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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joe Funderburk

Only a year ago John Sivinski and I tied in an election for vice-president. There was a coin toss in the hallway to determine who would be first and guess what! Here I am writing in your Newsletter. It all seems a little shady, but I guess that's politics for you. I want to express appreciation on behalf of the Society to Past Presidents David Hall and Everett Mitchell for their leadership. This is a great organization and they have it in good shape.

The 80th Annual Meeting is over, and what a success! There were 84 symposia and submitted papers, 8 display papers, and the Pioneer Lecture. Clay McCoy and the Pioneer Lecture Committee did FES a great service awarding the Screwworm Eradication Team and having E. F. Knipling and A. H. Baumhover lecture. There was nothing but positive feedback. The credit for the quality of the program goes to the symposium organizers and paper authors. The students made great presentations, and I encourage the students and members to continue to support the student paper competition as it is a very fun part of the meeting. I personally thank Julie Stavisky, Chris Tipping, Ken Muzyk, and all the volunteers who helped put together the program. President-Elect John Sivinski deserves special recognition for working with the hotel staff to host the meeting and make it a pleasurable experience. There were 184 that registered for the meeting, and you may have noticed that some of the meeting rooms were a little full. The FES Board intends that future hotel contracts guarantee meeting rooms seat a minimum of 100.

The annual meeting is one of the most important activities for FES. Even though only a month has passed since the Daytona Beach meeting, plans are

well under way for our next two meetings. The 81st Annual Meeting will be held on 3-6 August at the Sundial Beach Resort in Sanibel Island, Florida. President-Elect John Sivinski is making plans for the program. It is not too early to begin thinking about symposium topics and contacting him with your ideas. There were well over twenty people that attended the business meeting on September 11, and with so many important matters facing the Society it lasted almost three hours. The Pioneer Lecture Committee met immediately afterwards and decided to honor Wilman Newell at next year's meeting. The Committee made an outstanding decision of who to invite for next year's lecture, but I will not discuss it until he has been officially contacted.

The XXI International Congress of Entomology will meet from August 20-26, 2000 in Brazil. Consequently, the FES Board voted unanimously to change the year of the Caribbean Conference from 2000 to 1999. The Sociedad Venezolana de Entomologia (the Venezuelan Entomological Society) has extended an invitation for FES to meet with their Society on July 5-9, 1999. The meeting site is Coro, capital of the State of Falcon, in northwestern Venezuela. Coro is a small city of great historical and architectural interest because it was the capital of the Spanish colonial "province" of Venezuela, before Caracas became the capital. It has been designated a "world heritage site" by UNESCO. Coro is a few minutes from the beach and is at the base of the Paraguana peninsula which is one of Venezuela's national parks. This peninsula is due south of the Caribbean island of Aruba. After a lively discussion at the business meeting, it was obvious that FES members are overwhelmingly interested in meeting in Venezuela in 1999. No major obstacles with travel or accommodations were apparent, and the FES Board unanimously passed a motion to send a team to

Venezuela to look the situation over and to work out the details.

I sincerely express appreciation to the membership for willingness to volunteer time and expertise on behalf of FES. I should not really single individuals out when so many have been working so hard, but Tom Walker deserves special praise. As you know, he has worked against the odds already, and we should take great pride in *Florida Entomologist* being the first electronically published entomology journal. Further, the FES Board has approved two new ideas from Tom. First, sustaining members are being offered an opportunity to sponsor an issue of the journal with an accompanying link serving as a gateway to additional information on their servers. Likewise, an author can have an "Author's Link." This will serve as a gateway to information that the author considers relevant to the published article. Tom has agreed to serve as an associate editor of *Florida Entomologist* for handling electronic publication.

There seems to be one thing that is certain---change! Pat Greany (Chair, Computer Resources Committee) had an advertising agent demonstrate cyberspace opportunities for the Board. It is not only feasible to conduct business over the newly established website, but it could be done very soon! Doing so will allow for FES to serve you better and more efficiently. Have no fear that the Board wants to continue to serve all members whether they have a computer or not. Rick Brenner (Chair, Public Relations Committee) presented excellent ideas for using the website for public relations.

Teresa DuChene has now been Business Manager for a year. Ann Knapp, our long-time Business Manager, stayed on as consultant for this past year. Please join me in thanking Ann for all her past dedicated service. I am not sure what Teresa thinks about entomologists, but she certainly is doing a great job. With all of the changes on the horizon, she will be very busy.

