

**84th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch,
Entomological Society of America
March 7-10, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia**

FINAL BUSINESS MEETING

1. Call to Order – Kris Braman, President SEB-ESA

Braman called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm in the Piedmont Room A of the DoubleTree Hotel Atlanta-Buckhead, Atlanta, GA on March 9, 2010. There were 65 in attendance when the meeting was called; there was a quorum (35 required). Braman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Reading of 2009 Minutes – David Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

Hall stated that the minutes were posted on the website and were also available at the current meeting. Simmons made a motion to suspend reading of the minutes and to adopt the minutes as published. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on voice vote.

3. Financial Report – David Hall, Secretary Treasurer

Hall passed out the Financial Summary for 2009-10. The starting balance on February 28, 2009 was \$69,777.92. The ending balance on January 29, 2010 was \$66,198.49. Most of the expenses for this meeting (hotel costs, food, awards) have not yet been paid. While in Mannion's possession, all funds were held in a Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Active Assets Account, with a \$150 annual fee. Although this Assets Account earned as much as around \$300 annually during previous years, apparently due to the current economic situation this account only earned \$2.61 during 2009. David Held and the Auditing Committee reviewed details of closing out the Morgan Stanley account and found all in order (audit conducted during December 2009).

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

The proposed 2010-11 budget carries \$36,450 income, \$500 more than the previous budget (SEB is going to match the \$500 donated by the Jenkins for student travel to the Puerto Rico meeting).

4. Auditing Committee Report – David Buntin for David Held (Chairman)

Since the previous audit, the former secretary-treasurer transferred branch funds to the current secretary-treasurer. In Dec. 2009, David Held, Auditing committee chair, audited the records of the previous secretary-treasurer from March 2009 through Dec. 13, 2009. A report of this audit is included in the records of the secretary-treasurer. We checked the records, Dec 2009 through Jan 2010, of the former secretary-treasurer and verified that all branch funds were transferred to the current secretary-treasurer.

We audited the records of the current secretary-treasurer from July 2009 through January 29, 2010. The current secretary-treasurer has branch funds in two separate accounts. One is an interest-bearing money market account and the other is a business checking account. All recorded expenses, income interest, and deposits through Jan 29, 2010 were verified. The balances in both accounts matched the balances reported by the current secretary-treasurer.

This report is submitted by the Auditing Committee and will be included in the records of the secretary-treasurer.

Simmons moved to accept, JC Chong seconded, passed.

5. Budget Report – David Hall, Secretary-Treasurer

As of 2 PM Tuesday, March 9, a total of 262 individuals had registered for the 84th Annual Meeting. Ten of these registrants had not yet checked in at this time.

Hall passed out a proposed budget for 2009-10. The proposed budget for 2010-11 shows an ending net balance of \$100. The changes include: adding a one-time \$1,000 donation to NC State for SEB archives; adding \$1,000 for student travel to the Puerto Rico meeting; reducing travel budget for Secretary/Treasurer by \$550; adding line items for shipping meeting materials to Puerto Rico; reducing Executive Committee and invited speaker travel, and reducing the Bank Fees line item by \$100. Note that the footnotes to the table are not in the correct order and that the \$350 reduction in Secretary Travel should be changed to \$550.

Amanda Hodges made a motion to accept the proposed budget with amended footnotes. The motion was seconded by Eger and it passed on voice vote.

6. Committee Reports

a. Local Arrangements – Stormy Sparks

The chair thanks the members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their service, particularly Phillip Roberts who worked very closely with the Chair and aided in all decisions. Phillip also served as Chair of the Sponsorship Committee which greatly enhanced our chances of a successful meeting. LAC also worked closely with the Program Chair, Dr John Ruberson, in developing the overall program with respect to room selection, set-up and timing of the program and the Chair thanks Dr. Ruberson for his help.

Initial hotel contact was made through Conference Direct, and their aid in selection of the location was invaluable. Final selection of the hotel was made after visiting and meeting with Sharon Johnston of the DoubleTree and verifying that the hotel could fulfill our needs. Contacts with the hotel in the last year have been primarily through Sharon and Tashea Love, both of whom have been a pleasure to interact with and have been very helpful and cooperative. The contract was developed in cooperation with Dr. Catharine Mannion (SEB

Secretary-Treasurer in 2009) and her help was also invaluable. Finally, Dr. David Hall (current SEB Secretary-Treasurer) was instrumental in finalizing and budgeting the current meeting.

