



# NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joe Funderburk

Past issues of *Florida Entomologist* are now being scanned for electronic availability on the internet. Funding was provided by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences of the University of Florida, the Department of Entomology and Nematology of the University of Florida, and the Florida Entomological Society. And, a private benefactor came forward and generously donated money to cover the Society's part. The *Florida Entomologist* was the first entomology journal to put published articles online and now is the first to put back issues online. The objectives of the Florida Entomological Society are the following (*Florida Entomologist* 79: 273): (1) to promote entomology as a science and as a profession; (2) to encourage research relative to insects and related arthropods in Florida; (3) to distribute and publicize knowledge pertaining to insects and related arthropods; and (4) to publish the *Florida Entomologist*. Everyone will benefit by this convenient, electronic access to scientific information, and the Society will benefit from added credibility and prestige. I imagine there will be more benefits not yet conceived. The Society is clearly fulfilling its objectives, and I thank everyone on behalf of the Society who provided time and funds to make this happen. I especially commend the Board for sufficient levity to unanimously accept this challenge, and I dare other scientific societies to put service to science above undue fear over money. There are new ways in this computer age to reduce operational costs and to raise revenue, and I predict electronic publication will prove to be good business.

Some members of the Board previewed progress on the Society's new website recently. The site is operational and looks nice, but a few things must be developed by members and added.

Sufficient training of volunteer members willing to manage the website also is needed. This will take more time. For these reasons, we decided that it was unwise to use the website for submission of paper titles and abstracts to this year's annual meeting. Hopefully, everything will be ready for publishing the program and public relations for this year's meeting.

Caribbean Conference Committee Chair Abe White made a visit to Venezuela in January and met with President Rosales and other members of the Venezuelan Entomological Society. He reported that travel to Coro would require additional days of travel for members to get to and from the meeting. There were also concerns about the adequacy of the hotel to meet the needs of a joint meeting. Abe White and the other members of the Committee recommended that we not meet in Coro. The Board had previously recommended that we meet in Coro if the site visit proved favorable, but otherwise have the meeting in Puerto Rico. Based on Abe's report of his visit, President-Elect John Sivinski and Vice-President Lance Peterson made a motion to meet in Puerto Rico instead of Venezuela, and the Board approved the plan over the email. Everything is go for Puerto Rico in 1999!

Local Arrangements Committee Chair Lance Peterson is working with the Sundial Beach Resort on Sanibel Island finalizing arrangements with the hotel for this year's meeting. The program is going to be outstanding thanks to the Pioneer Lecture Committee chaired by Harold Denmark and Program Chair John Sivinski. I have learned a lot about the history of entomology in Florida thanks to the selection of Wilmon Newell for the Pioneer Award. He was a true entomologist in every sense of the word, and a most capable administrator. Among his many accomplishments was the first eradication of the medfly. I am learning details of this remarkable achievement, and am reflecting on its

significance to agriculture and the economy in Florida. Hopefully, the Public Relations Committee chaired by Rick Brenner will be able to better educate the public about this problem thanks to this award. Laurence Mound will deliver the Pioneer Lecture on evolutionary radiation in the Thysanoptera, systematic and biological diversity among thrips, and what aspects of their biology makes a few thrips species effective crop pests. Dr. Mound will be available the entire meeting, and in fact will spend almost two extra weeks in Florida to develop a computer database of the Watson thrips collection at the Division of Plant Industry and learn about thrips in Florida. I urge all members to take advantage of this opportunity to get to know Dr. Mound as he is an outstanding entomologist motivated by science. I also commend John Sivinski and the symposium organizers for a slate of outstanding topics and speakers. The Sustaining Membership Committee chaired by Keith Griffith is working hard to raise funds for the mixer and other social functions. Please plan to attend; it is going to be a great meeting!

I also want to thank Teresa DuChene our Business Manager and Jerome Hogsette and Lois Wood on the Tax-Exempt Status Committee for all of their work and efforts. The papers for making the Florida Entomological Society a nonprofit organization have been filed.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Edited minutes of the Dec. 4, 1997 Executive Committee Meeting, held at the USDA, ARS Gainesville, FL, are as follows:**

Executive Committee Members in Attendance: Joe Funderburk, John Sivinski, Lance Peterson, David Hall, Mary Jo Hayes, Theresa DuChene, Rick Brenner, Phil Stansly, Chris Tipping, Andy Rasmussen, and John Petti. Committee Chairs and FES Members in Attendance: Gary Leibee, Guangye Hu, Clay Scherer, Susan Webb, Nancy Epsky, Ellen Thoms, Joe Eger, Howard Frank, Richard Mankin, Pat Greany, Clay McCoy.

