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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Pat Greany

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Meeting Update: Progress has been steady for the Florida Entomological Society so far this year. As indicated in the previous Newsletter, we held a very successful annual meeting at the Registry Resort in Naples. While we did not quite cover our costs, we did not experience a major shortfall, due to a concerted effort to contain our expenses. We are now beginning to plan for next year's meeting, to be held Aug. 5-9 at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina, near Stuart, FL. This is a terrific location and I'm sure you'll enjoy the setting! Anyone seeking to convene a symposium or workshop should contact President-Elect John Capinera, who is in charge of the Program.

Committee Participation: We are in need of volunteers to participate in some of the FES Standing Committees and Ad Hoc committees. From my own experience, I can assure you that you will enjoy serving the Society! The time demands are not excessive and I'm sure you'll be glad to have had an active part in this organization. Please take a look at the roster of committees included in this Newsletter to see where vacancies exist and where you feel you could best fit in. We are especially in need of a Chairperson for the Membership Committee. Please contact me or the Chairperson for the committee that most appeals to you. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to serving the Society in the recent past, including John Petti (Secretary), Julie Stavisky and Susan Webb (Members-at-Large), Nancy Epsky (Public Relations Chair), Marco Toapanta and Karen Young (Student Representatives), Gary Leibee (Honors and Awards), Elzie McCord (Student Activities), Susan Hydorn (Historian/Necrologist), John Capinera (Education), and Clay McCoy and Norm Leppla (Pioneer Lecturer Award Series). Without these folks' efforts, and those of many others, our Society would not be prospering as it is!

Credit Card Payment / Charitable Contributions: I am pleased to announce that FES is now able to accept your credit card (MC or VISA only) for payment of membership dues and meeting registration fees, thanks to the diligent efforts of our Business Manager, Teresa DuChene. Please take note of this when you send in your dues in response to the Dues Notice being sent by Teresa. Let me also encourage you to seriously consider making a charitable contribution to FES, along with your dues. We are now an official non-profit organization [IRS designation 501(c)(3)] and your charitable contributions are deductible. With enough contributions of this sort, we should be able to support even more worthwhile causes, such as student travel grants and other educational and consciousness-raising efforts in support of entomology.

Journal Format Changes / InfoLinks: The first issue of the new, 8.5x11" format for the Florida Entomologist will appear with the March, 2001 issue, according to Dr. Dick Baranowski, Editor. Those of you who are planning to submit manuscripts for publication in the Florida Entomologist should consider adding an "InfoLink" for only an additional \$45. InfoLinks also can be added for any article already published in the Florida Entomologist. This hyperlink will allow you to provide ancillary information such as additional photographs, etc. This information will be hosted on a server at the Florida Center for Library Automation (where the pdf files for the journal articles also are maintained). The hyperlink will be incorporated into the Table of Contents for future issues of the Florida Entomologist. Final details associated with InfoLinks are still being worked out; meanwhile, please contact me (pgreany@attglobal.net) or Richard Mankin (rmankin@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu) for more information.

Recruiting: While the Society is doing fine, it would be even better if we could recruit additional members and Sustaining Associates. This is something all members should keep in mind whenever you encounter a Florida entomologist who's not already a member or a company that might want to help support our organization. Please also refer any companies that would like to set up an Exhibitor's Booth at our next annual meeting to Howard Frank, Local Arrangements Chairman.

Happy Holidays!

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

The edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held September 28, 2000 at USDA-ARS are as follows:

Executive Committee Members in Attendance: Pat Greany, Lance Peterson, John Capinera, Howard Frank, Teresa DuChene, Rob Meagher, Katie Heggemeier and Stephanie Bloem.

Committee Chairs and other FES Members in Attendance: Richard Mankin, Nancy Epsky, Lois Wood, Jeff Shapiro, Tom Walker

President's Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm. President Greany thanked everyone for attending. Minutes from last meeting were. It was agreed that the reports from G. Leibee (General Awards) and G. Nuessly (Student Awards) would be added as an addendum to the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes as amended was passed. Minutes will be posted on the FES website.