Room blocks did provide the normal concerns. We had a total room block of 405 room nights. At the deadline for reservations, approximately 320 room nights had been reserved. The hotel extended the deadline and we have approximately 374 room nights reserved. Penalties could have been assessed had we not reached 80% of our block, and concessions could have been withheld if we had not reached 85%. Concessions provided include 3 complimentary suites, two upgrades, one complementary room for every 40 occupied, 20% discount on food and beverage, and 40% discount on audio visual equipment. We did have some minor problems with reservations, as some individuals were initially charged a higher rate for Tuesday night, but the hotel staff worked to correct this problem. An announcement was made during the opening session to ensure that all of these problems were addressed.

Despite personal visits and numerous questions, we did experience some problems with meeting space (mostly related to size and number of people). This did result in some shuffling of the program and required moving Posters to a smaller space and, likewise, the meetings on Wednesday morning.

Additional issues include:

- Pre-registration: any and all steps to encourage pre-registration should be taken. Estimating food and beverage needs without accurate numbers can be very expensive, or can easily result in inadequate supplies.
- Sponsors: The LAC joins the Sponsorship Committee in recommending that one meeting registration be included when a determined level of sponsorship is exceeded (this level could be adjusted annually).
- Two requests were received for “exhibitor space” (one company, one USDA). Both were rejected. It was viewed as unfair to provide exhibitor space to anyone without offering it to our sponsors. This also would provide additional space concerns for the LAC. The Executive Committee should develop a position on this issue. Tim Kring relayed there used to be SEB guidelines for hosting vendors.
- Pre-loading of PowerPoint presentations: of 125 presentations, 38 were received prior to the meeting.
- Associates Program: it was decided that an official Associates Program would not be offered. One request was received concerning the Associates Program. The LAC Chair offered to facilitate activities, but no additional contacts were received.
- Golf outing: participation in this activity has been declining for several years. Only two individuals expressed interest. They were put in contact with one another and a course for play was identified, but it is suspected that they did not play.
- Poster boards: the LAC wishes to thank NC State for providing poster boards for the 2010 meeting.
- Budget: The expenses for audio-visual expenses and food and beverage are estimated at approximately \$28,500. This is slightly over the original budget, but well below budget when the additional sponsorships are considered.

b. Meeting Location and Time Committee – 2011 – A. Simmons

Committee Members: Tugrul Giray, PR (*Chair*); Rosa Franqui, PR; Nico Franz, PR; David Jenkins, PR; Bert Rivera-Marchand, PR; Jose Rodrigues, PR; and Alvin Simmons, SC; and David Hall, FL, Ex-officio.

The committee arranged a location and time for a joint annual meeting for the SEB-ESA and APS-CD (American Phytopathological Society-Caribbean Division). We worked with Kristin House and Morgan Klinkradt at Conference Direct. Bids were sent out twice. The committee reviewed 9 bids and narrowed them down to 2. We considered most not to be acceptable because of meeting space limitations or the rates were in excess of our limitations. Site visits were made to two properties by 2 committee members (Giray and Rodrigues) that included complimentary overnight stays. The committee considered the pros and cons of the two sites and balanced that against the needs of SEB-ESA. Between the top choices, we concluded that one property would be too tight of space for our needs, even though the rates were very attractive. We then focused our negotiations on one site. Another party who helped in our search was Aileen Laracuent, Director of Sales, Puerto Rico Convention Bureau.

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The first day of the meeting was scheduled a day earlier than in the past to facilitate a professional tour day within the meeting. However, meeting space was reserved on the date for the tour to allow flexibility for program adjustment.

b. Annual Meeting Sponsorship – Phillip Roberts

Members:

Mark Abney, NC	Nancy Hinkle, GA	Dan Suiter, GA
Jerome Goddard, MS	Will Hudson, GA	Karen Vail, TN
Jeff Gore, MS	Phillip Roberts, GA, <i>Chair</i>	
Frank Hale, TN	Dave Schuster, FL	

The Ad Hoc Annual Meeting Sponsorship Committee corresponded by email and phone to identify potential sponsors for the 2010 SEB-ESA Annual Meeting. Sponsors and contacts from the 2009 Annual Meeting were obtained from the 2009 Committee Chair and potential new sponsors and contacts were identified by this committee. A total of 27 entities were identified and contacted about the sponsorship opportunity.

