

**86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Branch,  
Entomological Society of America  
March 4-7, 2012, Little Rock, Arkansas**

**FINAL BUSINESS MEETING – MARCH 7, 2012**

**1. Call to Order – Norm Leppla, President SEB-ESA**

President Leppla called the meeting to order at 10:35 am on March 7 in the Harris Room of the Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas. There were 35 in attendance shortly after the meeting was called to order; there was a quorum (35 required). President Leppla welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Reading of 2011 Minutes – David Hall, Secretary/Treasurer**

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

**3. Financial Report – David Hall, Secretary/Treasurer**

We have two accounts with PNC, a checking account and a money market account. During April 2010, an 11-month CD with PNC was established (\$50,000). \$20,000 was withdrawn from the CD on 3/22/11 (10 days before maturity) and transferred to our checking account to ensure we would have enough in the account to pay for the Puerto Rico meeting. The CD balance at maturity was \$30,545.01 (\$545.91 interest earned). A new 8-month CD was established during April 2011(\$75,000) and at maturity earned \$173.14. The CD was closed on 12/1/11 and all funds transferred to the money market account.

Checking Account (3/1/11 – 1/31/12):

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Starting balance | \$60,429.85  |
| Income           | \$97,948.21  |
| Expenses         | \$139,083.25 |
| Final balance    | \$19,294.81  |

Money Market (3/1/11 – 1/31/12):

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Starting balance | \$18,707.96 |
| Income           | \$75,201.44 |
| Expenses         | \$15,000.00 |
| Final balance    | \$78,909.40 |

Certificate of Deposit PNC #31400349174

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Starting balance 3/1/11    | \$50,511.54 |
| Balance at closing 4/1/11  | \$50,545.91 |
| Starting balance 4/1/11    | \$75,000.00 |
| Balance at closing 12/1/11 | \$75,173.14 |

Hall relayed that Alvin Simmons reported at the Sunday Executive Committee Meeting that the SEB and APS Presidents had a verbal agreement to share any profits or losses associated with the joint 2011 meeting in Puerto Rico. Overall, there was a profit of \$7,691.48. The Executive Committee at their meeting voted to provide APS with \$2,000 (26% based on numbers of members from each society attending).

Nancy Hinkle made a motion to accept the Financial Summary, second by Joe Eger, passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **4. Auditing Committee Report – Dennis Ring**

The committee met on 3/5/12 at 2:00 pm. Members of the committee were Dennis Ring (Chair) and Mike Stout. The committee checked the bank statements and Quicken account from March 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012 (final bank statement). The books were in order and all receipts were account for.

Joe Eger moved to accept the report, second by John Ruberson, passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **5. Proposed Budget Report – David Hall, Secretary/Treasurer**

The proposed 2012-2013 budget is similar to the approved 2011-2012 budget. Changes including those made and approved at the Sunday Executive Committee meeting were: (1) a \$1,100 fee has been added for Convex (presentation submissions for next year's meeting); (2) a reduction of \$300 in anticipated interest on reserve funds; (3) President-Elect Buntin removed \$200 travel budget for SEB President (he will not need assistance); (4) \$550 was added for travel by the SEB Secretary-Treasurer (this amount had been deducted from the 2010, 2011 and 2012 meeting budgets because Hall's travel to meetings was already covered); (5) \$550 was added to the Student Awards Committee budget to cushion for increased numbers of awards; and (6) transfer of \$1,300 from reserve funds to balance. The draft budget proposal includes \$38,250 in income and \$38,250 in expenses (a net gain of \$0).

Nancy Hinkle moved to accept the proposed budget, second by Amanda Hodges, passed unanimously by voice vote. (see Appendix B for the approved budget)

#### **6. Committee Reports**

##### **a. Local Arrangements Committee – Rob Wiedenmann**

The Co-chairs thank the members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their service, and acknowledge Gus Lorenz, Sponsorship Chair, whose efforts resulted in record sponsorship (>\$51,000, see Sponsorship Report). LAC also worked closely with the Program Co-Chairs, John Ruberson (SEB) and Sonja Swiger (SWB), for room selection, set-up and the program.

Hotel contact was made through Conference Direct, and their aid in selection of the location

was invaluable. Hotel selection was made after visiting and meeting with Sanaida Goodner of the Peabody and verifying that the hotel could fulfill our needs. Contacts with the hotel in the last year have been through Jennifer Willis, who has been a pleasure to interact with.

The hotel contract was developed through Conference Direct (Morgan Klinkrad), in cooperation with David Hall (SEB Treasurer) and Allen Knutson (SWB President). The original contract was amended several times with additions of meeting rooms, sleeping rooms and AV.

We had a total room block of 655 room nights, which was exceeded (658 room nights), plus another 16 rooms credited but that were reserved outside the room block. Weather on March 2 resulted in a loss of some room nights, as well as reservations amended to depart on Wednesday. Because of LAC chair being unaware of the concurrent Little Rock Marathon, there was a shortage of rooms available Saturday night. Travel arrangements were proposed to the membership to aid in finding rooms for Saturday. Conference Direct helped secure another 9 rooms to alleviate the shortage of rooms for Saturday and Sunday nights.

Concessions provided include one complimentary suite (ESA President), two upgrades, and one comp room per 40 occupied. The room occupancy provided 16 comp room nights, distributed as: 4 to SEB, 12 to SWB (per agreements by Branch Presidents, Treasurers, Program and Local Arrangements chairs). Room attrition may lead to fewer comp nights to allocate.

ESA Central provided web-based registration, which accounted for 325 of the 365 pre-registrations. ESA Central printed name tags and registration receipts, and provided four staff to aid in registration, finances and on-site logistics. The on-line registration worked very well, with only minor issues, primarily how guests were recorded and aligning with registrations received by Branch treasurers. By querying registrants about participation in the two receptions and Award Luncheon, we were better able to estimate food and beverage needs.

The uniqueness of the joint meeting presented its own unique challenges, such as joint plenary session and award luncheon, concurrent sessions and business meetings. Historical cultures of the individual Branches (such as response to due dates for meeting registration, presentation submission and hotel reservations) affected planning by LAC as well as the Program Committee. Because of the large number of student competition presentations and limited time on Monday, we provided box lunches to alleviate issues about lunch timing.

Southern and North Central Entomology Department Heads (SAC-12 and NCAC-15) met March 3-4, and an extension meeting was held March 7-8, both of which helped meet the room block.

