of information; increase the Local Arrangements Committee budget by \$3,000 for food and refreshments at the meeting; and to subtract the \$250 for the Hays Award as an expense.

7. Committee Reports

Local Arrangements Committee – Jerome Grant, Chair

Grant thanked the membership for attending the meeting and thanked the members of his committee. The total amount of money contributions to support the meeting received from industry and the University of Tennessee was \$10,250 as well as a savings of \$1,500 due to tax-free expenses. Grant stated that the hotel was excellent to work with. Approximately 10% do not stay for the awards lunch and the hotel allowed some flexibility to change meal types and drop the number of people attending the luncheon. The “Jammin with Buggies” was a big success and the membership enjoyed the entertainment. There were approximately 100 books sold at the book signing following the Plenary Session. The Associates Program was also successful and the participants seemed to enjoy themselves. There was excellent turnout for the tours to the Body Farm. There was a total of 403 room nights used and the total spent by the LAC was \$18,200. Grant requested that attendance to the awards lunch be placed on the pre-registration form to help better plan the number that will be at the lunch. Grant also reminded the next LAC to start soliciting for industry support as soon as they can.

Membership Committee – David Riley, Chair

During the last 2 years there was a slow but steady increase in membership. The Membership Committee would like to shoot for an increase of 55 each year. He reminded the membership that the term for the committee lasts 3 years and they need to replace two outgoing members

Resolutions Committee – Kris Braman

Committee members included Seth Johnson, Gary Leibee, and Kris Braman.

Whereas, we have been saddened by the passing of the following members of this Branch during the past year: Robert L. Rabb, Vince R. Parman, Randall L. Rose, John Roussel, Jacob Phillips, Robert Davis, H. Wyman Dorough, Angela M. Nelson, Robert Head, and Bob Combs.

(Resolution #1)

Be it resolved, that we stand for a moment of silence in memory of these friends and colleagues, and that the Branch President send a letter of condolence to their families.

Whereas the success of the 81st Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America is due to the efforts of officers and committees and other members of the Branch, therefore,

(Resolution #2)

Be it resolved that the members of the Branch express gratitude to the Branch President, Richard Sprengel; President-Elect, James Harper; Past-President, Wayne Gardner; Secretary-Treasurer, Catharine Mannion; and Governing Board Representative, Michael L. Williams for their leadership in and management of the affairs of the Branch during the year; and

(Resolution #3)

Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the excellent and important efforts of the Program Committee, chaired by Karen Vail, for developing an excellent, appropriate, timely and informative program; and

(Resolution #4)

Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the efforts of the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by Jerome Grant, for arrangements prior to and during this meeting; and

(Resolution #5)

Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the efforts of the Program and Local Arrangements Committees for organizing and loading electronic presentations on laptop computers for meeting sessions; and

(Resolution #6)

Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the efforts of Mike Caprio for automating the SEB-ESA website for submission of presentation titles for inclusion the meeting program; and

(Resolution #7)

Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the efforts of Melissa Thorpe for development and management of the SEB-ESA website, and

(Resolution #8)

Be it resolved, that Secretary-Treasurer, Catharine Mannion, on behalf of the members of the Branch, be instructed to express written appreciation to the management and staff of the Crowne Plaza, Knoxville TN, for their cooperation, services and hospitality, which contributed to the completion of a successful and outstanding 81st Annual Meeting.

(Resolution #9)

Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize and express our appreciation for the financial contributions of: AmVac, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Chemtura, Dow AgroSciences, Dupont, FMC, Monsanto Corporation, Nisus Corporation, OHP,

Syngenta Crop Protection, and University of Tennessee, for providing support for the mixer, continental breakfasts, and coffee breaks at this meeting.