It was decided that three sponsorship levels be recognized: Gold \$1,000, Silver \$500-\$1,000, and Bronze <\$500. The decision to offer sponsorship levels was made in part at the request of potential sponsors. A total of \$11,750 was committed to sponsor the 2010 SEB-ESA Annual Meeting. A listing of sponsors and sponsorship levels was recognized in the program.

2010 SEB-ESA Sponsors

Gold Sponsors	Silver Sponsors	Bronze Sponsors
AgraQuest	Bayer CropScience	Nichino America
BASF	Chemtura	
Dow AgroSciences	OHP, Inc.	
DuPont		
Monsanto		
Syngenta		
Valent		
UGA Department of Entomology		
UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences		

c. Program Committee – John Ruberson

Committee members:

John R. Ruberson, chair (Univ. of Georgia)
Michael D. Toews (Univ. of Georgia)
Shimat V. Joseph (Univ. of Georgia)
Nannan Liu *ex officio* (Auburn Univ.)
James Cilek *ex officio* (Univ. of Florida)

Our committee would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Mike Caprio for setting up and operating the website at Mississippi State for paper submissions, and to Dr. David Hall for his assistance in getting information out to the membership. As we understand it, next year the entire submission process will be handled by the ESA office, which will let Mike off the hook. He is owed a deep debt of gratitude for the many years he has been doing this for the Branch.

We also would like to extend our great appreciation to the 18 moderators and session organizers for the meeting.

Finally, our thanks to the Colson Printing Company in Valdosta, Georgia- who printed 260 copies of the program for a cost of \$875.00. They used a pdf version of the program.

1. Program Overview

The program includes an invited Plenary Address by Dr. Joe Lewis, recently retired from the USDA-ARS, as well as six symposia:

1. Armyworm Symposium
2. Student Symposium
3. S-1034 Regional Project Symposium
4. Turf and Ornamental Symposium
5. Urban Symposium
6. Vegetable Symposium

The program for the 2010 meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America compared with the preceding three meetings is as follows:

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Regular papers	94	110	98	84
Regular posters	47	30	31	48
MS papers	8	12	25	21
MS posters	6	3	5	9
PhD papers	7	19	27	21
PhD posters	12	19	12	11
<i>Total student presentations</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>62</i>
Total presentations	174	193	198	194

Contributed Non-student and Paper Representation by ESA Section:

Section	Papers	Posters
Systematics, Evolution, and Biodiversity	2	2
Integrative Physiological and Molecular Insect Systems	1	2
Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology	13	10
Plant-Insect Ecosystems	46	34

We also served as host for the S-1034 Regional Project meeting, Southern Corn Entomologists Working Group, and SERA-IEG 23 (Cotton Insects) meeting.

2. Notes and Observations

1. We had the typical problems with getting the submissions in on time. This is a difficult issue to resolve, but will become increasingly important as agencies require more

advance notice of meetings with firm justification. It is impossible to provide people with meeting schedules when the program is incomplete. I (JRR) must accept some responsibility for the delays with the program this year because of personal scheduling problems, but we need to come up with reasonable deadlines and then put some teeth into those deadlines. This issue was addressed in 2008 with the recommendation that the room and paper submission deadlines be synchronized and scheduled for January in preparation for a March meeting. This deadline might be unrealistic for travel plans, however, due to the time needed to compile and organize the submissions after submission. Many presenters need to know presentation schedules in order to finalize travel plans.

2. In accordance with previous recommendations, no students were permitted to enter more than one presentation in the competitions, although this was managed through direct communication with students rather than having clarifying directions *a priori*. All of the students were cheerfully compliant. This policy needs to be formalized in the awards guidelines and paper submission forms. Even with elimination of student competition redundancies, we still had plenty of student competition papers.

