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**Vice President Nominations / Please chose one candidate**

**Heather McAuslane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Heather McAuslane is a Professor in the Entomology & Nematology Department at the University of Florida where she has been on the faculty since 1990. She obtained her B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Biology and Environmental Biology in 1983 and 1986, respectively, and her PhD from Texas A&M University in 1990. At the University, she has a split teaching and research appointment and teaches Insect Ecology and Insect Chemical Ecology. In addition, she is the graduate coordinator for Florida residential students and also oversees the distance education Entomology program. Her early research in Florida focused on biological control and host plant resistance to *Bemisia* whiteflies. She is currently studying the chemical ecology of plant-insect interactions with the goal of improving host plant resistance to insects and developing semiochemicals to disrupt pest insect behavior to protect crops. Her service to the professional societies includes member-at-large and chair of the Student Activities Committee for the Florida Entomological Society, member of the Public Relations Committee for the Southeastern Branch of the ESA, councilor for the International Society of Chemical Ecology, and subject editor for *Environmental Entomology*.

**Gregg Nuessly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Gregg Nuessly is a Professor of Entomology with the University of Florida. He completed Lead IFAS training in 2013 and now serves as Center Director at the Everglades Research and Education Center at Belle Glade, FL. His trail to UF was similar to many other UF faculty and graduate students that grew up in California. He earned a BS in Biological Sciences from University of California at Irvine, MS in Entomology from UC at Riverside, and PhD in Entomology from Texas A&M at College Station. Gregg started at UF in 1989 after spending 3 yr with the USDA-ARS in Riverside, CA as a Research Scientist working on IPM of insects on cotton and vegetables in the Imperial Valley, CA. He started his career at UF with research and extension activities for vegetable crops (sweet corn, leafy and leafy green vegetables) and was a member of a team that won the Jim App Award for Outstanding Extension Design Team for Harvesting and Handling Efficiencies in Vegetable Production in 2002. IPM for agronomic crops (field corn, sorghum, and sugarcane) was added to his responsibilities in 1999. He served as program chair for the annual meeting of the Assoc of American Sugar Cane Technologists in 2008, and was awarded first place for presentations at their meetings in 2002, 2007, and 2010. Gregg also served as Editor of the Journal of the ASSCT from 2007 to 2009. For his cooperative work with turf grass breeders in IPM of greenbug aphids in turfgrass, he was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award in Horticultural Entomology from the Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America in 2011. Volunteering to work with and train youth and students have been life long interests. After starting with UF, he also coached soccer teams with AYSO for 5 years before serving as Cub and then Scout Master for Cub and Boy Scout troops for 4 years in Wellington. He has been a member of FES since the 1990 joint meeting with the Mexican Entomological Society in Cancun. Gregg has been active with Student Awards Committees of the FES and ESA (Branch and National), serving frequently as committee chair, judge for presentations and posters, section moderator and symposium leader for both societies.

**Please confirm both Member and Student At Large**

**Member At Large**

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**Student Member At Large**

Reina Tong ([reinat@ufl.edu](mailto:reinat@ufl.edu)​) **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**