Whereas, the members of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America are proud of the accomplishments and recognition of their fellow members who were nominated by the Branch for national awards by the parent society, therefore,

(Resolution #10)

Be it resolved that the members of the Branch commend the following members for their respective awards and nominations:

- Rudi H. Scheffran - 2007-SEB-ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology
- Faith M. Oi - 2007-SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension
- Donn T. Johnson - ESA Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management
- Keith Douce – ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension

Whereas, the members of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America are very proud of the accomplishments of their student members, therefore,

(Resolution #11)

Be it resolved that the members of the Branch commend the following Student Members for their respective awards:

- Floyd W. Shockley – 2006 John Henry Comstock Award
- Floyd W. Shockley – 2006 Student Activity Award (Sponsored by Monsanto)
- Gregory J. Wiggins– 2006 Robert T. Gast Award
- Euginio (Gino) Nearn– 2006 Kirby L. Hays Award
- Amit Sethl– 2006 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Display Award
- Carla Dilling– 2006 Outstanding M.S. Student Display.
- Lyndsay A. Knoblock- Fast- 2006- Outstanding M.S. Student Presentation

Whereas, the Linnaean Games have been enjoyable for both the participants and the audience due to the excellent moderating style of the Games Master Ron Kuhr, and the fair and knowledgeable presence of the judges Scott Hutchins, Richard Sprenkel and Jim Harper and the preparation and good sportsmanship exhibited by the Linnaean Games Teams, therefore,

(Resolution #12)

Be it resolved that the members of the Branch express their appreciation to Ron, Scott, Richard and Jim, as well as the teams participating, and congratulate the winning team from Arkansas and the second place team from Clemson.

Whereas, the members of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America are grateful for the superior service, leadership and representation of the Branch by Michael L. Williams, on the ESA Governing Board, therefore,

(Resolution #13)

Be it resolved that the members of the Branch express their appreciation to Michael for his service as Governing Board Representative

A motion to adopt was made by Kring and seconded by Jenkins. Passed.

Member Awards Committee – David Boyd, Chair

Boyd thanked the committee, Wayne Brewer, Steve Murphree, David G. Hall, and Roger Leonard. There were a total of six nominees, two each in three categories.

Following are the winners for the three awards being given this year:

ESA Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management

Donn T. Johnson, University of Arkansas

ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension

Faith M. Oi, University of Florida

ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology

Rudolf (Rudi) H. Scheffrahn, University of Florida

The other five categories to which no nominations were received were the following: ESA Recognition Award in Entomology, sponsored by Syngenta Crop Protection; ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching; ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Regulatory Entomology, sponsored by American Nursery and Landscape Association; ESA Distinguished Service to the Certification Program Award; and ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry & Toxicology, sponsored by Bayer CropScience. We need to do a better job of promoting the awards. Please help in making an effort to push for more nominees and for all the possible categories to be represented next year.

Student Awards Committee – Greg Hodges

Hodges thanked his committee which included Wes Watson, Gerry Carner, T. Eugene Reagan, Phillip Roberts, Jarrod Leland, William Moar, Scott Stewart, and Tina Teague. There may be at least 4 people rotating off this committee and will need to be replaced.

The student awards were presented at the Awards Luncheon:

John Henry Comstock

Kirby L. Hays

Robert T. Gast

M.S. Paper

Ph.D. Poster

M.S. Poster

Ph.D. Paper – 2nd

M.S. Paper – 2nd

Floyd Shockley

Gino Nearn

John Herbert

Kelly Felderhoff

Matt Bertone

Brandon Patrick Corbett

Karla Michele Adesso

Isaac Kent Deal

Approximately 40 students competed and all gave excellent presentations. Congratulations to the winners. There were 18 judges and moderators. Thanks to all

of them. There 4 excellent candidates for the Kirby L. Hays award and 5 excellent candidates for the John Henry Comstock award.

Meeting Location 2008 – Amanda Hodges

Local Arrangements Committee Members will be Eileen Buss, University of Florida, Julieta Brambila, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Amanda Hodges, University of Florida (chair), Norm Leppla, University of Florida, Catharine Mannion, University of Florida (SEB Secretary-Treasurer), Rob Meagher, USDA-ARS. The meeting will be March 2 – 5, 2008 in Jacksonville, at the Wyndham Riverwalk Hotel. If you have requests for things to do, please contact someone on the committee.