3. We need to make sure we get high resolution pictures for the program in the future. Some of the images we had this year were less than ideal.

d. Membership Committee – Eileen Buss

No report.

e. Resolutions Committee – Jerome Grant

Members of the Resolutions Committee include Jerome F. Grant (Chair), Gary L. Leibee, and Dakshina R. Seal. Most of the Committee work was completed during the Branch meeting, where the Resolutions were compiled and posted 24 hours before the Final Business Meeting. The assistance of President Kris Braman, President-Elect Frank Hale, Past-President Alvin M. Simmons, Program Chair John Ruberson, and Local Arrangements Chair Stormy Sparks in finalizing the Resolutions was greatly appreciated.

Prior to the Branch meeting, an e-mail message was sent to all members, via David Hall (Secretary-Treasurer, SEB-ESA), to remind members that they can submit resolutions for presentation at the Annual Meeting. The message provided is listed below:

"Please submit any resolutions to the Resolutions Committee at least 26 hours prior to the Final Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 9 (resolutions must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, March 8). The members of the Resolutions Committee are Jerome Grant (TN), Gary Leibee (FL), and Dakshina Seal (FL). For your perusal, the Proposed Resolutions will be posted in a prominent location near the registration area 24 hours prior to the Final Business Meeting."

Suggestions for modification to the Guidelines for the Resolutions Committee were provided to President-Elect Frank Hale for consideration.

A request was made to ESA for a listing of deceased members of SEB-ESA (those who died during the past year). Information was not received prior to the Final Business Meeting. Names of deceased members also were sought at the Executive Committee Meeting and at the Opening Session and Business Meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE 84th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN BRANCH OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF
AMERICA** (read by Jerome Grant, Chair)

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

Dr. Costas Kouskolekas, Auburn, AL

Dr. Hassan Oloumi-Sadeghi, Research Triangle Park, NC

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 84th 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, Kris Braman; President-Elect, Frank Hale; Past-President, Alvin M. Simmons; Secretary-Treasurer, David Hall; Governing Board Representative, Michael L. Williams, and Members-at-Large, Ralph Bagwell, Nancy Hinkle, 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 John Ruberson, 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 Stormy Sparks, 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 continued contributions to the 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 past efforts of Melissa Thorpe for development and management of the SEB-ESA website and recognize the efforts of Andre Owens, ESA Headquarters, for developing and implementing changes to allow the Branch website to be hosted by ESA, thus permitting the Branch to be the first Branch with an official ESA-Sponsored website; and

(Resolution #8)

Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch express our appreciation to W. Joe Lewis for his informative and enjoyable plenary lecture on “Employing the Marvels of Nature: Folklore to Modern Science,” and

(Resolution #9)

Be it resolved, that Secretary-Treasurer, David Hall, on behalf of the members of the Branch, be instructed to express written appreciation to the management and staff of the DoubleTree Hotel, Atlanta-Buckhead, Atlanta, Georgia, for their cooperation, services and hospitality, which contributed to the completion of a successful and outstanding 84th Annual Meeting; and

(Resolution #10)

Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize and express our appreciation for the financial contributions of our Gold Sponsors (AgraQuest, BASF, DOW AgroSciences, DuPont, Monsanto, Syngenta, Valent, University of Georgia Department of Entomology, and University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences), our Silver Sponsors (Bayer CropScience, Chemtura, and OHP, Inc.), and our Bronze Sponsor (Nichino America) 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 or their departments 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 national awards and honors received at the 2009 Entomological Society of America Meeting:

Charles Apperson, ESA Fellow

Norm C. Leppla, ESA Fellow

Michael R. Strand, ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, and Toxicology

Cheri M. Abraham, Larry Larson Graduate Student Award for Leadership in Applied Entomology

Karla M. Adesso, Henry and Sylvia Richardson Research Grant

Waseem Akbar, John Henry Comstock Award

Gregory J. Wiggins, ESA Student Activity Award

and that the members of the Branch commend the following members for their respective 2010 awards and nominations:

Dan L. Horton, Univ. of GA, SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension

Abner M. Hammond, Jr., Louisiana State Univ., SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology

Donald E. Champagne, Univ. of GA, ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching

Michael R. Strand, Univ. of GA, SEB-ESA Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology

John R. Ruberson, Univ. of GA, SEB-ESA Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management

Daniel R. Suiter, Univ. of GA, SEB-ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology

Robert McPherson, Univ. of GA, ESA Recognition Award in 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:

Waseem Akbar, Louisiana State Univ. – 2010 John Henry Comstock Award

Jimmy Pitzer, Univ. of FL – 2009 Robert T. Gast Award

Mark Galatowitsch, Univ. of GA – 2010 Kirby L. Hays Memorial Award

Kyle Fontenot, Louisiana State Univ. - 2009 Southeastern Branch Student Award for Best Paper

Evelyn Carr, Univ. of GA – 2009 Outstanding M.S. Student Display Award

Frank Wessels, Univ. of FL – 2009 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 Leppla, and the fair and knowledgeable presence of the judges Kris Braman, David Hogg, and John Ruberson 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 Leppla, Kris Braman, David Hogg, and John Ruberson, as well as the teams participating, and congratulate the winning team from the University of Georgia and the second place team from the University of Florida. Congratulations also are expressed to the 2009 first and second place teams from North Carolina State University and Louisiana State University, respectively, who represented the Branch in the National Linnaean Games competitions in Indianapolis, IN.

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 L. Williams for his dedicated service as Governing Board Representative.

Simmons made a motion to accept the Resolutions as read. Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

f. Member Awards Committee – David Riley

The 2009-2010 SEB Awards Committee was comprised of the following members:

David Riley (Chair), GA (2010) dgr@uga.edu

Ellen Thoms, FL (2012) emthoms@dow.com

Eric Riddick, MS (2011) eric.riddick@ars.usda.gov

Fiona Goggins, AR (2011) fgoggin@uark.edu

Kathy Kidd NC (2012) kathleen.kidd@ncmail.net
Ken Ward, AL (2010) kenneth.ward@aamu.edu

In the summer of 2009 we issued a call for nominations using the ESA distribution list 'se.annc@lists.entsoc.org' to recognize entomologists for their career accomplishments at the annual 2010 SEB-ESA Conference. We also made the membership aware that the only eligible SEB nominees for the 2009 national ESA Distinguished Award for both Teaching and Extension were the 2009 SEB winners of these two awards: Teaching - Dr. Gene Reagan, Louisiana State University and Extension - Dr. Alton (Stormy) Sparks, University of Georgia. Our committee attempted to distinguish the process for nominations for each of the national (ESA Headquarters) branch (SEB) awards. The professional awards currently supported by the SEB-ESA include:

- 1) Distinguished Service to the Certification Program
- 2) Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management
- 3) Recognition Award in Entomology
- 4) Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching
- 5) Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension
- 6) Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology
- 7) Distinguished Achievement Award in Urban Entomology
- 8) Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, & Toxicology

In 2009, each award was administered according to the guidelines described on the SEB-ESA website (<http://n-fl-bugs.ifas.ufl.edu/SEB/08-09/RevisedSebEsaGuideFeb08.pdf>) or on the national ESA website (<http://www.entsoc.org/awards/index.htm>). Although additional awards were listed on the national ESA website, only those listed above were used to recognize SEB-ESA members at the annual branch meeting. Revisions to the SEB Guidelines for the Awards Committee were provided (see attached document).

For the national awards, a description of each award, the sponsor, and nomination/application criteria were included on the website: http://www.entsoc.org/awards/procedures_index.htm. A template for the CV and electronic submission requirements also are listed at this site. We recommend that a similar website be constructed for the SEB awards.

The SEB-ESA Award nominees were scored by the committee in a timely fashion during the fall. I (D. Riley) removed myself from the scoring process since there were a simple majority of nominees from my own institution, the University of Georgia, to avoid a conflict. The winners of the SEB ESA Member Awards for 2010 were:

- 1) Distinguished Service to the Certification Program - No nominations
- 2) Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management - **John Ruberson**
- 3) Recognition Award in Entomology - **Robert McPherson**
- 4) Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching - **Don Champagne**
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- 7) Distinguished Achievement Award in Urban Entomology - **Dan Suiter**
8) Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry, & Toxicology - **Michael Strand**

Again the recommended changes to the SEB Awards Committee Guidelines have been turned in and we recommend that the guidelines for nominations be made available on the SEB website. This report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the 2009-2010 SEB Awards committee.

