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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Scott Ferguson

This is my last letter as your president, as my term comes to an end with our Annual Meeting in July. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their help, direction, advice and support during my term. I encourage all members to actively participate in our Annual Meeting by not only attending but also presenting a paper or poster. I would also encourage you to consider organizing a symposium and/or workshop in your area of interest for next year's meeting.

I feel very fortunate to be an entomologist in Florida. With our environment, great diversity of plants and ecosystems, there is always something new and interesting (and even fun!) to work on. Unfortunately, some of the "new and interesting" challenges involve invasive species that sometimes put us into crisis mode, the Asian citrus psyllid and greening disease being a perfect example. However, with such a large group of experienced, highly trained and motivated entomologists, I am confident that we can solve the challenges that come our way. There is an outstanding and very long tradition of entomologists in Florida and I feel that it is our charge to uphold and continue that tradition. So whether you are an entomologist at a university, government, industry or any other endeavor - keep up the great work, enjoy it, and continue to support the Florida Entomological Society.

I hope to see all of you at the Annual Meeting July 25 -28 at the Jupiter Beach Resort.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held May 4, 2010 at the IFAS REC in Apopka, FL are as follows:

Present: Scott Ferguson, Rob Meagher, Teresa DuChene, Wayne Hunter, Jeff Shapiro, Gary Leibe. By phone: Jim Nation, Adrian Hunsberger, Dan Hahn, Jennifer Gillet-Kaufman, and Cindy McKenzie.

Program Chair (W. Hunter): Four symposia have been organized for the 2010 Annual Meeting:

- 1) Close Encounters of the Hymenopteran Kind (John Sivinski)
- 2) Mosquito Ecology and Arbovirus Transmission in Florida (Phil Lounibos)
- 3) Innovative Arthropod Management Solutions (Scott Ferguson)
- 4) Multitrophic Interactions: Concepts and Applications (Veronica Manrique, Rodrigo Diaz, and William A. Overholt).

Bill Kern will organize a workshop on africanized bees.

Business Manager (T. DuChene): Membership renewals by email are proving satisfactory and save on costs over U.S. mail. Receipts are sent in response by email but paper receipts can be requested. Society membership is currently 298.

Long Range Planning (R. Mankin): 1) FES must encourage more young members in FES professional activities (website, symposia, etc.). Suggestions were made for media-posted requests for volunteers, and discussion ensued regarding possible hire of a student/webmaster. Wiki or Facebook pages might help to attract student participation. 2) The LRP Committee recommends interaction with Caribbean entomologists, despite the recent scarcity of Caribbean Conferences. More outreach might include the posting of abstracts in Spanish, and virtual if not physical Caribbean Conferences would be welcomed. 3) LRP issues should be discussed at the Annual Executive Committee Past President's Breakfast. 4) Construction of a Facebook site was advocated, but tabled until help was available.

Nominating Committee (O. Liburd): Clark Lovelady (Syngenta Crop Protection) was nominated for Vice President, and Stuart Reitz (ARS) and John Paige (Bayer Crop Science) were nominated for Member-at-Large.

Public Relations (J. Gillet-Kaufman): Information about the Annual Meeting was sent to IFAS extension for forwarding to contacts, the FES newsletter editor, has been advertised through twitters and blogs, the ESA calendar, ESA-SEB attendees, regional universities, the Florida DACS Bureau of Entomology, ARS-CMAVE for distribution to ARS, and to the Southern Lepidoptera Society.

Publications (J. Nation): Waldemar Klassen will assume the Florida Entomologist editorship for the March 2011 issue. He needs support, both for computer equipment and administrative assistance (10-12 hr/wk is recommended). The editorship is almost a fulltime job now: we published 172 papers in 2008, 163 in 2009, and ca. 150 so far this year. Success makes more work for the editor. A meeting will be scheduled for the Executive Committee with Jim Nation and Waldemar Klassen. Possible ideas for reducing the load include a co-editor or associate editor. A motion for \$2,000 for computer equipment for the incoming editor was approved.

Student Activities (D. Hahn): The UF student organization (ENSO) advertised the Annual Meet-

ing and its benefits. Cash awards, travel grants, and student research awards are being solicited. Student travel awards are now given for travel to both FES and ESA meetings: \$1,000 for paper presentation awards, \$2,000 for travel, \$1000 for research minigrants, and \$1,000 for scholarships. Total of around \$5,000 was increased recently from \$4,000. A motion that \$1,000 be shifted from the ESA meeting to the FES meeting to encourage more student participation was approved.

Computer resources (R. Mankin): See the above discussion regarding needed resources for website maintenance and upgrade, and needs for editorial assistance for the Florida Entomologist.

Pioneer Lecture (P. Koehler): The Pioneer Lecture will be titled "Uncle Sam's Ace Insect Hunter", featuring Dr. Howard Frank and Robert Coulter (winner of the 2010 National History Day Medal Competition and great-great nephew of the honoree) as speakers to honor Senekerim Dohanian, a USDA entomologist and pioneer in the biological control of insect pests from 1915 to 1959.

FIRST 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 '2010 Revisions to Guidelines/Awards Lists' and go to page 72 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 **June 25, 2010** to:

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CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

--Clark Lovelady--

Clark Lovelady received a B.S. and M.S. in the California State University system. He received his Ph.D. in Entomology from Texas A&M University in 1994. Clark spent the next 9 years working as an Urban Entomology consultant and contract researcher in College Station, Texas. In

2003, he was hired by Syngenta Crop Protection as an Urban Entomologist at the Vero Beach Research Center. His current research focus is on Vegetable Entomology. He has participated in the Florida Entomological Society since 2004.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE

--John Paige III--

John Paige has over 20 years of experience in the Agricultural Chemicals industry in a number of positions. John has worked in Research and Development, Sales and Marketing, and Regulatory and Business Development. However, his passion is Field Research and Development, a position he currently holds with Bayer Environmental Science as a Senior Scientist.

John's territory is Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama and the Caribbean. He coordinates and conducts field trials of Bayer Environmental Science products on many urban and vector pests, especially termites, ants and mosquitoes.

John received a B.S. and M.S. in Entomology from Texas Tech University, and his Ph.D. in Urban Entomology from Texas A&M University with a focus on integrated pest management.

John lives in Vero Beach, FL with his wife, Lisa, and their sons, Jack and Andy.

--Stuart Reitz--

Stuart Reitz is a Research Entomologist with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service, stationed in Tallahassee, FL. He is also a courtesy professor in the Center for Biological Control at Florida A&M University. His current research focuses on the ecology and management of thrips and Tospoviruses. Stuart is currently a subject editor for the Journal of Economic Entomology.

Stuart first joined FES while a doctoral student at Clemson University, and has served as a chair of the Society's Honors and Awards Committee.

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**FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY
2010 ELECTION BALLOT**

Vice-President

_____ Clark Lovelady
_____ Write-in: _____

Member-At-Large

_____ John Paige III
_____ Stuart Reitz
_____ Write-in: _____

PLEASE VOTE for one individual and return the ballot via email by July 16, 2010 to:

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VOLUNTEER FES WEBMASTER NEEDED

FES is looking for someone to work on updating and maintaining the FES website. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to work on this project please contact:

Richard Mankin
Email: rmankin@nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu

This newsletter is published irregularly between issues of the Journal of the Society, *The Florida Entomologist*. It is intended for the publication of subjects of interest to the members of the Florida Entomological Society. Articles, announcements, awards and other news about FES members are solicited from the membership and should be emailed to editor Cara Vazquez at cara.vazquez@scynexis.com.

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.
