

**82nd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch,
Entomological Society of America
March 2-5, 2008, Jacksonville, FL**

FINAL BUSINESS MEETING

1. Call to Order – James Harper, President SEB-ESA

Harper called the meeting to order at 5:05pm in the Anchor Room of the Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, Tuesday, March 4, 2008. There were 51 in attendance when the meeting was called; there was a quorum. Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Reading of 2007 Minutes - Catharine Mannion, Secretary-Treasurer

Mannion stated that the minutes were posted on the website and were also available at the current meeting. Pfrimmer made a motion to suspend reading of the minutes and to adopt the minutes as published on the web with the above corrections. Eger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on voice vote.

3. Financial Report – Catharine Mannion, Secretary Treasurer

Mannion passed out the Financial Summary for 2007-08. The balance on March 3, 2008 was \$63,430.79. 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.

Pfrimmer made a motion to accept the Financial Summary. The motion was seconded by Hodges and passed on voice vote.

4. Auditing Committee Report – Chip Graham

The Auditing Committee met with Secretary-Treasurer Catharine Mannion on March 3 to review the financial books of the Southeastern Branch ESA. The books balanced, with a notation of \$100 missing from a deposit of \$3,940 on January 23, 2008. The bank statement on that date shows a deposit of \$3,840. The discrepancy is expected to be resolved in the next bank statement which is not covered under this audit. The balance on January 31, 2008 was \$52,326.14.

Eger made a motion to accept the Auditing Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Hale and it passed on voice vote.

5. Budget Report – Catharine Mannion, Secretary Treasurer

Mannion passed out a proposed budget for 2008-09.

The proposed budget for 2008-09 shows a \$250 net balance. The only change in the proposed budget was to increase the income from the Hays and Gast Award endowments to \$750 (from \$500).

Graham made a motion to accept the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Williams and it passed on voice vote.

6. Committee Reports

Local Arrangements – Amanda Hodges

Hodges thanked the Local Arrangements Committee (Eileen Buss, University of Florida, Julieta Brambila, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, John Capinera, University of Florida, Ex-Officio, Joe Eger, Dow Agrosiences, Gaurav Goyal, student representative, Raymond Hix, FAMU, Norm Leppa, University of Florida, Catharine Mannion, University of Florida Ex-Officio, Rob Meagher, USDA-ARS, Faith Oi, University of Florida Ex-Officio, Richard Sprenkel, University of Florida). Hodges gave special thanks to Rob Meagher for all of his effort with the AV and help from the beginning.

Minimum room block met (301 rooms). Jim Harper (major suite, SEB-ESA president) and Mike Gray (junior suite, ESA president) received complimentary rooms per the hotel contract. Additionally it is anticipated that 10 room nights will be received based on the 1 comp per 50 room blocks reserved. The complimentary rates went to the following individuals: Robin Kriegel (ESA Executive Director), Rich Johnson (Keynote Speaker), Catharine Mannion (Secretary/Treasurer), and Amanda Hodges (Local Arrangements Chair). Total actual room nights used, 459.

Joe Eger worked with Jackie Miller from the McGuire center to coordinate a 'behind-the-scenes' tour of this on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Joe provided some information to Catharine Mannion for the e-announcements in this regard. Information was also posted on the web. A sign-up sheet is available at the meeting. Also, Jackie is providing the 'Florida Welcome' which will highlight the McGuire Center. Raymond Hix worked towards coordinating a tour at the Navy Center of Excellence. A required drill caused this tour to be cancelled. Gaurav Goyal and Amanda Hodges prepared some general information for offsite activities. Jeremy Greene, Clemson University, coordinated the golf tournament

Approximately 50 presentations were received in advance of the meeting via e-mail. The remaining presentations were uploaded in the Buckman Parlor Room (Rob Meagher coordinating). Gaurav Goyal assisted with coordinating student volunteers. A website for presentation upload would be better than e-mails (due to file size limitations), but it is good to have as many presentation in advance of the meeting as possible.