The Little Rock Visitors and Convention Bureau provided a grant of \$2,000 to defray partial cost of the reception at the Clinton Library.

Several requests were received for “exhibitor space” (military, student clubs, several industry

sponsors), which were granted at no extra charge because there was ample space and no extra charge for the tables and poster boards.

Pre-loading of PowerPoint presentations was done on-site in a dedicated room, which was coordinated by Co-Chair Scott Ludwig.

Because of the site and nearby options available, we offered a Guest/Spouse Program this year. Assistance was provided by Little Rock colleagues (non-members) with access to staff at the Governor's Mansion and Clinton Library. Nine guests participated in the Guest Program, which included the visit to the Statehouse Museum, lunch at the Governor's Mansion and a visit to the complex of Heifer Village and the Clinton Library.

The LAC thanks LSU for providing poster boards for the 2012 poster displays. Additional poster boards for displays and other information were provided by UA. Both Branches provided the laptops and most of the projectors used at the meeting, decreasing the high AV costs.

Because of the convergence of entomologists throughout the south, the University of Arkansas offered recertification training for pest control operators, using SEB and SWB members as speakers. Income from the training session helped defray SEB/SWB meeting costs.

Draft Budget as of 3/2/12:

|  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Food and Beverage                                    | 46,235                           |
| AV   | 9,994                            |
| Other hotel charges                                  | 450 (room rental for Dept Heads) |
| Clinton library Reception                            | 8,480                            |
| Guest program  | 1,200                            |
| Program/Local expenses                               | 2,550                            |
| Total Expenses                                       | 68,909                           |
| Expenses paid by others                              | 11,013†                          |
| Host state contribution                              | 24,463                           |
| Sponsor Contributions                                | 27,300 (\$5250 designated)       |
| † \$1100 from Dept Heads, \$9913 from PCO conference |                                  |

Registration income will be presented by the treasurer and used to calculate total return. Final budget numbers will be provided after the meeting.

**b. Annual Meeting Sponsorship – Gus Lorenz**

Sponsorship was solicited from industry through personal contacts. Sponsorship was handled through the Southeastern Branch, although three contributions were received directly by the Southwestern Branch. A total of \$27,300 was received from industry donors.

Additional funds were solicited from host-state faculty members to pay for elected meals and breaks. Approximately \$24,000 was received from University of Arkansas Extension faculty. As a result, over \$51,000 was raised to support the meeting.

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>PLATINUM LEVEL (\$2500+)</b>  |               |
| Terminix International           | 5,000*        |
| Cotton Incorporated              | 2500**        |
| <b>GOLD LEVEL (\$1000+)</b>      |               |
| Syngenta                         | 1,500         |
| MANA                             | 1,500         |
| Bayer CropScience                | 1,500         |
| Dow AgroSciences                 | 1,500         |
| Chemtura                         | 1,500         |
| Monsanto                         | 1,000         |
| Valent                           | 1,000         |
| BASF                             | 1,000         |
| AMVAC                            | 1,000         |
| Pioneer                          | 1,000         |
| DuPont                           | 1,000         |
| Cheminova                        | 1,000         |
| Trece                            | 1,000***      |
| FMC                              | 1,000***      |
| Nichino                          | 500****       |
| <b>SILVER LEVEL (\$500+)</b>     |               |
| GOWANCO                          | 600           |
| FMC                              | 500           |
| Great Lakes IPM                  | 500           |
| CPS                              | 500           |
| <b>BRONZE LEVEL (&lt; \$500)</b> |               |
| Helena Chemical                  | 350           |
| Percival                         | 250*****      |
| AgPro                            | 100           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>27,300</b> |

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- \* Designated for food for Clinton Library Reception
  - \*\* Designated for Student Awards
  - \*\*\* Sent to SWB directly
  - \*\*\*\* \$500 cash, another \$500+ as in-kind support of S. Ludwig
  - \*\*\*\*\* designated for SWB Student Award

Host-state support approximated \$24,500, which paid for the Monday Host-State breakfast, box lunches on Monday and breaks on Tuesday.

**c. Program Committee – John Ruberson and Sonja Swiger**

John Ruberson, GA, *Co-Chair*  
Sonja Swiger, TX (SWB), *Co-Chair*  
Ted Cottrell, GA  
Greg Hodges, FL  
Lauren Ward, TX (SWB)  
Eric Rebek, OK (SWB)  
Justin Talley, OK (SWB)  
Raymond Hix, FL, *Ex-officio*  
Juang Horng 'JC' Chong, SC, *Ex officio*

Our thanks to the Executive Committees of both branches for considerable input and assistance throughout the process, and especially to the Secretary/Treasurers David Hall (SEB) and Jesus Esquivel (SWB) for timely communication and dissemination of information to the members. We also greatly appreciate the service of the 41 session moderators and organizers.

The meeting overall was not as large as the joint SEB-ESA/APS-CD meeting held in Puerto Rico in 2011 (see Table 1 for comparison), but had good participation. Of special note is the continued increase in student participation in the SEB, as we have reached yet another all-time high in number of student presentations. The MS students required four sessions for all to be accommodated. This upward trend is particularly noteworthy since we have only recently implemented the policy that prohibits students from entering more than one competitive submission.

There were five invited symposia:

1. Functional Genomics of Tick-Pathogen Interface
2. Spotted wing drosophila, *Drosophila suzukii*, in the Southeast: spread, status, and management challenges
3. Biological Control Success Stories
4. Advancing IPM in Pecan Systems
5. Updating the Status of the Bean Plataspid, *Megacopta cribraria*, in its Expanded Range in North America

There were also during the meeting three open symposia (Armyworm, Vegetables, Turf and Ornamentals). The Student Symposium was cancelled because only two submissions were received. The numbers of papers presented are noted in Table 2. In addition to the main scientific program, we also hosted the Society of Southwestern Entomologists, S-1049 Multi-State Project on Pecans, S-1034 Regional Biological Control Group, and Southern Corn Working Group.