Business Manager's Report (Teresa DuChene): Annual meeting went very well. Most comments received were favorable, however, there is always room for improvement. Teresa suggested a few areas where cost controls might be improved for future meetings, including 1) adopt credit card payments with Visa/ MasterCard, 2) reevaluate rules on how speaker's registration fees are waived. Perhaps passing a limit on the number of registrants a symposium can waive would better serve the Society. In the past the Executive Board has approved \$1,000 per symposium. The \$1,000 should be used as a cap or limit and not as a target that must be reached in terms of spending for a symposium, and 3) consider charging a nominal fee for non-meeting attendees attending the social functions in order to offset the cost, perhaps \$15-20, for all above the age of 12 that attend the functions or limit the type of food items offered. Having more exhibitors would be another way for offset the cost of the social function. Teresa wanted to remind everyone that FES is accepting charitable contributions and that these are tax deductible. The letter/invoice mailing to request payment of dues from the membership that was discussed at the last Executive Meeting was circulated. Tom Walker suggested that we should have an invoice/envelope combination that is pre-addressed to Teresa. This format is very user friendly and allows for dues payment as well as donations to the Society. Teresa always re-ships journals when she receives a complaint of non-receipt. All memberships start the 1st of the year regardless of when dues were paid. Also discussed was the problem foreign members have in paying their dues. The problem of authors not paying page charges has to do with persons changing their address. A sheet containing a summary of our 2000 Annual Meeting costs and the Society's financial balances as of the end of August was distributed to the Committee. An income loss of \$3,340.83 was reported for the meeting, which is in line with the situation in previous meetings; a bank balance of \$84,830.50 was reported. Motion to accept the Business Managers report was passed by the Executive Committee.

Site Selection Committee (Pat Greany, Howard Frank): The next annual meeting will be held at South Hutchinson Island Marriott (formerly Indian River Plantation Resort). Up to 6 exhibitors booths could be accommodated at the Marriott. There is a \$25.00 charge for electrical provision for the booths. Room rate is \$89.00 per night. It is a beautiful area, everybody should be very pleased.

Program Committee (John Capinera): An announcement for symposium suggestions for our next meeting will be in the next newsletter. It also can be found on the website.

Pioneer Lecture (Pat Greany for Clay McCoy): We have yet to identify who will be presenting the Pioneer Lecture.

Newsletter (Lois Wood and Nancy Epsky): Lois Wood reported the status of the September Newsletter and what was needed for the Nov/Dec issue. The schedule for publishing newsletters is #1, Feb/March; #2, May/June; #3, Aug/ Sep; and #4, Nov./Dec. Each issue contains specific announcements.

Florida Entomologist (Pat Greany for Richard Baranowski): Dick has received a request from Jim Cuda about publishing a group of papers on biocontrol either as part of the Florida Entomologist or as a separate issue, like a Miscellaneous Publications. Jim

Cuda has made arrangements to pay all costs and Jim Cuda and Dan Mahr (U of Wisconsin) have agreed to act as special Editors for this group of papers. The Executive Committee agreed that these papers could be published as a supplement to the Florida Entomologist. Teresa expressed concerned because we're only allowed to mail 4 issues per year. Alternatives were to mail the supplement with an issue or to add these papers to a regular issue of the Florida Entomologist. Dick is concerned about a paper prepared as part of the pioneer lecture series because of expense and not meeting the criteria for publication. Tom Walker suggested that an Executive Summary from this paper could be published in the journal with it's own info-link (URL) to the FES website, for a cost of \$45.00. The Pioneer Lecture paper would be permanently archived in this manner. Teresa suggested that no color pages be accepted as part of publications as they are very costly. Tom Walker asked that a proposed press release from Florida Entomological Society that is destined to go to Science, Nature and the New York Times be reviewed by the Executive Committee. He also reported that, despite our Society publishing the journal on the Web, the number of library subscriptions has remained fairly stable.

Education (Jeff Shapiro): The FL State Fair will take place February 8-19, 2001. A meeting with the Education Committee will be held in conjunction with the ESA meeting in Montreal to plan activities.