Joe Eger, Eileen Buss, and Richard Sprenkel requested sponsors from various individuals for the meeting. John Capinera also agreed to provide some sponsorship funds to the meeting as Florida is the host state. Joe Eger drafted a template letter. Numerous sponsorships were recruited during July 2007. Follow-up recruitment of sponsors occurred in December/January 2007. Faith Oi also assisted in recruiting sponsorships during December/January 2007. **Sponsorships Received and/or Committed:**

- AmVac \$500
- Arysta LifeScience \$500
- Bayer Environmental Science \$500
- Chemtura \$500
- Dow AgroSciences \$2000
- DuPont \$100

Florida Sod Growers Cooperative \$1000
Monsanto \$1500
Syngenta \$750
University of Florida, Entomology & Nematology Department \$687
Total Contributions \$8937

Harper thanked Amanda and the committee for their efforts.

Program Committee – Faith Oi

Oi thanked the Program Committee. Committee members included Rob Meagher (FL), Phil Kaufman (FL), and Tracie Jenkins (FL). Ex-officio members included Karen Vail (TN). Mike Caprio (MS) ran the website for submissions and summarized those submissions into an Excel spreadsheet so presentations submitted via email or fax could then be added. Joe Gibney then assembled the rough draft of the document. After papers were ordered and preliminarily formatted, Phil Kaufman, Pam Howell and I proofed the document and it was sent to Jane Medley, Entomology and Nematology Dept. artist, for layout. Printing was done by FedEx/Kinko's. The number of presentations for 2008 is 193, an increase from 174 presentations in 2007. Fifty of those presentations were by students. Plenary Speaker Col. Rich Johnson was confirmed in Dec. 2007. Title: Bugs in war and peace: A history of military entomology. There were a total of 23 moderators and organizers involved in the program. The SDC-319 Biological Control of Arthropod met on Sunday.

The issue of timing the room reservation deadline with paper submission and registration deadlines was discussed at the Executive Meeting. *Our recommendation is that the SEB-ESA return to the practice of one firm deadline in January for a March meeting.* The branch members have gotten accustomed to extensions, delaying the publishing of the program, which also makes planning for travel difficult. Several problems were encountered during the production of the program which continued to be a challenge from the 2006 and 2007 programs. Several students failed to check the appropriate student competition session when submitting their presentations on-line. We re-iterate last year's recommendation: *"The online submission form may need modification to more clearly direct students to the proper session, but a reminder from their advisor to carefully select the appropriate student competition may be more helpful."* In particular, the category "competition type" and "type" were mis-checked. For example, a student may check Ph.D. (student) paper competition under "competition type" and also check "poster" under "type". We again re-iterate the concern from last year's committee that "students were allowed to submit a paper and a poster for the student competition." We put forth a similar recommendation based on the following: *"We could not find anything in the student awards guidelines that would prohibit this. If the society wishes to only allow a student to only submit an oral or display presentation, but not both, then this needs to be added to the guidelines and a statement added to the submission form."* *Addressing this issue may alleviate an issue about the heavy judging load as expressed by the Student Awards Committee.* Last year's committee recommended that the title submission form specifically state the size of the posters as 46" X 46" or 44" X 44". This change was incorporated into the 2008 Word Document form. We also simplified the information request on the Word Document form as recommended by the 2007 committee to include "only affiliation and city and state are needed for the address. If

ESA head quarters is not able to assist the branches in program production via Convex, *we recommend that the changes on the Word Document be reflected in the web submission form as well.*

Membership Committee – Bill Klingeman

Klingeman not present; no oral report presented. Natalie Hummel, ESA Committee on Membership, stated the importance of looking at the increasing numbers of young professionals, advertising in the departments, and following up if you hear of any one not renewing their membership. Retaining students is a big effort. Hummel asked for help in this effort.