Table 1. SEB Presentations at meetings over the past 5 years

|                              | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Regular and symposium papers | 63   | 189  | 84   | 98   | 110  |
| Regular posters              | 43   | 50   | 48   | 31   | 30   |
| BS student papers            | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| BS student posters           | 5    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| MS student papers            | 28   | 21   | 21   | 25   | 12   |
| MS student posters           | 7    | 10   | 9    | 5    | 3    |
| PhD student papers           | 19   | 22   | 21   | 27   | 19   |
| PhD student posters          | 17   | 8    | 11   | 12   | 19   |
| Total student presentations  | 79   | 62   | 62   | 69   | 53   |
| Total regular presentations  | 106  | 239  | 132  | 129  | 140  |
| Total of all presentations   | 185  | 301  | 194  | 198  | 193  |

Table 2. Numbers of presentations at the 2012 Joint SEB/SWB meeting

| Category                   | Branch            |                   | ESA Section |           |            |          |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|
|                            | SEB               | SWB               | MUVE        | PBT       | P-IE       | SEB      |
| BS Papers                  | 3                 | 7                 | ---         | ---       | ---        | ---      |
| BS Posters                 | 5                 | 5                 | ---         | ---       | ---        | ---      |
| MS Papers                  | 28                | 8                 | ---         | ---       | ---        | ---      |
| MS Posters                 | 7                 | 11                | ---         | ---       | ---        | ---      |
| PhD Papers                 | 19                | 5                 | ---         | ---       | ---        | ---      |
| PhD Posters                | 17                | 1                 | ---         | ---       | ---        | ---      |
| Regular papers             | 28.5 <sup>a</sup> | 16.5 <sup>a</sup> | 7           | 3         | 30         | 5        |
| Regular posters            | 43                | 18                | 10          | 7         | 42         | 2        |
| Invited symposium          | 15                | 11                | 9           | 0         | 17         | 0        |
| Open symposium             | 19.5              | 4.5               | 0           | 0         | 24         | 0        |
| <b>Total papers</b>        | <b>113</b>        | <b>52</b>         | <b>16</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>71</b>  | <b>5</b> |
| <b>Total posters</b>       | <b>72</b>         | <b>35</b>         | <b>10</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>42</b>  | <b>2</b> |
| <b>Total presentations</b> | <b>185</b>        | <b>87</b>         | <b>26</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>7</b> |

<sup>a</sup> Some papers were marked as affiliated with both branches.

The 2012 meeting marked the first time that the Confex system was used by any branch in the Entomological Society of America, so we served as guinea pigs in developing the paper submission system at the branch level. This created several challenges for the committee. Confex was unable to start working with us on the website until after the national meeting in November, delaying the initial call for papers until a workable version of the template was available. The initial version of the submission site was up on 23 November 2011, and we were able to send out the initial call for papers on 29 November, with a deadline of 23 December 2011. We continued to make changes and tweaks in the system, and had some problems with submissions (both in technical aspects and in quantity), which compelled us to extend the deadline to 13 January 2012. Development of the submission system was further

complicated by the need to integrate two branches with somewhat different structures and cultures. These delays created problems for participant scheduling and for printing of the program, but were unavoidable. Next year will be much easier, as a system will already be in place, and will need only appropriate tweaking. Throughout this process, we were assisted by Victoria (“Tori”) Daigle of Confex, who was outstanding in developing and revising the online submission system. She was extremely helpful, pleasant, and timely. We never had a problem she was unable to resolve. We owe her a great debt of thanks. We also appreciate the assistance of Pamela Reid at ESA National for posting the program and subsequent updates to the web. It will be very important that future Program Committees work closely with Confex and ESA National.

Color was dropped from the printed program due to time constraints (but we thus came in under budget). We should try to finish next year’s program before Mid December 2012.

**d. Public Relations – Fudd Graham**

Public relations activities for the meeting were coordinated by a joint effort of the SEB/ SWB public relations committees and Richard Levine, Communications Program Manager and Pamela J. Reid, Manager, Marketing and Member Relations of the ESA national office.

A late reminder to members of both branches was sent by Pamela Reid to encourage registration. The ESA national office staffed a public relations booth during the Little Rock meeting.

A press release was prepared by Richard Levine and submitted to Eurekalert which is run by American Association for the Advancement of Science. The University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service media group sent the press release to local media outlets. Local stakeholder groups were also notified of the meeting and sent a press release.

An article was published on the web site of the Delta Farm Press titled “Crazy ants, tick-borne disease on entomologist meeting agenda,” <http://deltafarmpress.com/management/crazy-ants-tick-borne-disease-entomologist-meeting-agenda/>. Paul Quinn, Agriculture and Energy Reporter of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette attended the meeting and was issued press credentials.

**e. Membership – John Hopkins**

The committee consists of the following members (Year Term Completed):

John Hopkins, Chair, AR, (2013), [jhopkins@uaex.edu](mailto:jhopkins@uaex.edu)

Eric Benson, SC, (2013), [ebenson@clemsun.edu](mailto:ebenson@clemsun.edu)

Henry Fadamiro, AL, (2013), [fadamhy@auburn.edu](mailto:fadamhy@auburn.edu)

Paul Guillebeau, GA, (2013), [bugman@uga.edu](mailto:bugman@uga.edu)

Amit Sethi, LA, (2013), [sethi@purdue.edu](mailto:sethi@purdue.edu)

Jack S. Bachelor, NC, (2014), [jack\\_bachelor@ncsu.edu](mailto:jack_bachelor@ncsu.edu)

Moses T. K. Kairo, FL, (2014), [moses.kairo@famou.edu](mailto:moses.kairo@famou.edu)

Sarah Page Lawson, TN, (2014), [sarah.p.guilinger@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sarah.p.guilinger@vanderbilt.edu)



Fred R. Musser, MS, (2014), [fm61@msstate.edu](mailto:fm61@msstate.edu)  
Alex Segarra, PR, (2014), [asegarra@uprm.edu](mailto:asegarra@uprm.edu)

On September 7, 2011 an invitation to join the Entomological Society of America was sent for dissemination to interested students and potential members via the Entomology and associated Departments at the University of Arkansas, Auburn University, Clemson University, University of Florida, University of Georgia, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, North Carolina State University, University of Puerto Rico, and the University of Tennessee. This invitation also contained an information packet consisting of:

1. ESA Member Benefits
2. How to Join the ESA
3. Information about the SEB ESA and the Annual Branch Meeting
4. Information about ESA and the 2011 National Meeting

This invitation packet was also sent to committee members for dissemination to any additional institutions or organizations within their state from which we might also obtain new members.