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**PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**David G. Hall**

Our society's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was one of the best. We owe thanks to Dr. Everett Mitchell for selecting the Daytona Adams Mark Hotel for our 1997 meeting, as both the location and hotel were superb. The Pioneer Lecture Award Committee is to be congratulated for their hard work in arranging for

the addresses given by Dr. E.F. Knipling and Mr. Al Baumhover. Each of these guest scientists gave interesting, pertinent presentations. Dr. Joe Funderburk and his program committee put together an excellent program including four symposia, one on the important weevil pest *Diaprepes* (thank you José Díaz and Phil Stanly), one on insect behavioral ecology (thank you John Sivinski), one on urban entomology (thank you Ellen Thoms and Rudi Scheffrahn), and one on selective, IPM-compatible insect control chemistry (thank you Joe Eger and Lance Peterson). Rudi Scheffrahn's workshop on termite identification was, once again, a success for FES. I commend all FES members who made regular submitted-paper presentations and encourage members to make presentations next year when we meet on Sanibel Island.

It was an honor for me to serve as President of the Florida Entomological Society, and I thank the Society for the privilege. The credit for such an outstanding year for FES during my term as President goes to the officers on our Executive Committee, to the chairmen and members of our standing and ad hoc committees, to our Newsletter editors Lois Wood and Nancy Epsky, and to our new Business Manager, Teresa DuChene. These individuals made my job as President easy.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Edited minutes of the August 4, 1997 Executive Committee Meeting, held at Adams Mark Daytona Beach Hotel, Daytona Beach, FL are as follows:

Executive Committee Members in Attendance: David Hall, Joe Funderburk, John Sivinski, Theresa DuChene, Dick Baranowski and Phil Stanly. Committee Chairs and FES Members in Attendance: Gary Leabee, David Hall, Clay Scherer, Russ Mizell, Lois Wood, Ellen Thoms, Rick Brenner and Joe Knapp, who graciously served as recording secretary.

**Presidents Comments:** Meeting called to order by President Hall. Minutes for the May meeting were not available for approval. Request for the check to Frank Mead for photography costs passed to Business Manager for payment.

**Business Managers Report** (Theresa DuChene) - The following 3 reports were submitted: assets/liabilities and capital, financial, and trial balance. The total liabilities/capital of FES is \$75,406.57 (06/30/

97). The contracting for a VISA card payment system by the society was discussed.

### **Committee Reports:**

Publications (Dick Baranowski) - Requested funds to purchase a label printer. Passed unanimously. Requested permission to drop associate editors. Approved unanimously.

Program (Joe Funderburk) - The program was finalized and mailed to members in June. There were 85 oral papers including: 48 symposia papers, 12 student competition papers and 25 submitted papers. In addition there were 8 poster papers, a termite workshop and the Pioneer Lecture presentation by E.F. Knipling and A.H. Baumhover.

Student Activities (Heather McAuslane) - The committee recommends that 9 applicants for the \$100 minigrants be awarded the minigrants. The committee has received 8 valid applications for travel grants and recommends that the \$2,000 set aside in student travel funds be disbursed equally. The committee chose 3 winners of the FES scholarships. The committee recommends that the same procedures used by ESA to judge the Comstock award be adapted by our society to judge the scholarship applicants. Three members of the committee and an additional judge will judge the 9 papers in the Student Paper competition on Wed. morning.

Honors and Awards (Gary Leible) - FES proudly recognized 21 individuals for their achievements and contributions.

Nominating (Russ Mizell) - Nominations for Vice-president are Lance Peterson and Richard Mankin. Nominations for Board Member-at-Large are Lance Osborne and Sanford Porter.

Membership (Phil Koehler) - The Florida Entomological Society currently has 643 members in the following categories: 333 full/family, 172 subscriptions, 53 students, 36 sustaining, 28 exchange, 11 emeritus and 10 honorary members. This year the society gained 42 new members: 21 full/family, 19 students, and 2 sustaining. All members delinquent in paying dues were contacted by the committee.

