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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rob Meagher

Well, this is my last written newsletter address (yeah!) and next to last public address to FES as President (double yeah!). Believe me, it isn't that I don't like communicating to members of the Society, but I've always been more comfortable around smaller groups. Ok, enough about me.

I'm happy to say that plans for the 91st Annual Meeting are progressing well. Oscar Liburd, Scott Ferguson, and I just made our last site visit to northern Palm Beach County. The Jupiter Beach Resort is a beautiful location with things to do on and off site (beach, ocean, sea turtles, pool, food, drink, etc.). Remember, the pre-registration deadline is rapidly approaching (June 20th) and the hotel deadline is June 19th. The award-winning FES website (www.flaentsoc.org) (thanks Richard Mankin!) has all the information about the program, hotel, and registration. You will notice looking at the program that Oscar has done a great job getting symposia together and paper and poster submissions are on target with some of our past meetings. Four symposia as well as student presentations, general presentations, and posters are scheduled during the meeting and for the second consecutive year, we will have two sessions on Wednesday morning (hint, hint, stay over Tuesday night!). We have an exciting Pioneer Lecture (thanks Joe Funderburk and your committee!) by Dr. Freddie Johnson entitled "Development of IPM in Florida". The Pioneer Lecture is honoring Madeline Mellinger and Dr. H. Charles Mellinger of Glades Crop Care, Inc., an independent agricultural consulting firm established in 1972 and now headquartered in Jupiter.

The *Florida Entomologist* is also doing very well. Editor Jim Nation has consistently produced journal

issues that scientists from all over the world want to read. Tom Walker has been working behind the scenes in securing increased viewership of our articles through open access postings and subscription services. The advantage to FES is that more people read our articles and the Society can make a little extra coin in the process. Tom presented a very good "State of the Journal" address at our last Executive Committee meeting.

My final thoughts are some of the same as my first address. The Florida Entomological Society is doing well – financially we are strong (thanks Teresa DuChene!), meeting attendance has been great (thanks members!), and the journal is receiving and producing better articles (thanks Jim Nation!) and is being presented to a wider audience (thanks Tom Walker!) than ever before. The main weakness that I see for the future success of FES is having enough volunteers to fill the various committees. The membership and the leadership in a society must come together and must, for lack of a better phrase, be interactive. What I mean is there should be a constant flow of members into leadership positions and back out again. Please take a look at the award-winning website and click committees. You will see that there are several committee membership opportunities. Please consider volunteering and I'd be happy to talk to you about them, of course, only in a small group.

**VOTE
For New Officers!
(Ballot on Page 3)**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held January 23, 2008 at the USDA-ARS in Gainesville are as follows:

Attendance: Geri Cashion, Ron Cave, Teresa DuChene, Scott Ferguson, Dan Hahn, Oscar Liburd, Rob Meagher, Jim Nation, Rudi Scheffrahn, Jeff Shapiro, Adam Silagyi, and Cara Vazquez.

Student Activities Committee (Dan Hahn): To distinguish travel awards from minigrants, the FES will now fund four \$250 travel awards instead of ten \$100 awards.

Business Report (Teresa DuChene): The next annual meeting of the FES is set for the Jupiter Beach Resort, July 13-16, 2008. A budget was presented for 2008, similar to that of 2007. Maximal changes are 5-7% increases for various items.

Publications Committee (Jim Nation): In 2007 there were 133 manuscripts submitted to Florida Entomologist. The four 2007 issues contain 92 research papers, 37 scientific notes, 2 pioneer lectures, and 7 book reviews. Mexico, Latin (Middle) America, and South America continue to be the principal sources of manuscripts by foreign authors, however, papers were received from India (2), Cuba/Taiwan (1), Iran (1), Korea (3), Greece (3), Turkey (1), Africa (1), Spain (2), and China (6). The rejection rate runs about 10% of those submitted.

Computer Resources Committee (Richard Mankin): The FES web site has been updated with a revised version of the Guidelines and Awards List and a listing of pictures from the 2007 Annual Meetings of the Florida and Colombian Entomological Societies. We thank Howard Frank, Rob Meagher, Joe Eger, and Rudi Scheffrahn for assistance with names.

The 2007 Annual Meeting Program and Abstracts have been moved to the archives. Website page visitation rates remain about the same as last year.

SECOND CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Today, take some time from your busy schedule and think about your fellow coworkers. Many of them are deserving of recognition. Remember, our society gathers strength from the service provided by our members.

A listing of past winners can be found on the FES website at:

<http://www.flaentsoc.org/archives.htm#commmemb>

Then click on '2008 Revisions to Guidelines/Awards Lists' and go to page 76 of this document.