#### SEB ESA Membership Figures

Total membership for the SEB ESA as of March 2010 was 1,057

Total membership for the SEB ESA as of December 2011 was 1,243

Total # that joined the SEB ESA after March 31, 2011 was 186 (17.6% increase)

By February 2012, SEB ESA membership was at 1,258, an increase of 201 members (19% increase) over the March 2010 number

SEB membership rates continue to roughly track total ESA membership.

#### Total ESA Membership Figures

Total membership for the ESA as of March 2010 was 5,231

Total membership for the ESA as of December 2011 was 6,357

Total # that joined the ESA after March 31, 2011 was 1,126 (21.5% increase)

*Additional activities:* On February 27, 2012 the Committee Chairman participated in an ESA National Membership Committee conference call. National Membership Committee charges include investigating methods to recruit international members to our society, including alternative membership models. The Committee is also looking to increase attendance by local colleges and universities at the upcoming Knoxville meeting. Towards this goal, the Committee is identifying schools with biology departments near Knoxville and is planning to organize outreach to these schools via email and physical outreach (ESA members will visit these schools, present a seminar of their work and then have a short pitch on attending the national meeting next year).

#### **f. Member Awards – Kathy Kidd**

The Member Awards committee met via email to consider nominees for the branch awards. The committee was comprised of the following members, Kathleen Kidd, (NC) Chair, Ellen Thoms (FL, 2012), Nannan Liu (AL, 2013), Greg Wiggins (TN, 2013), Mary Cornelius (LA, 2014), and David Jenkins (PR, 2014). We would like to express our gratitude to all members who nominated their colleagues for the branch awards.

After thoughtful deliberation, we recommend the following awards:

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN EXTENSION: AMANDA HODGES,**  
Assistant Extension Scientist in the Entomology and Nematology Department, University of Florida, IFAS

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN HORTICULTURAL ENTOMOLOGY:**  
**DR. EILEEN A. BUSS,** Associate Professor of Entomology and Extension Specialist in Turfgrass and Ornamental Entomology in the Entomology and Nematology Department, University of Florida

**DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN TEACHING: DR. LINDA HOOPER-BÛI,** Associate Professor of Entomology, Louisiana State University

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: DR. DAVID SHAPIRO-ILAN,** Research Entomologist and lead scientist, USDA-ARS Southeastern Fruit and Tree Nut Research Laboratory, Byron, GA

**RECOGNITION AWARD IN URBAN ENTOMOLOGY: DR. GREGG HENDERSON,** Professor of Urban Entomology, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center

**ESA RECOGNITION AWARD IN ENTOMOLOGY: DR. B. ROGERS LEONARD,** The Jack B. Hamilton Regents Chair in Cotton Production at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center

Dr. Gregg Nuessley, Professor of Entomology, University of Florida, is being presented with a belated award from the 2011 Meeting in Puerto Rico: **DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN HORTICULTURAL ENTOMOLOGY**

**g. Student Awards – Melissa Siebert**

Committee Members:

Melissa Siebert (start term after 2010 meeting; end term after 2013 meeting) - MS  
Glenn Studebaker (start term after 2010 meeting; end term after 2013 meeting) - AR  
Juan Jurat-Fuentes (start term after 2010 meeting; end term after 2013 meeting) – TN  
Gregg Nuessley (start term after 2010 meeting; end term after 2013 meeting) - FL  
Xing Ping Hu (start term after 2010 meeting; end term after 2013 meeting) – AL  
Mark Abney (start term after 2010 meeting; end term after 2013 meeting) - NC  
Karen Nix (start term after 2011 meeting; end term after 2014 meeting) – LA  
Babu Srinivasan (start term after 2011 meeting; end term after 2014 meeting) – GA

JC Chong (start term after 2011 meeting; end term after 2014 meeting) – SC

2012-2013 Chair: Gregg Nuessly

Replacement for JC Chong: A replacement for JC Chong needs to be selected (from South Carolina) since he was elected SEB Secretary/Treasurer. The replacement should start a new 3 year term. In doing so, this will also allow for better staggering of terms within the committee.

Student Achievement Awards presented at 2012 meeting:

John Henry Comstock Award (outstanding PhD student): 6 nominees

Winner: Julian Beuzelin, Louisiana State University (\$100)

Kirby L. Hayes Memorial Award (outstanding M.S. student): 1 nominee

Winner: Blake Wilson, Louisiana State University (\$250)

2012 Student Paper Competition Awards (\$3,050 in prize money):

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Oral Presentation: 3 papers

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100): Kyle Hurley, University of Central Arkansas

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Display Presentation: 5 posters

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100): Clinton Trammel, University of Arkansas

Southeastern Branch Student Award for outstanding MS oral presentation (session II): 9 papers

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$200): J. Eric Howard, University of Arkansas

2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100): Brian Adams, Mississippi State University

Southeastern Branch Student Award for outstanding MS oral presentation (session III): 9 papers

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$200): Erika Machtinger, University of Florida

2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100): Lacey Sipsey, University of Southern Mississippi

Southeastern Branch Student Award for outstanding MS oral presentation (session IV): 9 papers

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$200): Sandy Steckel, University of Tennessee

2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100): Andrew Adams, Mississippi State University

Outstanding MS Student Display Presentation: 7 posters

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$200): Kevin Langdon, North Carolina State University

2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$50): David Sindan Wangila, Louisiana State University

Robert T. Gast Award for outstanding PhD oral presentation (session I): 9 papers

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$500): Ting Li, Auburn University

2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100): B. M. Petty, University of Arkansas

Robert T. Gast Award for outstanding PhD oral presentation (session II): 8 papers

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$500): Carey Minter, University of Arkansas

2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100): Ben Von Kanel, Mississippi State University

Outstanding PhD Student Display presentation: 7 posters

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$200): Thomas McElrath, University of Georgia

2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$50): Amber Tripodi, University of Arkansas

Outstanding PhD Student Display presentation: 8 posters

1<sup>st</sup> place (\$200): Ishakh Pulakkatu-thodi, University of Georgia

2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$50): Abdul Hakeem, University of Tennessee

Changes implemented since last annual meeting or changes being proposed to be added to the Student Awards Guidelines:

1. Work with Norm Leppla to revise guidelines to:
  - a. enable flexibility in operating procedures,
  - b. adjusting timelines for committee duties,
  - c. clarifying eligibility requirements for awards (i.e. ESA membership timing),
  - d. clarifying that students can only enter into one competition,
  - e. specifying that competition submissions must be from a Branch state in order to be eligible for an award.
  