Resolutions Committee – Ralph Bagwell (read by J. Grant)

Committee: Ralph Bagwell, Jerome Grant and Pat O’Leary

Whereas, we have been saddened by the passing of the following members of this Branch during the past year:

- Dr. George W. Folkerts, Auburn, Alabama
- Dr. Rajinder Kumar, Shreveport, LA
- Mr. Byron C. Lemont, BCE, Newberry, FL
- Dr. Ralph B. March, Chapel Hill, NC
- Mr. Vince R. Parman, Cary, NC
- Dr. Morris Rockstein, Coral Gables, FL
- Dr. Allen L. Steinhauer, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Therefore,

(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 82nd 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, James (Jim) Harper; President-Elect, Alvin Simmons; Past-President, Richard Sprenkel; Secretary-Treasurer, Catharine Mannion; Governing Board Representative, Michael L. Williams, and Members-at-Large, Kris Braman, James Dutcher, and Roger Leonard, 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 Faith Oi, 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 Amanda Hodges, 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 his contributions to the continued automation of the SEB-ESA website for submission of presentation titles for inclusion in the meeting program; and

(Resolution #7) Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize the continued efforts of Melissa Thorpe for development and management of the SEB-ESA website, and

(Resolution #8) Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch express our appreciation to Richard N. Johnson for his informative and historical plenary lecture on “Bugs in War and Peace,”

(Resolution #9) 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 Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk, Jacksonville, Florida, for their cooperation, services and hospitality, which contributed to the completion of a successful and outstanding 82nd Annual Meeting.

(Resolution #10) Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize and express our appreciation for the financial contributions of AmVac Chemical Corporation, Arysta LifeScience, Bayer Environmental Sciences, Chemtura, Dow AgroSciences, Dupont, Florida Sod Growers Cooperative, Monsanto, Syngenta, and the University of Florida, Entomology & Nematology Department 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 #11) Be it resolved that the members of the Branch commend the following members for their respective awards and nominations:

- Oscar Liburd, Univ. of FL SEB-ESA Award for Excellence in IPM
- Phillip M. Roberts, Univ. of GA SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension
- Paris Lambdin, Univ. of TN SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching
- Arthur G. Appel, Auburn Univ. SEB-ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology

- Ron Oetting, Univ. of GA SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology
- Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes, Univ. of TN SEB-ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry & Toxicology
- Joe McHugh, Univ. of GA ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching
- Arthur G. Appel, Auburn Univ. ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology

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

- Greg Wiggins, Univ. of TN – 2007 John Henry Comstock Award
- John Herbert, Univ. of FL – 2007 Robert T. Gast Award
- Alani Taylor, Univ. of GA – 2007 Kirby L. Hays Memorial Award
- Kelly Felderhoff, Univ. of TN - 2007 Outstanding M.S. Student Presentation Award
- Brandon Corbett, Univ. of AR – 2007 Outstanding M.S. Student Display Award
- Matt Bertone, North Carolina State Univ., 2007 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Display Award.

Whereas, the Linnaean Games have been enjoyable for both the participants and the audience due to the excellent moderating style of the Games Master Norm Leppa, and the fair and knowledgeable presence of the judges Jim Harper, Alvin Simmons and Mike Gray and the preparation and good sportsmanship exhibited by the Linnaean Games Teams, therefore,

(Resolution #13) Be it resolved that the members of the Branch express their appreciation to Norm, Jim, Alvin and Mike, as well as the teams participating, and congratulate the winning team (North Carolina State) and the second place team (University of Florida). Congratulations are also expressed to the 2007 first and second place teams from the University of Arkansas and Clemson University which placed first and second, respectively, in the National competitions.

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

A motion was made to add a Resolution to thank Rob Meagher for his efforts in running the AV. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the Resolution 1 was made by Pfrimmer and seconded. Passed.
A motion to accept all remaining resolutions was made by Grant and seconded by Eger.
Passed

Member Awards – David Riley (not present)

D. Hall, member of the Member Awards Committee commented that the packages for the nominees is extensive and that it take great effort to process.