Computer Resources (Tom Walker) - The permanent Web posting of concurrent electronic reprints for all articles published in the Florida Entomologist continues. Posting of text files began in June 1996. Text files allow Alta Vista search robots to index every word of the article. Sanford Porter has volunteered to develop and service a e-mailing list of the table of contents of the Florida Entomologist. Concern about the impact that the web format may have on library subscriptions to the journal prompted an analysis of subscription trends. From 1994 - 96 the institutional subscriptions to Florida Entomologist

increased from 185 to 190. The cost of putting back issues of the Florida Entomologist on the web has dropped from \$0.75/page to \$0.65/page. This means that recent back issues will cost approx. \$100/issue to be put on line. Sponsors for posting back issues are being sought. Appeals will be made to sustaining members and to authors of articles already on the Internet. Donors would be acknowledged at sponsored web journal article site, on the FES home page and in the newsletter. Florida Entomological Society home page was established on Aug. 1, 1997. Its address is <http://gnv.ifas.ufl.edu/~fes/>.

1998 Meeting Site (David Hall) - The Sundial Resort on Sanibel Island was selected for the 1998 meeting site, which is scheduled for Aug. 3-6. Sundial offers 1 and 2 bedroom suites for \$95. There will be 20 executive rooms for \$89 available on a first-come basis. The hotel will provide a complimentary 1-hr cocktail party and free use of audiovisual equipment. A contract was signed and a mandatory \$1000 deposit was given to the hotel.

Long Range Planning (Lance Peterson) - The committee recommends the following objectives: Continue to expand efforts with electronic publishing: upload back issues of the journal and enable the submission of program abstracts, titles and proposals via e-mail. Establish standard operating procedures with guidelines for each elected office and appointed committee, detailing responsibilities. Request each outgoing officer and committee chair to file a brief report of activities and accomplishments to give their replacement a working base. Executive committee determines an annual meeting theme 2 yrs in advance to give direction in the choice of a key note speaker and symposia planning.

Caribbean Conference (Abe White) - Our investigation of Puerto Rico as our meeting site in 2000 has identified 3 hotels ranging in cost from \$65 to \$126. Jorge Pena will contact an entomologist friend in Puerto Rico to solicit his help. Howard Frank discovered that the Venezuela Entomology Society would also like to host a meeting with the FES in their country. He believes accommodations in Venezuela would be more moderate than in Puerto Rico.

### **New Business:**

A letter was submitted by Joe Knapp and Herb Nigg to prohibit future FES meetings from being held in Sarasota County. This issue was referred to the Public Relations Committee to write a letter to the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners.

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee will be Sept. 11, 1997, in the conference room of the Entomology/Nematology Dept., UF campus, Gainesville. Submitted by: Mary Jo Hayes, Secretary.

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Edited minutes of the September 11, 1997 Executive Committee Meeting, held at Dept. of Entomol. & Nematol., Gainesville, FL, are as follows:

Executive Committee Members in Attendance: Joe Funderburk, John Sivinski, Lance Peterson, David Hall, Mary Jo Hayes, Theresa DuChene, Phil Stansly, Chris Tipping and Andy Rasmussen.

Committee Chairs and FES Members in Attendance: Gary Leibee, Tom Walker, Heather McAuslane, Guangye Hu, Clay Scherer, Susan Webb, Nancy Epsky, Ellen Thoms, Joe Eger, Howard Frank, Richard Mankin, Pat Greany, Rick Brenner and Clay McCoy.

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes from August Executive Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.

**Business Manager's Report** (Theresa DuChene) - Ms. DuChene thanked Ann Knapp for all her help over the last year. David Hall noted that the Society owed Ann Knapp \$1,000 for her work as a consultant during the transition of the Business Manager, including travel costs. Ms. DuChene was instructed to take care of this. 1997 Meeting Statistics: There were 184 attendees at the eightieth annual meeting in Daytona, FL. The financial summary of the 1997 meeting can not be completed. Some bills have yet to be received. Total revenues from the meeting was \$12,065.00. Expenses totaled \$13,563.34 so far. Therefore, we currently show a loss of \$1,498.34. The society now has an e-mail address: flaentsoc@worldnet.att.net.

The mailing of journals for members who join after the mail out is restricted by the post office to a minimum of 50 pieces. We will be mailing out the accrued set shortly. The total liabilities/capital of FES is \$76,844.14 (08/31/97).

**Committee Reports:**

Program (John Sivinski) - A call for next year's symposia leaders will be in the next newsletter. In the future, we need to specify in the contract that the meeting rooms accommodate a minimum of 100 chairs comfortably. Our contract with Adam's Mark specified only 50 chairs in each of the 4 meeting

rooms. We have a good contract with Sundial on Sanibel Island for our next meeting. We will meet with the hotel management in Feb/Mar next year and again as soon as the program is finalized in June. David Hall will send a letter to the Sundial informing them of who the contact persons will be. Lance Peterson recommended that we plan our annual meeting 2 yrs in advance. This would allow us to get the best possible rates.