Nominate someone today for the following awards:

- 1) Entomologist-of-the-Year
- 2) Annual Achievement Award for Teaching in Higher Education
- 3) Annual Achievement Award for Teaching in K-12
- 4) Annual Achievement Award for Research
- 5) Annual Achievement Award for Extension
- 6) Annual Achievement Award for Industry
- 7) Annual Achievement Award for Research Teams, Laboratories, or Agencies, etc.
- 8) Annual Achievement Award for Regulatory Entomology
- 9) Certificates of Appreciation for Special Service to the Society

To nominate an individual or group, please provide:

- 1) Name(s) and address(es) of nominee(s).
- 2) Category of nomination.
- 3) Description of present employment including position.
- 4) Specific contribution to the profession of entomology, science, the community or FES.
- 5) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual submitting the nomination.

Please limit the nomination to a maximum of two pages. Nominations may be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed by **July 5, 2008** to:

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**CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT
AND MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

**FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY
2008 ELECTION BALLOT**

Wayne Hunter, Candidate for Vice President

Dr. Hunter is a Lead Researcher for the USDA, ARS, U.S. Horticultural Research Lab, in Fort Pierce, FL. Dr. Hunter has over 17 years of research experience and is a recognized leading authority on insect vectors of plant diseases and insect genomics. His research focuses on insect pathogen transmission, examining the genetic basis for pathogen interactions, insect development, and insect diseases, such as viral pathogens. Dr. Hunter has authored/co-authored 67 research papers in peer-reviewed journals and 6 reviews or book chapters. He was the primary co-editor of "Genome Mapping and Genomics in Arthropods, Vol. I". Dr. Hunter also established and is the lead on the "Asian Citrus Psyllid Genomics Consortium" and serves on numerous genomics committees, grant boards, peer review panels, graduate committees, and editorial boards for journals. For these contributions Dr. Hunter has received recognition through awards, patents, certificates, and invitations to present research.

**Adrian Hunsberger, Candidate for
Member-at-Large**

Adrian Hunsberger is the Urban Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator at the University of Florida/Miami-Dade County Extension office in Homestead, Florida. She is also the resident entomologist. Adrian holds a B.S. degree in Horticulture from Virginia Tech and a M.S. degree in Entomology from the University of Florida. In addition, she has over 13 years of research experience at the University of Florida using biological and organic pest control methods. Her major focus is teaching integrated pest management (IPM) to homeowners with a special emphasis on biological control of pests. Adrian's duties include coordinating a volunteer corps of over 50 Master Gardeners who help solve homeowner gardening problems. She also writes a weekly gardening column for the Miami Herald, with a daily circulation of over 1/2 million issues. Adrian has been a member of the Florida Entomological Society for over 18 years.

Vice President

_____ Wayne Hunter
_____ Write in: _____

Member-At-Large

_____ Adrian Hunsberger
_____ Write-in: _____

PLEASE VOTE for one individual for each office and return the ballot via email by July 15, 2008 to:

Geri Cashion
Email: geribugs@mindspring.com

ENTOMOLOGICAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Deadline for all applications is July 1.

Stan Beck Student Fellowship

The Fellowship assists graduate and undergraduate students attend college in the U.S., Canada, or Mexico, who are majoring in entomology or related disciplines. <http://www.entsoc.org/awards/student/beck.htm>

BioQuip Undergraduate Scholarship

Students must attend college in the U.S., Canada, or Mexico and be pursuing a degree in entomology or pursuing a career as an entomologist. <http://www.entsoc.org/awards/student/bioquip.htm>

Lillian & Alex Feir Graduate Student Travel Award

Travel funds for a graduate student to attend ESA's annual meeting or the International Congress of Entomology. Students must be working with insects or other arthropods in the areas of physiology, biochemistry, and molecular biology; and be an ESA member. <http://www.entsoc.org/awards/student/feir.htm>

Larry Larson Graduate Student Award for Leadership in Applied Entomology

This leadership award acknowledges final year Master's students or first year Ph.D. students who exhibit exceptional interest in the study and application of entomology through outstanding research and leadership skills. The student must be an ESA member. <http://www.entsoc.org/awards/student/larson.htm>

For more information on all Foundation awards including mini-grants for teachers and research awards and grants see:
http://www.entfdn.org/awards_scholar_fellow.php

CALL FOR MEMBERS AND EVENTS

In the Newsletter, we would occasionally like to include information about FES members. Please refer to the requested items for each category and let your colleagues know what you have been up to lately. This information should be sent to Cara Vazquez.

1. Invitational talks, keynote speeches etc.: Speaker, organization, meeting, date, location and title of talk.
2. Honors & Awards: Recipient, title of award, given for and given by.
3. International Activities: Person, date, activity and funding source.
4. Grants/Contracts: Principal investigator(s), project title, funding source and project description.
5. Major Publications (Books, Monographs, Chapters) Authors, title and citation.
6. National or Branch Offices: Person, office held, organization and dates.
7. Moving up: Person on the move, old position, new position, location, date of change and responsibilities.
8. Visiting Entomologists: Visitor(s), visiting from, dates, purpose of visit, host and location.
9. On Leave: Person, new location, dates and activity.
10. Community Activities: Person, project description, organization, location and dates.

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