2. Adding additional student oral/poster sessions at the discretion of the student awards chair (i.e. adding flexibility).
  - a. In 2012, we will provide significantly more awards than in the past and more than the guideline actually state.
  - b. BS Paper and Poster competition with a 1<sup>st</sup> place prize within each.
  - c. Three MS Paper sessions with a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize within each.
  - d. One MS Poster session with a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize.
  - e. Two Ph.D. Paper sessions with a first and second place prize in each.
  - f. Two Ph.D. Poster sessions with a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize within each.

Questions that have surfaced through the year:

1. There are no requirements for a Kirby Hays Award nominee to be an ESA member.
2. There was only one nominee for the Kirby Hays Award. This individual did meet all eligibility requirements and had a strong package. What would the committee do in the event the candidate did not have a strong package and not deserving? Does a Kirby Hays award have to be awarded?

Suggestion for judging forms next year:

Leverage the judging forms used at the national ESA meeting and make a better effort to provide comments back to student. SWB utilizes this form and other SEB members liked what they were doing as well.

#### **h. Resolutions Committee – Cindy McKenzie**

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

**James R. Buttram** – Private sector, Florida

**Harvey Cromroy** – University of Florida

**Eugene Jordan Gerberg** - Retired military and Private Sector, Florida

**Dale H. Habeck** – University of Florida

**Bob Heath** – ARS, Miami

**Carl Jones** – University of Tennessee

**Donald A. Lindquist** – International Atomic Energy Agency of United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

**Howard Weems** – Division of Plant Industry, FDACS

Therefore,

**(Resolution #1)** Be it resolved, that we stand for a moment of silence in memory of these friends and colleagues.

Whereas the success of the 86<sup>th</sup> 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 Executive Committee, Branch President, Norm Leppa; President-Elect, David Buntin; Past-President, Frank Hale; Secretary-Treasurer, David Hall; Governing Board Representative, Nancy Hinkle, and Members-at-Large, Susie Legaspi, Eileen Buss, and Melissa Seibert, 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, co-chaired by John Ruberson (GA) and Sonja Swiger (SWB) with the following members Ted Cottrell (GA), Greg Hodges (FL), Erin Jones (TX), Eric Rebek (OK – SWB), Justin Talley (OK – SWB), and *Ex officio* members Raymond Hix (FL) and Juang-Horng ‘JC’ Chong (SC) 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 Little Rock AR Meeting 2012, co-chaired by Scott Ludwig (TX) and Rob Wiedenmann (AR), with the following members Robert Davis (TX), Tim Kring (AR), Abhishk Mukherjee (TX), and Steve Yanoviak (AR) 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 David Gammel and ESA Central staff for their contributions to the automation of the SEB-ESA website, for submission of presentation titles, posting of meeting information, running the branch elections, and especially for running the registration process for this joint meeting; and

**(Resolution #7)** 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 Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR, for their cooperation, services and hospitality, which contributed to the completion of a successful and outstanding 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting; and

**(Resolution #8)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch recognize and express our appreciation for the financial contributions of our Platinum Sponsors (University of Arkansas, Terminix, Cotton Incorporated), Gold Sponsors (AMVAC, BASF, Bayer CropScience, CHEMINOVA, Chemtura, DOW AgroSciences, DuPont, MANA Crop Protection, Monsanto, Nichono America, Pioneer, Syngenta, TRÉCÉ, Valent), our Silver Sponsors (Crop Production Services, FMC, Gowan, Great Lakes IPM), and our Bronze Sponsors (Ag-Pro, Helena, Percival) for providing support for the opening mixer/reception, Clinton Library reception, awards luncheon, 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 #9)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch commend the following members for their respective national awards and honors received at the 2011 Entomological Society of America Meeting, Reno, NV:

**Michael L. Williams**, Auburn University, Honorary Membership

**Frederick M. Stephen**, University Arkansas, ESA Fellow

**Tanja McKay**, Arkansas State University, Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching,

**John Carlson**, Tulane University, Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology

**James B. Whitefield**, University of Arkansas, Thomas Say Award

And that the members of the Branch commend the following members for their respective 2011 SEB awards and nominations: **Gregg S. Nuessly**, University of Florida, SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology,

And that the members of the Branch commend the following members for their respective 2012 SEB awards and nominations:

**Amanda C. Hodges**, University of Florida, SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension,

**Eileen A. Buss**, University of Florida, SEB-ESA Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology,

**Linda Hooper-Bui**, Louisiana State University, SEB-ESA Recognition Award in Teaching,

**Julian F. Hillyer**, Vanderbilt University, SEB-ESA Award for Excellence in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology,

**David Shapiro-Ilan**, USDA-ARS, Southeastern Fruit and Tree Nut Research Laboratory, Byron, GA, SEB-ESA Award for Excellence in Integrated Pest Management,

**Gregg Henderson**, Louisiana State University, SEB-ESA Recognition Award in Urban Entomology,

**B. Rogers Leonard**, Louisiana State University, SEB-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 #10)** the following members are congratulated for their respective national awards and honors received at the 2011 Entomological Society of America Meeting, Reno, NV:

**Julien Beuzelin**, Louisiana State University – John Henry Comstock Award, Outstanding Ph.D. Student

**L.M. Guisewite**, North Carolina State University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Ten-Minute Paper Presentation Prize Winner, MUVE-3,

**Alejandro Del Pozo**, North Carolina State University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Ten-Minute Paper Presentation Prize Winner, P-IE-1,

**C.R Minteer**, University of Arkansas, 2011 ESA National Meeting Ten-Minute Paper Presentation Prize Winner, P-IE-3,

**Jessica L. Houle**, North Carolina State University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Ten-Minute Paper Presentation Prize Winner, P-IE-4,

**Teresia Nyoike**, University of Florida, 2011 ESA National Meeting Ten-Minute Paper Presentation Runner-up, P-IE-7,

**Dale A. Halbritter**, University of Florida, 2011 ESA National Meeting Ten-Minute Paper Presentation Prize Winner, P-IE-12,

**Tyler Murdock**, Florida State University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Ten-Minute Paper Presentation Prize Winner, Undergraduate P-IE,

**Chester Joyner**, Georgia Southern University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Ten-Minute Paper Presentation Runner-up, Undergraduate SysEB/MUVE,