Note – Rogers Leonard pointed out that there is some confusion about the National Teaching and Extension Awards. These have to be won at the branch level before winning at national level.

g. Student Awards Committee – Gary Leibee

The Student Awards Committee consisted of: Gary L. Leibee, FL (2010), Chair; Jack Bachelier, NC (2010); Francis Reay-Jones, SC (2010); Fred Musser, MS (2011); Tara Smith, LA (2011); Michael Toews, GA (2011); Allen Szalanski, AR (2012); TBD, TN (2012); and TBD, AL (2012). This Committee administered the following awards.

John Henry Comstock Award (outstanding Ph.D. student): 5 nominees
Winner: **Waseem Akbar**, Louisiana State University

Kirby L. Hayes Memorial Award (outstanding M.S. student): 3 nominees
Winner: **Mark L. Galatowitsch**, The University of Georgia

Robert T. Gast Award (outstanding Ph.D. oral presentation at annual SEB meeting): 19 papers

1st Place: **Waseem Akbar**, Louisiana State University
Honorable Mention: **Brendan G. Hunt**, Georgia Institute of Technology

Southeastern Branch Student Award (outstanding M.S. oral presentation at annual SEB meeting): 17 papers

1st Place: **Sarah K. Wong**, North Carolina State University
Honorable Mention: **Samuel B. Cooke**, Winthrop University

Outstanding Ph.D. Student Display Presentation (outstanding Ph.D. poster at annual SEB meeting): 11 posters

1st Place: **Abdul Hakeem**, University of Tennessee

Outstanding M.S. Student Display Presentation (outstanding MS. poster at annual SEB meeting): 9 posters

1st Place: **Jamie E. Dinkins**, University of Georgia

Student Award Guideline Revisions - The committee will contribute to updating guidelines to be more consistent with actual practices of the committee.

h. Meeting Location/Time: Puerto Rico 2011 – A. Simmons

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i. Meeting Location/Time: Arkansas 2012 – Rob Wiedenmann (report given by Braman)

Preliminary work has been completed by discussion with Morgan Klinkradt and Kristin House of Conference Direct. After discussing previous years' meetings and projected needs, they (Conference Direct) developed a list of properties in Little Rock and northwest Arkansas (Fayetteville, Rogers). Tentative dates are March 3-7, 2012. Properties will be visited and preliminary bids assessed to narrow the hotels from which to choose. Dates will be verified with ESA Central, to avoid overlap with other Branches (and with the 7th International IPM Symposium). A Local Arrangements Committee will be formed after the conclusion of the 2011 SEB meeting.

Discussions are underway to determine the feasibility and desirability of combining the 2012 SEB meeting with that of the SWB, to be held in northwest Arkansas. This idea originated at a joint meeting of the SAC-12 and NCAC-15 Entomology Administrators, February 24-25 in Fayetteville. Input was sought at the Executive Committee meeting and the Final Business meeting; the SWB will discuss as well at their 2010 meeting. Outcomes of discussions would affect Local Arrangements Committee activities among others. The SWB has not selected a 2012 site yet. SWB President Allen Knutson is in favor of a joint SEB-SWB meeting and will promote the idea at the SWB meeting later this month. Potential benefits: networking with different people; larger than a regular SEB meeting, but smaller than a national ESA meeting; symposia could draw from a larger pool of speakers, covering different topics across branch regions; attract attendees to make up for loss of members from far eastern SEB areas; and the location would be in proximity to Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and Texas A&M. Potential detriments: loss of Branch identity and the logistics of the meeting (rooms, property size, dual Award Luncheons, increased team participation in Linnaean Games and in student competition.

j. Public Relations Committee – Raymond Hix for John Vogt (Chair)

A total of 30 media outlets were notified about the SEB Atlanta including television stations, radio stations, newspapers, and magazines. Nancy Hinkle gave a radio interview about the meeting on March 6. Richard Levine told us that he could assist us with public relations for future annual SEB meetings.