Computer & Public Relations (Joint Report: Pat Greany & Rick Brenner) - A request was made by Tom Walker to send sustaining members a letter which will allow their companies to set up hyperlinks from their name in the society's homepage to their own Internet site for free. The letter would also ask for a \$100 sponsorship in order to put back issues of the journal on the web. A computer demonstration of what our home page could look like was given by Adam Cohen of Colony One Incorporated. Options include information on the annual meeting, submission of papers for the annual meeting, registration for the annual meeting, FES award nominations, list of former winners, application for society membership, newsletter issues and meeting minutes, membership list with hyperlinks for more information on research interests. In addition, the membership list can be indexed and cross-referenced. The computer committee was instructed to draw up a list of specific home page needs of the society and obtain estimates on the cost of having the work done. Tom Walker thought that a search engine could be added to the home page to make accessing the journal articles more convenient. Dr. Walker also asked the committee to approve the charge of \$45 levied on authors to provide hyperlinks to other information relevant to their article. Joe Eger moved we accept plan. Approved unanimously. Rick Brenner believes the home page would allow the media to rapidly access information packets and provide hyperlinks to members who are experts on the topics. The Public Relations committee will develop a list of media contacts with which to communicate via the web. We also need to get future society meeting information, e.g., highlights, call for papers, keynote speaker, on the Internet early and have the society's homepage address included in advertisements in the ESA newsletter and American Entomologist.

Newsletter (Nancy Epsky) - The next issue of the newsletter is being developed and should go to the printers by the end of the month.

Student Activities (Guangye Hu) - There are still some student travel funds remaining. Joe Eger thought we should consider splitting the awards so that masters and doctoral students do not compete against each other.

Honors and Awards (Gary Leabee) - Written report of the awards banquet was submitted.

Membership (Clay Sherer) - Reported that the committee is getting organized and will have more to report at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Sustaining Membership (Keith Griffith) - The committee will expand to increase outreach to different potential members for the society. President Funderburk commended Ken Muzyk for his efforts to get advertisements for the annual meeting program.

Tax Exempt (Jerry Hogsette) - There are difficulties with communications between our society and Mr. Repp, our accountant. David Hall moved to allow Theresa DuChene to search for a new accountant. Approved unanimously.

Operating Guidelines (Joe Eger & Ellen Thoms) - Recommends that FES review the Entomology Society of America's S.E. Branch guidelines and develop a customized set of guidelines for the FES. Copies of the various officers' and committee chairs' position responsibilities were handed out to the appropriate attendees with the request to begin reviewing and making recommendations to the guidelines committee.

Caribbean Conference (Howard Frank) - Recommends that the FES Caribbean Conference be moved from August, 2000 to August, 1999. The Entomology Society of Venezuela has extended an invitation to our society to have a joint meeting. Their society meets every other year and will next meet in 1999. They have suggested we meet in Coro, the colonial Spanish capital of Venezuela and a world heritage site. Coro has a population of about 50,000 and is located south of Aruba and has hosted meetings comparable to our previous Caribbean meetings. The Hotel Miranda Cumberland was suggested as the meeting site. The anticipated total cost to members who attend is expected to be somewhat less than Puerto Rico. A motion was made to have the Caribbean Conference committee investigate the possibility of meeting in Coro and to report back to the executive committee as soon as possible. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held Dec. 4, 1997 at 10 am at USDA/ ARS, CMAVE Conference Room, Gainesville. Submitted by: Mary Jo Hayes, Secretary.

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## STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS FOR ESA ANNUAL MEETING

The Florida Entomological Society will award travel grants to students who plan to travel to the Entomological Society of America annual meeting in Nashville (12/14-18/97) for the purpose of presenting their research results. Students requesting travel funds should state in a letter their purpose for attending the meeting and their other potential sources of travel funds. It is anticipated that the committee will receive many requests so students **must** state how much of their anticipated expenses will be covered by their supervisor and how much they will cover with personal funds.

Applications must be received by Guangye Hu before or on November 3, 1997.

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The FES Nominations Committee invites you to nominate individuals for the following 1998-99 Executive Committee offices:

Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_

Member-at-Large \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominations Committee will put together a final nominations list (two nominations per office) during late 1997. An election ballot will be printed in the June, 1998 Newsletter. Winners will be announced at the August 1998 Business Meeting.