**Bal K. Gautam**, Louisiana State University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Poster Competition Prize Winner, MUVE-1,

**Jason P. Gaspar**, Arkansas State University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Poster Competition Prize Winner, MUVE-2,

**Khalidur Rahman**, University of Georgia, 2011 ESA National Meeting Poster Competition Prize Winner, PBT-1,

**Ting Li**, Auburn University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Poster Competition Prize Winner, PBT-2,

**Laura Avila**, University of Florida, 2011 ESA National Meeting Poster Competition Prize Winner, P-IE-4,

**Christopher Stephen Bibbs**, University of Florida, , 2011 ESA National Meeting Poster Competition Runner-up, Undergraduate MUVE,

**Lydia L. McCormick**, Emory University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Poster Competition Prize Winner, Undergraduate P-IE,

**Stephen Mychal Losey**, Clemson University, 2011 ESA National Meeting Poster Competition Runner-up, Undergraduate P-IE,

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

**Julien Beuzelin**, Louisiana State University – 2012 John Henry Comstock Award, Outstanding Ph.D. Student Annual SEB Meeting,  
**Blake Emerson Wilson**, Louisiana State University – 2012 Kirby L. Hays Memorial Award, Outstanding M. S. Student, Annual SEB Meeting,  
**Julien Beuzelin**, Louisiana State University – 2011 Robert T. Gast Award, Best Ph.D. Oral Presentation Annual SEB Meeting,  
**Jessica Moore-Parker**, Louisiana State University - 2011 Southeastern Branch Student Award, Best M.S. Oral Presentation Annual SEB Meeting,  
**Virna Saenz**, North Carolina State University – 2011 Outstanding Ph.D. Poster, Annual SEB Meeting,  
**Eutyclus Kariuki**, FAMU – 2011 Outstanding M.S. Poster, Annual SEB Meeting,  
**Jatayah Sheed**, Fort Valley State University, 2011 Outstanding B.S. Oral Presentation, Annual SEB Meeting,

Whereas, the Linnaean Games have been enjoyable for both the participants and the audience due to the excellent moderating style of the Games Master Gus Lorenz (AR), and the fair and knowledgeable presence of the judges Jim Harper, Alvin Simons, and Gary Mullen and the preparation and good sportsmanship exhibited by the Linnaean Games Teams, therefore,

**(Resolution #11)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch express their appreciation to the participating teams from the University of Florida, Florida A&M University, University of Georgia, University of Arkansas, Auburn University and their coaches, and to Carey Minter, University of Arkansas, the student organizer for the Linnaean Games, 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 2011 teams who represented the Branch in the National Linnaean Games competitions in Reno, NV.

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 Nancy Hinkle on the ESA Governing Board, therefore,

**(Resolution #12)** Be it resolved, that the members of the Branch express their appreciation to Nancy Hinkle for her dedicated service as Governing Board Representative.

Mike Stout made a motion to accept the Resolutions, second by Nancy Hinkle, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**i. Meeting Location and Time (2013) –Tim Schowalter for Mike Stout**

Committee members:     Jeff Davis  
                                  Natalie Hummel  
                                  Dennis Ring  
                                  Tim Schowalter



David Hall (*ex officio*)

Meeting time and place: 3 March 2013 – 6 March 2013 (Sunday-Wednesday)  
Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center  
Downtown Baton Rouge

Progress to date: We anticipate about 200 attendees. The contract with the hotel has been signed. Room rate will be \$129. The hotel is currently holding 20 rooms for 3/2, 115 rooms for 3/3, 125 rooms for 3/5, and 90 rooms for 3/5. Meeting facilities have been reserved. We have ongoing contact with the hotel and Baton Rouge tourism association, and the committee will begin meeting regularly after the 2012 SEB meeting.

Special activities: The Monday night mixer will be a crawfish boil with Cajun dancing lessons. We are looking into the possibility of tours of the Audubon Insectarium in New Orleans. The hotel is in an excellent location in downtown Baton Rouge, near the Mississippi and many fine restaurants and tourist attractions.

**j. Meeting Location and Time (2014) – Alvin Simmons**

Committee Members: Alvin Simmons, SC, *Chair*, Jeremy Greene, SC, Rizana Mahroof, SC, Paula Mitchell, SC, Francis Reay-Jones, SC, David Hall, FL, *Ex-officio*

We contacted Conference Direct for assistance in selecting a meeting site in South Carolina for 2014. We worked with Kristin House and Morgan Klinkradt at Conference Direct to outline our needs (meeting space, rooms, etc.) for the 2014 meeting and they sent leads to our top four locations. Bids were received from 16 hotels in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville and Myrtle Beach, SC. After receiving the bids, we consulted with Rosina Romano (ESA Director of Meetings). The Committee then narrowed the top choices to one hotel in Columbia (DoubleTree) and three hotels in Greenville (Embassy Suites, Hilton, and Hyatt) based on room costs, projected meeting costs, etc. Site visits will be soon planned. The lodging rates for these sites range from \$119-\$134. The dates under consideration for the meeting are March 2-5, 2014.

**Selection of Meeting Site for Three Years Out (2015)**

During Executive Committee Meeting, Bob Scott of the Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS) formally proposed that our Branch consider a joint meeting during 2015 in Puerto Rico. SWSS recently held a very successful meeting in Puerto Rico (as did our Branch). SWSS has many members, with 300 to 400 members usually attending their annual meeting. If our Branch is interested, we could explore the possible joint meeting. There would probably be some degree of separation between SEB and SWSS during a joint meeting (e.g., separate awards banquet). SWSS is currently thinking a joint meeting would take place in late January (26 to 28), but they are somewhat flexible. Room rates would be lower in late March. Tom Mueller (UT), Phil Banks (NMState), Scott Senseman (TAMU), Tom Holt (UT) are contacts with SWSS. The Executive Committee decided to take the proposal to the Final Business Meeting for discussions.