Student Activities (Katie Heggemeier): Students need clarification concerning the request for travel grant awards as posted in the newsletter, specifically deadlines and award amounts. The submission packet must include a resume, 2 letters of support, a listing of other funding sources the student might have, and the type of research in which the student is involved. A motion was made and passed to increase the student paper awards by \$25 (to \$175 for first, \$150 for second and \$125 for third place). There was the suggestion that some of the money destined to travel awards be shifted to the "awards" category as this meant more to the student receiving it.

Computer Resources (Richard Mankin): Richard asked if it would be feasible for FES speakers to begin to make their presentations using Power Point. John Capinera provided the rules and regulations for LCD projector presentations from the FL Mosquito Control, at which all presentations are pre-submitted and saved on onsite computers. LCD projectors are costly to purchase (\$4,000-8,000) or to rent. If there are concurrent sessions then 2 projectors plus a back-up would be needed. The question was asked if the

University of FL could make available its own projectors. John Capinera responded that these projectors are in high demand, but that perhaps arrangements could be made in advance. Perhaps other individuals could provide LCD projectors as well. Should a committee be appointed to look into this further? Richard reported that the person with whom we have the website registered has moved to Texas and asked if we should stay with him or find someone else. Teresa mentioned that we had a signed contract until next year. Richard pointed out that we have had longstanding problems with this provider, especially regarding the membership database. Should the committee should start to look for somebody else (another company or UF) to take over from this provider. UF may be able to house the website for the Society but banner ads and job announcements would probably not be allowed. Richard said that if we move we can expect to lose the membership database, so he will look to get our own database engine. John Capinera said that they (UF) can supply the code for a simple search engine that searches using the letters of the alphabet. Pat Greany suggested that the Society might want to consider hiring a consultant in these matters. A general recommendation was made by the Executive Committee that the Computer Resources Committee explore all the different options.

FES By-Laws: The FES by-laws should be periodically revised by the Committee. Richard Mankin said that the most recent updates are on the website. The President should also have a copy.

Caribbean Conference (Howard Frank for Abe White): This conference is on a 4-year cycle mainly to try to avoid coinciding with the International Congress of Entomology. There has been some consideration having the meeting jointly with the Venezuelan Entomological Society. This society meets every 2 years on odd years. Howard will speak to Abe about any other updates. Maybe in 2004?

Miscellaneous Business: *Society Logo*: Jane Medley from the Dept. of Entomology and Nematology is working hard on beautifying the lightning bug.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next meeting was set for Thursday, December 14th at 1 pm in Building 1 of USDA-ARS-CMAVE in Gainesville, FL. All FES members are invited to attend. Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend and provide a written report.

84th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 84th annual meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will be held August 5-8, 2001 at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort and Marina, 555 N.E. Ocean Boulevard, Hutchinson Island, Stuart, FL 34996. Phone (561) 225-3700. FAX (561) 225-0003. Note: the hotel will hold rooms only until July 13, 2001 so make your reservations before then!

We are soliciting ideas and volunteers for symposia. Contact John Capinera if you have ideas.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The deadline for submission of papers for the 84th annual meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will be Tuesday, **May 15, 2001**. Time allotted for submitted oral papers will be eight minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion. Facilities for posters also will be available. Confirmation of receipt of papers will be sent to the first author. There will be oral student papers sessions with awards as in previous years. A description of the format for judging the student papers will be printed in the next Newsletter. Students participating in the judged sessions must be members of the Florida Entomological Society and registered for the meeting.

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SCARAB MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Biological Sciences Department at the Catholic University of Ecuador is organizing the Fifth Latin-American Conference on Scarabaeoidology, March 5-9, 2001. This conference is addressed to people interested in conservation, diversity, evolution, biology, ecology, behavior, and pest control, of Scarabaoidea species (Insecta: Coleoptera).

For more information, contact: escarabajo@ puceuio.puce.edu.ec

NEW MAILING LISTS

The Florida Entomological Society now sponsors two mailing lists for members.

The Florida Entomologist Table of Contents is e-mailed each quarter to FLORIDAENT-L subscribers. The Newsletter of the Florida Entomological Society is emailed each quarter to FES-L subscribers. FES-L may also be used occasionally for announcements and other society business. The lists are moderated and closed to general use so that they will not generate unwanted spam.

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