Meeting Location 2009 – Mike Williams

They will be looking for a late February or early March timeframe for the 2009 meeting; probably on the coast. But, have not ruled out the northern part of the state. Would like some input on what factors are most important to everyone such as warmer climate and more activities or room rates at the hotel.

8. Bylaws Committee – Tim Kring

Two years ago, the Executive Committee directed the *ad-hoc* ByLaws committee to make the modifications necessary to the branch ByLaws and Constitution in order to allow electronic dissemination of information and electronic voting. The Executive Committee also directed the committee to establish notification timelines for various actions (e.g., distribution of election ballots, ByLaws and/or Constitution amendments) tied to a specific minimum number of days prior to the annual meeting.

In 2006, the appropriate ByLaws amendments were approved by the membership, and as of this meeting the amendments to the Constitution have also been approved, formally effecting these changes. These changes have resulted in a savings (by elimination of printing and mailing costs) well in excess of \$3,000 from the annual budget.

One caveat, as noticed by several members, should be noted. There was an error introduced in both the ByLaws and Constitution changes. Specifically, we had intended to require a minimum 60-day notification requirement (before the annual meeting) for presentation of election and ByLaws/Constitution changes. However, I inadvertently put a 30-day notification interval for the ByLaws and Constitution amendments on both ballots.

While the members have approved a minimum of only 30 days notification for ByLaws/Constitution changes, I recommend the Executive Committee use a 60-day interval as is the adopted period for other actions (e.g., election ballots). This period would obviously be within the 30-day minimum period just approved.

Finally, I recommend that the *ad-hoc* ByLaws committee study the soon-to-be released major modifications of the ESA national ByLaws and Constitution, and consider future modifications to parallel their streamlining.

9. Meeting Site Selection 2010 (Georgia)

Braman stated that Nancy Hinkle has accepted the invitation to have the meeting in Georgia. A motion to accept the invitation was made by Williams and seconded by Hutchins. Passed.

10. Election Results – Keith Griffith, Nominations Committee

The positions of President-Elect and Member-At-Large were voted on with the following results: Alvin Simmons, President Elect and Roger Leonard, Member-at-Large. This was the first year for electronic voting and it was a huge success. There were 239 votes cast.

11. ESA Nominations – Richard Sprenkel, Chair

Have not come up with any names but will be continuing on this committee this coming year and will be contacting members who might be good candidates. We need candidates to step forward.

12. Old Business – Richard Sprenkel, SEB President

None

13. New Business – Richard Sprenkel, SEB President

President Sprenkel presented plaques and expressed appreciation to Local Arrangements Chair Jerome Grant and Program Chair Karen Vail. President Sprenkel asked Past Presidents to escort President-elect Harper to the podium. President Sprenkel presented the gavel to President-elect Harper. Harper thanked Sprenkel for his service for the last year. Sprenkel was awarded a plaque from ESA at the luncheon. Harper also thanked the membership for voting for him and that he is honored to be selected.

Harper stated that the Local Arrangements Committee is in place to start on the next meeting and the next program chair, Faith Oi, already has her committee. The next Nominating Committee will be chaired by Greg Hodges and the committee will be comprised of John Ruberson, Fred Musser, Debbie Brickle, Michael Jackson and David Rogers. The offices to be filled will be President Elect, Secretary Treasurer Elect, and Member-at-Large.

A potential motion was discussed for the Awards Committee to investigate an award for industry sponsors because they contribute so much to the meeting. Meagher commented if it would be for an individual or company. Mannion also discussed the cost of a plaque is currently not in the approved budget. Kring suggested the committee look into this so that the motion is worded correctly; we would need a written document describing the award.

Motion: The Membership Awards committee should draw up a guideline for an award for industry sponsor representation for their contribution to the industry and SEB. The motion was seconded by Lorenz.

ESA President Scott Hutchins thanked all that participate on national committees and volunteers and is looking forward to seeing everyone in San Diego.

14. Adjourn

Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Hammond seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.