Normal rotation would make Mississippi the 2015 meeting site. Alvin Simmons relayed he believes our branch should have Puerto Rico as part of the normal rotation. Amanda Hodges noted that student attendance was about average according to John Ruberson at the Puerto Rico meeting. Raymond Hix said it was actually cheaper going to PR than AR. Hall mentioned the branch has \$1000 earmarked for student travel. Eileen Buss was supportive of the possible joint meeting. However, January may be a poor meeting time for us. David Buntin will form an *ad hoc* committee to explore the possibilities of a joint meeting.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee – Joe Eger**

Seth Johnson, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA  
Randy Luttrell, USDA, Stoneville, MS  
Alvin Simmons, USDA, Charleston, SC  
Pat O’Leary, Cotton Incorporated, Cary, NC  
Greg Hodges, Florida Department of Agriculture, Gainesville, FL  
Joe Eger, Dow AgroSciences, Tampa, FL, Chair

The following slate of candidates was selected by the committee:

|                      |                                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Vice-President-Elect | Secretary-Treasurer                |
| David Hall           | J.C. Chong                         |
| Tim Kring            | Fred Musser                        |
| Member-at-Large      | Certification Board Representative |
| Ted Cottrell         | Brett Highland                     |
| Natalie Hummel       | Dennis Ring                        |

The committee worked with Pamela Reid at ESA headquarters to use the electronic voting capability of ESA. Members were notified to vote online from mid-January to mid-February. Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer were informed of the results prior to the meeting so that the Secretary-Treasurer-Elect could make plans to attend the Little Rock meeting and to shadow David Hall.

The committee thanks all of the nominees for their willingness to serve the society.

The winners of the election were announced at the opening plenary session:

President-Elect: David Hall  
Secretary-Treasurer: J.C. Chong  
Member-at-Large: Natalie Hummel  
Certification Board Representative: Dennis Ring

The committee recommends that Secretary-Treasurers should be elected the year before they take office so that they will have one year to learn from the current Secretary-Treasurer. This means that the election two years from now (just prior to the 2014 meeting in South Carolina) should include the election of Secretary-Treasurer-Elect.

## **Nominations for National ESA President – Norm Leppla for David Buntin**

The SE Branch had requests for endorsements from two candidates running for the Vice President office of the ESA. These requests were discussed in detail at the Executive Committee Meeting, and the discussions are presented in the Executive Committee Meeting minutes. A motion was passed at the Executive Meeting that SEB not endorse any endorsements for the 2012 election, and following official guidelines this motion was taken to the Final Business Meeting for a member-wide vote. After introducing the issue and following some discussion, Alvin Simmons moved not to endorse either candidate, second by Eileen Buss, passed unanimously by voice vote. It was agreed that a set policy is probably needed among ESA branches regarding such endorsements.

## **Old Business**

There were no old business items.

## **New Business**

- a. Recognition of Program and Local Arrangements Chairs**
- b. Recognition of New SEB President**
- c. Recognition of Out-Going Secretary-Treasurer**
- d. Introduction of New Committee Chairs: Nominating, Program and Local Arrangements**

Nominating Committee (requires 2 from industry, 2 from USDA, and 2 from university/state): Dr. Wayne A. Gardner has agreed to serve as Chair of the Nominations Committee along with Joe Eger (Dow AgroSciences), Randy Luttrell (USDA-ARS), Gary Mullen (Auburn Univ.), Walt Mullins (Bayer CropScience), and Greg Hodges (Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services). This committee was formally approved at the Executive Committee Meeting.

Dr. Ted Cottrell, USDA-ARS, Byron, GA has agreed to serve as program chair for the 2013 meeting.

Dr. Mike Stout, LSU, has agreed to transition from 2013 site/location committee to Chair for Local Arrangements for the 2013 meeting in Baton Rouge, LA.

## **7. Adjourn**

Nancy Hinkle moved to adjourn at 12:35 pm, second by Eileen Buss, passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **Addendums**

**Addendum A. Student Affairs Committee Final Report**

**Addendum B. Approved 2012-2013 Budget**

## **Addendum A. Student Affairs Committee Final Report**

### SAC representatives for 2012 meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas (Name, School, Contact):

- Carey Minter, University of Arkansas, [cminter@uark.edu](mailto:cminter@uark.edu) (Chair, 2012)
- Katherine Nix, University of Tennessee, [kavery3@utk.edu](mailto:kavery3@utk.edu) (2013)
- Diane Silcox, NC State University, [desilcox@ncsu.edu](mailto:desilcox@ncsu.edu) (2012)
- Erika Machtinger, University of Florida, [tangerinesporthorses@yahoo.com](mailto:tangerinesporthorses@yahoo.com) (2013)
- Matt VanWeelden, Louisiana State University, [mvanweelden@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:mvanweelden@agcenter.lsu.edu) (2013)
- William Reid, Auburn University, [wzr0005@auburn.edu](mailto:wzr0005@auburn.edu) (2013)
- Margie Lehnert, Clemson University, [melehne@clemson.edu](mailto:melehne@clemson.edu) (2013)
- Stephanie Weldon, University of Georgia, [srweldon@uga.edu](mailto:srweldon@uga.edu) (2013)
- Lauren Goltz, Mississippi State University, [Lauren.Goltz@gmail.com](mailto:Lauren.Goltz@gmail.com) (2012)

### Logo Design Competition:

Carey Minter (University of Arkansas) and Erin Jones (Texas A&M Agrilife) organized the logo design competition. Five logos were received. All members of the SEB and SWB Student Affairs Committees voted on which logo to select. Natasha Wright (University of Arkansas) designed the winning logo. Carey Minter notified Natasha via e-mail. Natasha will receive \$200 and free meeting registration. Natasha was recognized at the awards luncheon on March 6, 2012.

### Linnaean Games:

Carey Minter (University of Arkansas) was Chair of the Linnaean Games and organized the questions and moderator. William Reid organized the judges. Five schools from the southeastern branch of the Entomological Society of America participated in the Linnaean games: Auburn University, Florida A&M University, University of Arkansas, University of Florida, and University of Georgia. The moderator for the games was Dr. Gus Lorenz (University of Arkansas), and the judges were Gary Mullen (Auburn University), James Harper (North Carolina State University), and Alvin Simmons (USDA). The winning team was University of Georgia, (Cheri Abraham, Stephanie Weldon, Tommy McElrath, Joni Blount, and Ishakh Pulakkatu Thodi) they were given traveling plaque, a team plaque, and certificates for each of its members. Second place went to the University of Florida (Sarahlyne Guerrero, Navneet Kaur, Ashley Poplin, and Garima Kakkar) each team member received a certificate. Both teams will compete at the ESA Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN, November 2012, for a chance at the national title. The University of Georgia will update the big trophy to reflect this year's champion.