**Business Manager's Report** (Theresa DuChene) - The 1997 Income Statement, the 1997 General Ledger Trial Balance, a proposed budget for 1998,

and a Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance were provided. While student membership increased, declines in sustaining membership, regular membership, and subscriptions indicate the need to pursue new membership as membership is the only source of true income. Much discussion followed on budgetary matters including: a total 1997 annual meeting shortfall of \$8,621.22; more line items should be used in contract negotiations for future meetings; money budgeted to student awards, scholarships, travel grants, and student activities; seeking industry contributions to help pay for the student mixer at the 1998 annual meeting as well as soliciting industry dollars in exchange for setting up exhibition booths at the annual meetings. The subject of symposia was introduced several times throughout the meeting and identified as a source of excess spending. Recommendations discussed included: limit the number of symposia to four; discourage symposium leaders from spending the whole \$1,000 limit; either not waive speaker's registration fee or pay for it out of the symposium's budget; symposium leaders approach the board for approval of cost; and encourage invited speakers to make reservations early to take advantage of lower fares. Theresa acquired forms to file for tax exempt status and, after speaking to a tax attorney, reports an approximate filing fee of \$465 and possible problems with qualifying as a non-profit organization resulting from our investments. President Funderburk feels we need to further examine the relationship between costs and benefits to the society before determining if it is worthwhile to proceed with attaining tax exempt status.

President Funderburk opened discussion about salary for the business manager's position. A 5% increase was proposed and seconded (the position requires additional responsibilities related to setting up and maintaining data base information accessible through our web site.) The vote was unanimous. President Funderburk moved to accept the proposed 1998 budget. David Hall seconded the motion, noting the need to revise the budget to include additional expenses for creating the web site, putting back issues of *Florida Entomologist* online, and an allowance of \$500 for web site maintenance. The vote was unanimous and Theresa is to present a revised 1998 budget at the next board meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Florida Entomologist* on World Wide Web (Tom Walker) - Author links service was proposed for the *Florida Entomologist* published on our WWW that would link the author of the publication to author

designated web sites. A search engine specific to the *Florida Entomologist* web site would allow rapid, accurate searches of the *Florida Entomologist* online. Cost is between \$150 and \$235 depending on how it is bundled. Joe Funderburk moved to purchase the search engine; 2nd by John Sivinski; passed unanimously. To get all past copies of the journal on-line, the society needs to have them scanned. Digital Imaging (www.jstore) would do it for \$12,000 if done in 1 batch and \$13,000 if done in parts. The library would provide free posting and maintenance. Funding was discussed.

Membership (Clay Scherer) - The need to redevelop the society's brochure was discussed. We currently have about 500 copies on hand of the old brochure and will use these up first. Joe Knapp requests that the society send copies to Turkey. Howard Frank brought to the committee's attention that we have had in the past, a reciprocal journal exchange with Czechoslovakia Entomology Journal (now: Check Republic Entomology Journal since 1990). The Czech journals have been maintained by the FDACS, DPI library in Gainesville. With the political unrest in 1995, the journals were returned to us and the subscription was canceled. The Czech's would like to reestablish the reciprocal exchange of journals. Passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report (Mary Jo Hayes) - Offered minutes of executive committee meeting held on Sept 11, 1997 for review. Approved unanimously. Mary Jo Hayes resigned from secretary due to conflict with professional work. John Petti was nominated and elected as interim secretary.