k. Meeting Selection for 2013

Tim Schowalter, LSU Entomology Department Head, invited SEB to Baton Rouge for the 2013 meeting. Eger moved to accept, Williams 2nd. Pass by voice vote.

l. Nominations Committee – Rob Wiedenmann

Committee Members:

Chip Anderson, Ted Cottrell, Nancy Hinkle, Doug Houseworth, Susie Legaspi, Rob Wiedenmann (Chair)

Names were solicited by email from Committee members for President-Elect and Member-at-Large. Twenty names were received from Committee members for both offices. Members then selected five semi-finalists for President-Elect and six for Member-at-Large, and then ranked them through e-mail vote. The final ranking was used to contact the top-ranked candidates to determine willingness to serve. Once agreement was reached, the names of the two top-ranked candidates for each office were forwarded for the ballot, which listed:

Candidates for President-elect:

Robert Meagher, Jr. -- USDA-ARS, Gainesville, FL
Norm Leppla -- University of Florida, Gainesville

Candidates for Member-at-Large:

Eileen Buss -- University of Florida, Gainesville
Phillip Roberts -- University of Georgia, Tifton

President Braman announced that Leppla and Buss were the winners.

m. National Office Nominations Committee – Jim Harper

The previous Ad hoc National Offices Nominating Committee in the 2008-09 year did not have a recommendation for the office of Chair of the Board Certified Entomologist Program, nor does the current Committee. The previous Committee had unanimously agreed to approach Dr. Robert Wiedenmann to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the office of VP-Elect of ESA in 2008. He declined at the time due to other commitments but expressed a desire to be reconsidered in the near future. At the National ESA meetings in Indianapolis in December 2009, he allowed his name to be considered by the P-IE Section of ESA as their nominee for this office and received a unanimous vote. This Committee recommends that the Southeastern Branch of the ESA accept our recommendation of Dr. Wiedenmann for the office of VP-Elect of ESA. We have contacted him and have received his approval for this action. We recommend that during the final business meeting of the SEB in Atlanta in March 2010, Dr. Wiedenmann's name be put forth as a nominee for this office, that nominations from the floor be called for, and that after discussion of the nominees takes place, a vote be taken and the winner declared our Branch nominee for the office of ESA Vice-President Elect for 2010. We further recommend that, if approved, the Branch leadership contact the leadership of appropriate sections, networks or other groups and work with them to gain further support for our Branch nominee.

Simmons noted that shortly after the last annual meeting, the executive committee unanimously voted to give the support of SEB to the North Central Branch's nominee (Grayson Brown) for ESA Vice-President Elect for 2009 in exchange for NCB's pledge to support SEB's nominee for 2010. After their candidate won the election, NCB reaffirmed their pledge to support SEB's candidate for 2010.

Jim Harper moved that we nominate Rob for the position, second by Schowalter. Unanimous vote in favor by show of hands.

7. Old Business

No old business items were discussed.

8. New Business

- Recognition of new SEB President Frank Hale
- Introduction of new committee chairs: Nominating, Program and Local Arrangements

Nominating Committee:

Robert Meagher (Chair) – USDA-ARS

Nancy D. Epsky USDA-ARS

Paris L. Lambdin – UT

Natalie A. Hummel – LSU

Anthony W. Weiss – Dow AgroSciences

Jeffrey D. Smith – Valent USA Corporation

Simmons moved we accept the nominating committee, second Hall, passed unanimously by voice vote.

For 2011 meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico

The local arrangements committee has three co-chairs:

Tugrul Giray

Jose C. Rodrigues

Alvin M. Simmons

Program Committee Co-Chairs:

Juang-Horng 'JC' Chong

Raymond Hix

Public Relations Committee Chair:

David Jenkins USDA-ARS

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Note: Secretary-Treasurer Hall added three addenda to these minutes, an addendum A (Report of the Linnaean Games), an addendum B (Photo Salon Winners) and an addendum C (Review of Meeting Registrations)

Addendum A - 2010 Linnaean Games Report (Teresia Nyoike)

In this year's Linnaean games we did not have a formal committee to organize the games. I, however, got some assistance from Ana Cabrera (Student Affairs Committee, Chair). I did most of the work in preparation for the games such as soliciting questions, selecting the questions, randomizing the games and looking for judges and a game master. All this was completed before the meeting in Atlanta. During the games, I got help from two Student Affairs Committee members: Katherine Parys (LSU) as the time keeper and Carla Dilling (Tennessee) to clear the buzzer (UF graduate student Gorauv Goyal assisted with the buzzer). As it has always been done, the team matching (who is playing whom) was randomly selected during the Student Affairs Committee meeting on Sunday (March 7th 2010).