### Student Symposium:

Erika Machtinger (University of Florida), Stephanie Weldon (University of Georgia) and Ann Mayo (University of Texas- Arlington) organized the student symposium entitled "Invasive Species". Only three speakers submitted talks for the symposium, so the symposium was cancelled. The three submitted talks were moved elsewhere in the meeting program. It was voted that the same subject would be used for the 2013 branch meeting in Baton Rouge and that speakers would be actively solicited, instead of putting out a blanket call for papers.

### Insect Photo Salon:

Lauren Ward (Texas A&M) and Diane Silcox (NC State University) were Co-Chairs of the Insect Photo Salon and organized and oversaw the voting of entrants to the Salon. This year we received over 100 entries from the Southeast and the Southwest branches in the five categories: Arthropods in Action, Artistic, Entomologists in Action, Photomicroscopy and Traditional Macro. We offered up to three awards in each category, because of the large number of quality images received. First place for arthropods in action went to Alison Bockoven (Texas A&M) and second place went to Wendy Merchant (New Mexico State University). First place for the most artistic went to Clinton Trammel (University of Arkansas), second place went to Matthew Bertone (North Carolina State University) and third place went to Raymond Hix (Florida A&M University). First place in entomologists in action went to Apurba Barman (University of Georgia) and second place went to Ronald Billings (Texas Forest Service). First place for photomicroscopy went to Raymond Hix (Florida A&M University) and second place went to Sandipa Gautam (Oklahoma State University). First place for traditional macro went to Patrick Porter (Texas Agrilife), second place went to Matthew Bertone (North Carolina State University) and third place went to Joe Pase (Texas Forest Service). Wendy Merchant (New Mexico State University) was awarded the best in show winner and was given a plaque, while winners in all other categories received certificates. Both Lauren and Diane did a great job organizing this.

### Job Placement:

Katheryne Nix (University of Tennessee) coordinated the job placement center. Announcements were included in branch emails.

### General

Representatives for 2011-2012 SAC will need to be appointed for University of Arkansas, North Carolina State University, and Mississippi State. Norm Leppla (SEB President 2011-2012, University of Florida) asked the SAC to update the guidelines for the Student Affairs Committee. The guidelines have been sent to the chairs of each of the subcommittees (Linnaean Games, Photo Salon, Student Symposium, and Job Placement) for update.

**Addendum B. Approved 2012-2013 budget.**

| <b>SEB ESA BUDGET SUMMARY</b>    |  |  |               |                  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Approved Budget 2012-2013</b> |  |  |               |                  |
|                                  |  |  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Total</b>     |
| <b>INCOME</b>                    |  |  |               |                  |
|                                  | Meeting Registration                           |  | 25,500.00     |                  |
|                                  | ESA Program Enhancement Funds                  |  | 4,500.00      |                  |
|                                  | Transfer from Money Market                     |  | 1,300.00      |                  |
|                                  | Interest on Money Market Account               |  | 200.00        |                  |
|                                  | Gast and Hays Awards                           |  | 750.00        |                  |
|                                  | Industry Sponsorship                           |  | 6,000.00      |                  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>              |  |  |               | <b>38,250.00</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                  |  |  |               |                  |
| President                        | Travel for SEB President                       |  | 0.00          |                  |
|                                  | Miscellaneous (phone, postage, etc)            |  | 50.00         | 50.00            |
| Secretary-Treasurer              | Program printing                               |  | 1,200.00      |                  |
|                                  | Office supplies/printing                       |  | 300.00        |                  |
|                                  | Miscellaneous (on-site expenses)               |  | 300.00        |                  |
|                                  | Bank Fees/State Fees                           |  | 100.00        |                  |
|                                  | Shipping costs for meeting                     |  | 200.00        |                  |
|                                  | Travel   |  | 650.00        | 2,750.00         |
| Program Committee                | Travel for Program Chair                       |  | 200.00        |                  |
|                                  | Travel for ESA President/Exec Dir              |  | 1,000.00      |                  |
|                                  | Convex (paper submissions)                     |  | 1,100.00      |                  |
|                                  | Travel for Invited Speakers                    |  | 750.00        | 3,050.00         |
| Local Arrangements               | Travel for LAC Chair                           |  | 200.00        |                  |
|                                  | Mixer  |  | 6,000.00      |                  |
|                                  | Break Refreshments                             |  | 8,250.00      |                  |
|                                  | Banquet  |  | 8,500.00      |                  |
|                                  | Monday breakfast                               |  | 1,700.00      |                  |
|                                  | Associates Program                             |  | 700.00        |                  |
|                                  | Poster boards (rental for PR)                  |  | 350.00        |                  |
|                                  | Miscellaneous                                  |  | 1,000.00      | 26,700.00        |
| Site Selection Committee         | Travel for Chair                               |  | 200.00        | 200.00           |
| Office of Archivist/Historian    | Miscellaneous (storage materials, supplies)    |  | 50.00         | 50.00            |
| Awards Committee                 | Kirby Hays Memorial Award                      |  | 250.00        |                  |
|                                  | Gast Award                                     |  | 500.00        |                  |
|                                  | SE Branch Award                                |  | 200.00        |                  |
|                                  | Comstock Award                                 |  | 100.00        |                  |
|                                  | Display Presentation Award (M.S. student)      |  | 200.00        |                  |
|                                  | Display Presentation Award (Ph.D. student)     |  | 200.00        |                  |
|                                  | Oral Presentation Second Place (M.S. student)  |  | 100.00        |                  |
|                                  | Oral Presentation Second Place (Ph.D. student) |  | 100.00        |                  |
|                                  | Award Plaques                                  |  | 900.00        |                  |
|                                  | Micellaneous                                   |  | 650.00        | 3,200.00         |
| Student Affairs Committee        | Linnaean Team Travel to ESA Meeting            |  | 2,000.00      |                  |
|                                  | Linnaean Game Supplies + Shipping              |  | 100.00        |                  |
|                                  | Linnaean Games Award Plaques/gifts             |  | 100.00        |                  |
|                                  | Photo Salon Award Plaques                      |  | 50.00         | 2,250.00         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>            |  |  |               | <b>38,250.00</b> |
| <b>OVERVIEW</b>                  |  |  |               | <b>2011-2012</b> |
| <b>INCOME</b>                    |  |  |               | <b>38,250.00</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                  |  |  |               | <b>38,250.00</b> |
| <b>DIFFERENCE</b>                |  |  |               | <b>0.00</b>      |