Computer & Public Relations Joint Report (Pat Greany) - Adam, of Mark-One, presented a web-site development package for the committee's consideration. The package would include: standard pages, secured bulletin board system (BBS), online member application form, online meeting registration and information, online abstract submission, privacy secured member database with individual passwords, *Florida Entomologist* on-line in PDF format for both current and archived copies, a list serve with optional subscribe/un-subscribe which can include several special categories that link to the BBS. The web-site will be operational within 25 working days from the time when all necessary information has been provided. The cost is \$1,889 + \$150 (for search engine approved this meeting, see above) for a total quote of \$2,039. The proposed web-site can not be used with the University's system. It would overload the system and take too long to do searches. The web-site needs to be maintained by a NT server. Mark-One can provide that access for \$20-50/month. The web-site is designed so that

members can maintain it; Richard Mankin volunteered to act as Web-Master. David Hall moved to accept web-site proposal; John Sivinski seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Caribbean Conference (Abe White) - Howard Frank read a letter from the Sociedad Venezolana de Entomologia (SVE) accepting the offer to hold joint meetings. Their meeting is planned for July 5-9, 1999, in Coro, Venezuela. John Hepner asked that the Venezuelan Society of Lepidopterists (approx. 30 members) be included in the Caribbean conference. Committee agreed. John Sivinski will work directly with the SVE to plan the meeting. Abe White will go to Coro in January to investigate the hotels and logistics of holding the meeting there. John Sivinski and Theresa DuChene will go down to Coro to sign contracts and confirm the arrangements later in the year when air-fares are the lowest: Summer air rates drop to about \$300.

Student Affairs (report read) - Six students received \$180 each to attend the ESA meeting.

Pioneer Lecture (Harold Denmark) - The Pioneer Lecture will be presented by Laurence Mound. The lecture will honor Wilmond Newell.

Program (John Sivinski and Lance Peterson) - John Sivinski introduced topics for symposia. The 1998 annual meeting will include one workshop on pest ant identification, a systematics symposium, and four FES sponsored symposia including: behavioral ecology, technical transfer, area-wide pest management, and insects and education. Lance Peterson recommended that we plan our annual meeting 2 yrs in advance. This would allow us to get the best possible rates.

Newsletter (Lois Wood & Nancy Epsky) - Lois raised the question of who pays the cost of printing and mailing the FES newsletter. Theresa stated that she has not received any bills or paid IFAS printing. President Funderburk instructed Lois and Theresa to find out who is bearing this cost and pay them before the bill becomes any larger.

Honors and Awards (Gary Leabee) - Gary will prepare the first announcement, student award certificates, and the pioneer speaker award. Gary was commended by Joe Eger and President Funderburk for the great job his committee has done developing their operating guidelines.

Sustaining Membership (Elzie McCord, Jr.) -No new business.

Operating Guidelines (Joe Eger) - FES guidelines

are taking shape. A report was provided listing the status of the operating guidelines for each section. Office positions and committees with "Nothing Yet" status are encouraged to put some effort into developing their guidelines because the first draft is expected to be finished and distributed this spring. Joe Eger is combining the guidelines of individual committees onto disc and will make copies available to those interested. According to Joe Eger, Ellen Thoms has volunteered to coordinate revisions '98-'99. Beyond that, Joe Eger recommended that the incoming president be responsible for overseeing revision of the FES Guidelines every year. Inconsistencies between the Bylaws and how we currently do business are being discovered and should be passed along to the Executive Committee for resolution. An example is three members on the student committee according to the Bylaws, compared to four, which is the current standard. Open discussion indicated four as the preferred number of members.

**Miscellaneous:**

President Funderburk is to determine the value to FES and the UF library of reciprocal journal exchanges with two societies that have contacted us. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

**Next meeting of the Executive Committee: May 7, 1998, in the conference room of the USDA, ARS, CMAVE, Gainesville. Meetings are open to all members of FES. All voting executive committee members are to attend; committee chairs should attend or send a representative or a report.**

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**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR  
OUTSTANDING ENTOMOLOGISTS**

The Honors and Awards Committee of FES is once again asking for your assistance in identifying and nominating entomologists for outstanding contributions to science and the public. A nomination form is included in this newsletter on page 7.

In addition to the annual awards, FES is seeking nominations for **Honorary Members**. The FES Constitution and By-Laws provide for 10 active **Honorary Members**. We currently have 9. A letter should be sent to Secretary John Petti to nominate an individual for Honorary Membership in our society. Following approval by the Executive Committee, the nominee is presented on a ballot to the general membership.

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**CALL FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND  
POSTERS**

The 81st Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will be held August 3-6 1998 at the Sundial Beach Resort, Sanibel Island, Florida. **Deadline for submission of papers and posters for the meeting will now be Friday, 15 May 1998.** Time allotted for submitted oral papers will be eight minutes for presentation and two minutes for discussion. Confirmation will be sent to the first author. Papers may be submitted via regular mail, email as text or as attached WordPerfect or Word file (see form on page 6). There will be an oral student paper session with awards as in previous years (see below).

**CALL FOR STUDENT COMPETITION  
PAPERS**

A competition for the best student paper will be held at the upcoming 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society (August 3-6, 1998 at the Sundial Beach Resort, Sanibel Island, Florida). Awards of \$150, \$125 and \$100 will be made to the first, second and third place papers, respectively. Students wishing to present a paper in the student paper competition must be members of the Florida Entomological Society and be registered for the meeting. Students should submit paper title and abstract using the standard submission form (form on page 6) and should indicate that the submission is for the student competition. Papers should be 8 minutes long with 2 minutes allowed for questions. The judging criteria are as follows:

**Organization** (20 points) - sequence of topics logical and effective; introduction, body of talk, and conclusions coherent; time well used.

**Delivery** (20 points) - poise, audibility, expression, eye contact, use of pointer.

**Visual aids** (20 points) - appropriate for subject matter, legible, eye appealing.

**Subject matter** (30 points) - important questions addressed, appropriate methods.

**Handling of questions** (10 points) - questions made clear to audience; answers logical and appropriate.

**Conforming to time constraints** (maximum of 8 penalty points; 1 point for each 15 sec overtime or 30 sec undertime).

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## SCHOLARSHIPS, MINIGRANTS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Each year the Florida Entomological Society presents three scholarships and ten minigrants to students at the Annual Meeting. Travel grants are also awarded at the meeting. The format for applying for each of the Florida Entomological Society-sponsored awards follows: **Scholarships:** The Florida Entomological Society will award three \$500 scholarships grants to students majoring in entomology or a related discipline. The application requirements are:

The student must be a member of the Florida Entomological Society and a full-time student with at least one year remaining in his or her degree program. Applications from undergraduate students will be considered.

The application should include a transcript, letters of recommendation from two faculty members, a curriculum vitae, and a statement from the student about his or her future plans in the field of entomology.

**Minigrants:** The Florida Entomological Society will award ten minigrants of \$100 each to student members for entomological research. Applications should consist of a one page description of the research and a list of the items to be purchased.

**Travel grants:** The Florida Entomological Society allocates funds to assist students with the cost of attending the society's annual meeting. Students requesting travel funds should send a letter stating their purpose for attending the meeting and their other potential sources of travels funds.

Applications for scholarships, minigrants and travel grants should be postmarked no later than **Monday, June 15, 1998** and should be addressed to:

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## FOR ALL OF YOU ESA MEMBERS

Check out the upcoming issue of The American Entomologist (April 1998) for our Annual Meeting announcement! It will contain information on the Pioneer Lecturer and Honoree, as well as details about the symposia and meeting site.

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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 addressed to the co-editors Lois Wood or Nancy Epsky.

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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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Oral Presentation

\_\_\_\_\_ Poster Presentation

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Competition Paper (Judged)

**DEADLINE: 15 MAY, 1998**

**Return to:**

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Please type or print:

Author's name(s):

Title of paper:

Affiliation and address of the first (presenting) author:

**Abstract: Must be provided. Do not use more than 75 words.**

All submitted papers should be designed to be 8 minutes long with 2 minutes for discussion; visual materials must be restricted to 2x2 slides or overhead projector transparencies. Confirmation of paper's receipt will be sent to first author. Papers may also be submitted via email as text or as attached WordPerfect or Word file using above format.

## NOMINATIONS FOR HONORS AND AWARDS

The Honors and Awards Committee needs your assistance in identifying and nominating entomologists 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) Special Achievement Awards for Research Teams, Laboratories, or Agencies, etc.
- 8) Certificates of Appreciation for Special Service to the Society.

I (name: \_\_\_\_\_ address: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_)  
would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
(address: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_)

for this honor or award (CIRCLE ABOVE) because (100-150 words):

Nominations may be mailed, E-mailed, or FAX'd by July 1, 1997 to:

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