There were a total of nine nominees, two each in three categories and only one each in three categories. Following are the winners for the awards being given this year:

ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension

Phillip M. Roberts, University of Georgia

ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology

Arthur G. Appel, Auburn University

ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology

Ron Oetting, University of Georgia

ESA Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management

Oscar Liburd, University of Florida

ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, & Toxicology

Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes, University of Tennessee

ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching

Paris Lambdin, University of Tennessee

Student Awards - Philip Roberts

Roberts thanked the committee: Phillip Roberts (GA-Chair), T. Eugene Reagan (LA), Doug Street (MS), William Moar (AL), Scott Stewart (TN), Allen Szalanski (AR), Jack Bachelier (NC), Francis Reay-Jones (SC), Gary Leible (FL). Roberts encouraged members to be on this committee and thanked the judges and moderators who committed a lot of time because there were 50 student entries. The guidelines are being updated. The Branch should consider splitting the competition when the number of students are high. This has been a problem in recent years. Student winners:

John Henry Comstock Award (outstanding Ph.D. student): 7 nominees

Greg Wiggins, University of Tennessee

Kirby L. Hayes Memorial Award (outstanding M.S. student): 3 nominees

Alani Taylor, University of Georgia

Robert T. Gast Award (outstanding Ph.D. oral presentation at annual SEB meeting): 18 papers

1st Place: P.J. Obenauer, University of Florida

Honorable Mention: D.A. Swanson, Clemson

Southeastern Branch Student Award (outstanding M.S. oral presentation at annual SEB meeting): 11 papers

1st Place: N.P. Lord, University of Georgia

Honorable Mention: C.G. Shelton, University of Arkansas

Outstanding Ph.D. Student Display Presentation (outstanding Ph.D. poster at annual SEB meeting): 17 posters

1st Place: M.A. Bertone, North Carolina State University

Outstanding M.S. Student Display Presentation (outstanding MS. poster at annual SEB meeting): 4 posters

1st Place: A. Hakeem, University of Tennessee

Meeting Location and Time 2009 – Art Appel

Committee members: Arthur G. Appel (Co-chair), Michael L. Williams (Co-chair), and L. C. “Fudd” Graham

The SEB-ESA 2009 Meeting Location and Time Committee, in consultation with Conference Direct, Inc., has selected the Renaissance Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center as the hotel and venue for the 2009 SEB-ESA meeting. This new hotel is located at 201 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery Alabama in a historic riverside area. The official program dates will be Saturday, March 7, 2009 through Wednesday, March 11, 2009. The confirmed room rate is \$119.00 (plus 12.5% taxes) per night for single and double rooms and Executive suites. One complimentary room will be provided for every 50 paid rooms. Three rooms will be upgraded to Executive suites at the confirmed room rate. The hotel will provide a complimentary Governor’s suite. Overnight self parking will be \$7.00 per vehicle per night and wired and wireless high-speed internet will be available at \$6.95 per 24 hour period. The hotel will provide complimentary round trip shuttle service to the Montgomery airport. Function and meeting rooms will be provided free of charge provided the SEB-ESA meet our room block requirement.

Meeting Location and Time 2010 – Alton Sparks

Current members: Alton Sparks, Jr. – Chair, Phillip Roberts, John Ruberson, Wayne Gardner

Members of the Committee meet informally throughout the year to discuss potential sites within Georgia for the 2010 annual meeting. The sites considered included Atlanta, Athens, Columbus, Tifton, Savannah, and Valdosta. All of these sites have more than adequate facilities for our meeting. Our current discussions have narrowed primary considerations to Savannah and Columbus, with Columbus being the Committees recommendation. It is proposed that the meeting be held the first or second weekend in March, 2010. An annual event is hosted in the proposed Headquarters hotel in early March each year. We are attempting to verify the date of this event so as to avoid direct conflict. Both locations under consideration have more than adequate facilities based on estimated needs from prior programs.