Please e-mail your nominations (feel free to nominate yourself) to:  
dghall@gate.net

or mail them to:  
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Research Department, U. S. Sugar Corporation  
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### WANTED!- SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZERS FOR THE 1998 ANNUAL MEETING

Our society will next meet in August, 1998 at the Sundial Hotel on Sanibel Island. In addition to contributed papers, our meetings typically contain 4-5 symposia on special topics. Anyone who would be interested in suggesting ideas for these symposia and/or organizing the speakers for a symposium please contact:

John Sivinski, (352) 374-5791, fax (352) 374-5804, e-mail [jsivinski@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu](mailto:jsivinski@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu).

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### MEMBERS AND EVENTS

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

Please welcome and support our new Executive Committee Members!!!

President Joe Funderburk  
President-Elect John Sivinski  
Vice-President Lance Peterson  
Member-at-Large Lance Osborne

### HONORS AND AWARDS

This year the Florida Entomological Society recognized 21 individuals for achievement, contribution to the discipline of entomology, and service to the Society.

#### Awards

Awards presented: **Everett R. Mitchell**, Entomologist-of-the-Year; **David F. Williams**, Achievement Award for Research; **Joseph L. Knapp**, Achievement Award for Extension; **Dean Remick**, Achievement Award for Industry; **Marjorie**

**A. Hoy and Ru Nguyen**, Achievement Award for Team Research; **Liana Glanville**, Achievement Award for Education (K-12); **Jerry F. Butler**, Achievement Award for Higher Education; **Thomas J. Walker**, Presidential Recognition Award for his vision, leadership, and devotion for the publication of the Florida Entomologist on the Internet; **Rudolf H. Scheffrahn**, Presidential Recognition Award for arranging and conducting the termite identification workshops at the annual meetings of the Society; and **David G. Hall**, Recognition of the President.

#### Certificates of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to **Moh Leng Kok-Yokomi** and **Gary Leibee** for serving as FES Special Awards Judges at the 42nd State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida, **Clay Scherer** for service as Student Member of the Executive Committee, **Lois Wood** and **Nancy Epsky** for service as Co-Editors of the FES Newsletter, **Alan Bartlett** and **Michael Hennessey** for service as Associate Editors of the Florida Entomologist, **Joseph Funderburk** for service as Chairman of the Program Committee, and **John Sivinski** for service as Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee.

#### Certificates of Achievement

Certificates of Achievement were presented to **Amanda Rebecca Zeiler** of Richmond Heights Junior High School, Miami and **Vicky Buckles** of Palatka High School, Palatka for receiving the Florida Entomological Society Special Awards at 42nd State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida. This award includes \$100 cash and an invitation to the FES Annual Meeting. Amanda won in the Junior Section for her project titled 'Which color or pattern attracts the most insects?'. Vicky won in the Senior Section for her project titled 'Can the pattern of the *Leucauge venusto* webs be used to indicate environmental contamination?'. In addition, Amanda's project won Second Place and Vicky's project won Third Place in the Zoology category at the State Science and Engineering Fair. We are pleased that Amanda and Vicky were able to attend and display their projects at the FES Meeting in Daytona Beach.

## STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the many entomology students who received recognition for their achievements at the awards banquet during the Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society (8/6/97).

*Scholarships* (\$500 each): Juan Villanueva-Jiménez, Andy Rasmussen and Wendy Meyer.

*Minigrants* (\$100): Divina Amalin, Julieta Brambila, Yasmin Cardoza, Andy Rasmussen, Dina Richman, Clay Scherer, Alonso Suazo Calix, Christopher Tippling, and Marco Toapanta.

*Travel grants* (\$125 each): Divina Amalin, Julieta Brambila, Denise Johanowicz, Dini Miller, Andy Rasmussen, Dina Richman, and Juan Villanueva-Jiménez

*Student paper competition*: Clay Scherer (1<sup>st</sup> place, \$150 award), Dina Richman (2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$125 award), and Juan Villanueva-Jiménez (3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$100 award).

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## XXI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ENTOMOLOGY HOME PAGE

FES received the following communication from Dr. Gazzoni, a Brazilian entomologist, about the XXI International Congress of Entomology to be held in August 2000.

To All Entomologists,

The new version of our homepage is being officially released. Keep updated with the latest ICE news by visiting our homepage at

<http://www.embrapa.br/ice>

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## 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 Lois Wood or Nancy Epsky.

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.