There were 6 teams that participated in this year's competition including University of Georgia, University of Florida, Florida A & M, Auburn University, North Carolina State University, and Louisiana State University (LSU).

In the ESA-SEB Linnaean games 2010, first place went to University of Georgia and second place went to University of Florida. Team members were as follows:

University of Georgia: Christopher Scocco (Team Captain), Shaku Nair, Cheri Abraham, and Daniel Usry, with two alternates, Shimat Joseph and Evelyn Carr

University of Florida: Ameya Gondhalekar (Team Captain), Matthew Thom, Melissa Doyle, and Harsimran "Rosie" Gill

Florida A & M University: Antonio Francis, Oulimathe Paraiso, Eutyclus Kariuki, and Kaneisha Barr, with two alternates, Chris Linton and Jordan Williamson

North Carolina State University: Ana Cabrera, Nick Kimps, Richard Reeves, and Jonathan Cammack

Louisiana State University: Sebe Brown, Julien Beuzelin, Blake Wilson, and Mathew Gimmel, with alternate Jessica Moore

Auburn University: Addison Barden, Tim Nafziger, Esther Ngumbi, and Prith Das, with alternates Kate Nangle and Sallie Martin

Addendum B – Photo Salon Report (Cheri Abraham)

Entries were solicited from the members towards 5 categories of the Insect Photo Salon. The following four traditional categories were retained- Microphotography, Traditional Macro, Artistic and Arthropods in action. Arthropods in action was modified to a sequence photography competition where submissions were sequences of 3-6 pictures depicting arthropods in action. A new category "Entomologists in action" was also introduced and generated a lot of interesting entries. Traditional macro alone generated about 35 entries, and the total response was overwhelming with more than 100 entries.

For the first time (at least in a long time), first and second prize winners were recognized with a certificate in a certificate holder. All the photos were displayed electronically during the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, March 9th 2010. The award winning photos were also recognized during the award ceremony for the Photo Salon. From among the prize winning photos, a winner was chosen as the Overall Best in Show. The list of winners are given below.

Traditional Macro

2nd Prize- David M. Stone, University of Illinois- Urbana Champagne

1st Prize- Dr. Raymond L. Hix, Faculty Center for Biological Control

Arthropods in Action

2nd Prize- Thomas Chouvinc, University of Florida

1st Prize- Elijah Meck, North Carolina State University

Artistic

2nd Prize- Elijah Meck, North Carolina State University

1st Prize- Sarah R. Beganyi, university of Georgia

Photo Microscopy

2nd Prize- Dr. Raymond L. Hix, Faculty Center for Biological Control

1st Prize- Evelyn Rae Carr, University of Georgia

Entomologists in action

2nd Prize- Thomas Chouvinc, University of Florida

1st Prize- Thomas Chouvinc, University of Florida

"Overall Best in Show" - Dr. Raymond L. Hix

Addendum C – SEB Meeting Registration Counts

Category	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	Avg No.
Pre Registration							
Active	110	111	106	90	92	106	103
Non-Members	2	9	10	10	8	9	8
Students	71	71	53	52	49	26	54
Emeritus	4	2	5		6	4	4
1 day	3	0	3	9	3		4
Guests	10	4	10	8	6	8	8
sum	200	197	187	169	164	153	180
On site Registration							
Active	30	22	31	42	31	36	32
Non-Members	6	2	9	4	4	7	5
Students	12	17	29	28	17	53	26
Emeritus	1	2	0				1
1 day	4	2	5		2	8	4
Guests	5	0	1		4	6	3
sum	58	45	75	74	58	110	72
Total	258	242	262	243	222	263	251