Public Relations Committee – Raymond Hix

Committee members included Raymond L. Hix, Chair (FAMU), Heather McAuslane (UF), and Roxanne Burris (USDA). We disseminated the release to the following news papers, TV news stations, and radio. Newspapers included Gainesville Sun, Tallahassee Democrat. Florida Time-Union (Jacksonville), and the Jacksonville Business Journal. TV (Jacksonville) included First Coast News- ABC 25 & NBC 12, CBS 4, and PBS 7. Radio (Jacksonville) included NPR 89.9 FM. The press was excellent and cast ESA in a positive light. This committee has been defunct for several years.

7. Selection of Meeting site for three years out (2011) – Alvin Simmons

Simmons asked for a motion to accept an invitation. Both Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are part of the SE Branch. The Branch has never met outside the continent. There are 21 members in Puerto Rico and one in the Virgin Islands. It would be a good opportunity to meet there. We may be able to get some support for student travel. On behalf of the entomologists in Puerto Rico, it is requested that the Branch meet in Puerto Rico. The Executive Committee suggested investigating both Arkansas and Puerto Rico as meeting sites for the Branch to consider.

Wiedenmann, University of Arkansas, stated they are willing to host the meeting in either 2011 or 2012.

Discussion – Eger stated that the Florida Entomological Society met in Puerto Rico within the last 10 years. It was a positive and successful meeting. The hotel room rate was not exclusive. Brambila suggested that if the meeting is held in Arkansas then travel grants could be offered to entomologists in Puerto Rico. Sparks stated that they meet in conjunction with the Mexican Society every 5 years with success. Hall suggested that the University of Puerto Rico and the USDA in Puerto Rico could perhaps help with local arrangements.

Braman made a motion to accept the invitation from Puerto Rico. Kring stated we need more information before accepting the motion. The motion was amended. Simmons will gather more information and present at the next meeting. A motion was made to accept the invitation to Puerto Rico contingent on acceptable costs. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee – Greg Hodges

Committee members included Greg Hodges, Mike Jackson, Fred Musser, John Ruberson, Debbie Brickle, and David Rogers. Candidates for President-Elect and Secretary Treasurer and Member-at-Large were identified. The Committee also identified Roxanne Rutledge for the Certification Board and Mike Williams will represent the Branch at the Governing Board for a second term.

President Elect: Kris Braman, University of Georgia
Secretary Treasurer Elect: David Hall, USDA/ARS
Member-at-Large: Ralph Bagwell, LSU AgCenter

9. Nominations for National ESA President-Elect – Richard Sprenkel

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

President Harper presented plaques and expressed appreciation to Local Arrangements Chair Amanda Hodges and Program Chair Faith Oi. Harper thanked ESA President Mike Gray for

attending the meeting. Harper thanked all the committee chairs and members and the Secretary Treasurer for a successful year. President Harper asked Past Presidents to escort President-Elect Simmons to the podium. President Harper presented the gavel to President-elect Simmons. Simmons thanked Harper for his service for the past year.

Simmons stated it is a great honor to serve as the next President.

Simmons stated that the Nominations Committee was approved by the Executive Committee. Karl Jones will be the chair and they will be identifying candidates for President Elect and Member at Large. Most of the committees have been filled. All should be filled in the next 30 days. The Branch website will be moved from Florida to North Carolina. A special committee will be appointed to assist with the transition to the new server. The Program Chairs for the 2009 meeting are Nannan Liu and James Cilek, and the Local Arrangements Chairs are Art Appel. and Mike Williams. Alleman will chair the Archive Committee, Lorenz will chair the Membership Committee, Leonard will chair the Awards Committee, and one additional person will be added to the Bylaws Committee (with Kring). Harper will chair the National Office Nomination Committee.

12. Adjourn

Eger made a motion to adjourn. Grant seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm.