### Minutes of the 2005 meeting of the Georgia Entomological Society

# **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes March 30, 2005 @ Georgia Continuing Education Center (Athens)**

The Executive Committee of the Georgia Entomological Society convened its annual meeting at 7:30 pm in the Georgia Continuing Education Center on the University of Georgia Campus on March 30, 2005. Those present were: Wayne Gardner (President), Bob McPherson (President-Elect), David Buntin (Immediate Past President, Nancy Hinkle (chair, Local Arrangements Committee), and David Riley (chair, Membership & Computer Resources Committee).

Nancy Hinkle conveyed Paul Guillebeau's regrets in not being able to attend the meeting following his involvement in an automobile accident in Americus, Georgia, on Tuesday, March 29.

President Gardner noted that he and Bob McPherson had worked to create a program for this year's annual meeting that would be relevant and timely for all attendees. To that end, the GES Program Symposium was resurrected for this meeting with a theme of Taxonomic Resources: Foundations to Our Science. Dr. Joseph McHugh and Dr. Jim Oliver were instrumental in helping organize this symposium. In addition, a second symposium on an emerging topic was organized for the Friday morning session, entitled, Invasive Pests. Gardner stated that he had spoken with other entomologists who are members of other state entomological societies and noted that each one was struggling with attendance and participation in annual meetings. He asked that we continue to work to rejuvenate participation in our meetings. He also noted that The Journal of Entomological Science helps to attract and sustain membership in GES.

President-elect McPherson provided a brief summary of the scheduled program. There will be one Founders Lecture to be presented by J. Bruce Wallace honoring Herbert H. Ross, 9 symposium invited presentations, 17 student competition paper presentations, 8 contributed paper presentations, 10 student poster presentations, and 12 regular poster presentations. He acknowledged the work of President Gardner in organizing the 2 symposiums, Lori Anne Cosper in creating the printed program for the meeting, Danny Fendley for AV support, and Floyd Shockley in organizing and coordinating student competitions.

Nancy Hinkle, Local Arrangements Committee Chair, reviewed local arrangements noting that complimentary coffee will be provided each morning, that the Center would be handling registration of only one hour on the first morning, GES would handle all other registrations outside the meeting room, the banquet was on schedule, and that there would be a mixer/reception at the UGA Bee Lab with barbecue on Thursday evening. It was suggested that we provide maps/directions to the Bee Lab on Thursday. Hinkle noted that Detsy Bridges, Danny Fendley and Gretchen Pettis have been very helpful in arranging for this meeting.

Gardner stated that all judges for paper and poster competitions were in place and had agreed to serve as such. The awards for the student competitions will be presented at the mixer/reception on Thursday evening. The Snapp Award for the best nonstudent paper presentation will be presented at the Business Meeting on Friday morning. In addition, the newly-elected GES Fellows are Wayne Berisford and Dan Hagan; they will be honored and recognized at the Luncheon on Thursday. The GES Scholarship winners will be announced and recognized at the Luncheon, too. And, Stormy Sparks will coordinate the Photo Salon at the Luncheon. Golf and Run/Walk participants will be recognized at the mixer/reception.

David Buntin reported that the Nominations Committee would present one nominee for the office of President-Elect. That individual is John All. Additional nominations will be solicited from the floor, and elections will be conducted at the Luncheon.

Buntin also reported on efforts to secure a site for the 2006 meeting. He reported bids that were offered by the King & Prince Hotel on St. Simons Island and the Holiday Inn on Jekyll Island. He was unable to secure a bid from the Buccaneer on Jekyll. These choices will be offered to the membership for voting in Friday's Business Meeting. Buntin suggested that the Society consider meeting in a location in the Georgia mountains in 2007. President Gardner suggested a vote be taken on this proposal as well and that next year's president, Bob McPherson, appoint an appropriate committee to pursue specific bids and sites.

David Riley, Membership & Computer Resources Committee Chair, reviewed a report of his committee, noting that President Gardner had charged the committee with reviewing the Society's web site and make recommendations as to possible content. The report was discussed and is attached. Gardner noted that next year's president, Bob McPherson, should appoint a committee to develop and implement necessary changes to the web site.

Gardner presented the annual report for The Journal of Entomological Science. The report is attached.

Upon adjourning, the group toured the meeting room, break area, and poster display area for the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Continuing Education Center.

# **Business Meeting Minutes April 1, 2005 @ Georgia Continuing Education Center (Athens)**

The Business Meeting of the Georgia Entomological Society was convened at 11:30 am on Friday, April 1, 2005, in the Georgia Continuing Education Center on the University of Georgia campus in Athens, GA. Wayne Gardner, President, presided.

President Gardner noted that he and Bob McPherson had attempted to add more relevance and hopefully participation in the annual meeting. He added that this meeting had excellent participation in conjunction with the H.O. Lund Week activities within the Department of Entomology and the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that department as an academic department. He encouraged members to work to sustain and improve Society activities and programs.

He then recognized chairs of various committees for reports.

Gardner presented the annual report of The Journal of Entomological Science. A copy of that report is attached. He made special reference that the Journal is in its 40<sup>th</sup> year of publication this year.

Nancy Hinkle, Local Arrangements Committee Chair, reported that she had registered over 60 members of the meeting. Others from the UGA campus had attended and participated in special parts of the program including the paper competition. She thanked Detsy Bridges and Gretchen Pettis for their efforts in insuring the flow and success of the meeting. Gardner thanked Hinkle for her efforts, especially in Paul Guillebeau's absence following his involvement in an automobile accident on Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

Bob McPherson reported that the program contained a total of 56 presentations. There were 2 symposiums, one student paper competition, one contributed paper session, and poster displays continuously throughout the meeting. McPherson thanked Lori Anne Cosper for her work in compiling and printing the program for the meeting and Danny Fendley for the excellent AV support that he provided throughout the meeting.

Gardner noted that J. Bruce Wallace had been selected to present the Founders Lecture honoring Herbert H. Ross. Wayne Berisford and Daniel V. Hagan were elected as GES Fellows and were recognized at the Luncheon.

David Buntin reported that Juang-Horng Chong of the University of Georgia and Jennifer A. Henke of the University of Georgia were recipients of the GES Scholarships this year. Chong is a candidate for the Ph.D.; Henke is a candidate for the M.S.

Buntin reported that John N. All had been elected President-Elect by acclamation during the Luncheon on Thursday.

Kris Braman, Student Affairs Committee Chair, reported that all students who had registered for and attended the meeting had been awarded the \$50 travel grants. She thanked Paul Guillebeau and Gretchen Pettis for facilitating awarding all grants during the meeting.

David Riley, Membership & Computer Resources Committee Chair, reported on his committee's review of the Society's web sites and its recommendations. Gardner asked President-elect McPherson to appoint a committee to implement those suggestions that are feasible.

David Buntin reviewed possible sites for the 2006 meeting. The proposed sites were the King & Prince Hotel on St. Simons Island and the Holiday Inn on Jekyll Island. He moved that the Society meet at Holiday Inn on March 29-31, 2006. His motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the membership. Buntin further suggested that the Society explore meeting sites for the 2007 annual meeting in the mountains of Georgia. There was a motion to that effect which was seconded and approved unanimously by the membership.

The Audit Committee, chaired by Dan Horton, will report its findings once the committee can meet with Secretary-Treasurer Guillebeau and review his books.

A.N. Sparks, Jr., read a list of resolutions. These are attached. He moved that these be accepted. There was a second, and the motion carried unanimously.

Sparks reported that the Photo Salon was a success. He thanked Will Hudson and John Ruberson for their assistance in judging submitted photos.

Tracie Jenkins presented the O.I. Snapp Award to James D. Ellis for his presentation, 'How Small Hive Beetle (*Aethina tumida*) Density Affects Beetle Oviposition in Bee Brood and the Removal of Brood by Honey Bees (*Apis mellifera*),' as the best nonstudent paper presentation.

Kris Braman noted there were 5 student papers presented in the B.S./M.S. Student Paper Competition. She announced that Shira D. Gordon was awarded the T.L. Bissell Award for her presentation, 'Development of Insect Tracheal Systems: Do Larval Tracheal Cells Divide?' Brittan Hallar was 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up with her presentation, 'DNA Sequence Variation Underlying Lethal Effects of a Gene Implicated in Social Evolution in Fire Ants,' and Calvin Hancock was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up with his presentation, 'Mosquitoes Associated with Equine West Nile Virus Cases in Southeast Georgia.'

Phillip Roberts reported there were 11 student papers presented in the Ph.D. Student Paper Competition. James A. Robertson received the C.M. Beckham Award for his presentation, 'Phylogeny and Evolution of Phasmatodea.' Doug Sieglaff was 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up with his presentation, 'Aedes aegypti Ovary Ecdysteriod Biosynthesis: When Does It Start and How Scary Is It?,' and Juang-Horng Chong was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up for his presentation, 'Suitability of Six Mealybug Species for the Parasitoid *Anagyrus loecki*.'

Dan Suiter reported there were 10 posters judged in the Student Poster Competition. Juang-Horng Chong received the E.U. Brady Award for his poster, 'Functional and Numerical Responses of the Mealybug Parasitoid *Anagyrus loecki.*' Jorge B. Torres was 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up with his display, 'A Reasonable Explanation for Lady Beetle Species Shift in Bt and Non-Bt Cotton Fields,' and Chris Hartley was 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up with his display, 'A Preliminary Morphological Study of *Akalyptoischion atridhos* Andrews (Coleoptera: Latridiidae).'

There being no additional old business, Gardner asked that Bill Tietjen and Jim Carpenter escort President-elect McPherson to the front. Gardner then turned leadership of the Society to McPherson.

McPherson recognized Gardner with a plaque, thanking him for his service as President the past year.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

#### Awards.

Founders Recognition. Bruce Wallace delivered the Founders' lecture to honor Herbert H. Ross.

Fellows. C. Wayne Berisford and Daniel V. Hagan were selected as GES Fellows.

O.I. Snapp Award for best paper presented by a regular member. James D. Ellis

C.M Beckham Award for best paper presented by a Ph.D. student

Winner: James A. Robertson (received \$100 and a plaque)

Runner up: Doug Sieglaff (received \$75 and a certificate)

Third place: Juang-Horng Chong (received \$50 and a certificate)

T.S. Bissell Award for best paper presented by a M.S. student

Winner: Shira D. Gordon (received \$100 and a plaque)
Runner up: Brittan Hallar (received \$75 and a certificate)
Third place: Calvin Hancock (received \$50 and a certificate)

U.E. Brady Award for best student poster

Winner: Juang-Horng Chong (received \$100 and a plaque)
Runner up: Jorge B. Torres (received \$75 and a certificate)
Third place: Chris Hartley (received \$50 and a certificate)

GES Scholarships

M.S. Juang-Horng Chong (received \$500 and a plaque) Ph.D. Jennifer A. Henke (received \$500 and a plaque)

Photo Salon

Sturgis McKeever Best of Show: Jeff Brushwein

Covers: Jeff Brushwein (2) and Alton (Stormy) Sparks (2)

Portrait Category: 1st: Jeff Brushwein

2nd: Alton (Stormy) Sparks

Biology Category: 1st: Alton (Stormy) Sparks

2nd: Alton (Stormy) Sparks

Sequence Category: 1st: Christopher Tipping

Digital Category: 1st: Matthew Ruberson

2nd: Phillip Roberts

### Resolutions (presented by Alton N. Sparks, Jr.)

- 1. Whereas, the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Georgia Entomological Society was convened on March 31, 2004 at the Center for Continuing Education in Athens, Georgia; and
- 2. Whereas, President Wayne Gardner, through dedicated hard work and commitment, organized and directed the Georgia Entomological Society during 2004-2005, and provided outstanding leadership for the 2005 annual meeting; and
- 3. Whereas, President-Elect Bob McPherson organized and coordinated an excellent and most informative paper and poster program for the meeting; and
- 4. Whereas, Nancy Hinkle as Chair, and the Local Arrangement Committee, organized and conducted a smooth and trouble free format for the foundation of this meeting; and
- Whereas, Danny Fendley contributed significantly to the success of the meeting through his organization and coordination of the audiovisual aspects of the meeting; and
- Whereas, Bruce Wallace was an excellent choice to present the Founder's Lecture in honor of Dr. Herbert H. Ross as the 2004 Georgia Entomological Society Founder; and
- **7.** Whereas, C. Wayne Berisford and Daniel V. Hagan were most appropriately recognized as Fellows of the Georgia Entomological Society.
- **8.** Be it therefore resolved that the Georgia Entomological Society extend its sincere appreciation and thank you to all who have contributed to the success and enjoyment of the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual GES Meeting.

## JOURNAL OF ENTOMOLOGICAL SCIENCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2004

Volume 39 of *The Journal of Entomological Science* was published in four (4) issues with mailing dates of March 8 for issue no. 1, June 14 for issue no. 2, September 14 for issue no. 3, and November 15 for issue no. 4. Cover photos were chosen in the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Society and were provided by Lance Durden (no. 1), Sturgis McKeever (nos. 2 and 4), and Frank French (no. 3).

The volume contained 686 pages with 56 scientific articles, 25 scientific notes, 1 author index, and 1 subject index. Four (4) Instructions to the Authors were published with one in each issue. Of the articles and notes published in volume 39, the average time from receipt of the manuscript to returning information on the action concerning its acceptance was 109 days, or ~3.5 months. The average time from receipt of the manuscript to publication was 390 days, or 13 months.

During 2004, 67 manuscripts were submitted for consideration for publication. To date, all 67 have been returned to the authors with 5 awaiting further revision prior to action, 49 having been accepted for publication, 10 having been rejected, and 3 withdrawn. The acceptance rate was 80%, pending final outcome of all reviews in progress.

A summary of the financial activities of the *Journal* during the past fiscal year (March 1, 2004, through February 28, 2005) shows that the account began the year with a balance of \$35,642.92. Income totaling \$53,335.10 was received with \$5,750.00 from library subscriptions, \$47,519.24 from page and offprint charges, and \$65.86 in royalities. Disbursements for the year totaled \$43,683.92, with \$42,624.22 being paid to Sheridan Press of New Hanover, Pennsylvania, for printing, mailing, and other publishing services provided. The ending balance was \$45,294.10 and did not include billing or collection of charges to the authors for the first issue of volume 40.

Robert Wiedenmann (formerly Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, IL) rotates off the Editorial Board at the close of this meeting. Christopher Asaro (Virginia Department of Forestry, Charlottesville, VA) has been added to the Editorial Board and will serve for 3 years following the closure of this meeting.

Submitted 01 April 2005 (no fooling)

Wayne A. Gardner, Editor

### 2005 GES membership by state/country

GES has members from 32 U.S. states and 11 countries (counting U.S.).

Note: there is a slight error in the total. There are only 276 total members

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