

2008 Post-Conference Newsletter



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Southern Region

American Society for Horticultural Science



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Message From the President



Southern Region ASHS held another successful meeting in January. Your attendance and participation is greatly appreciated.

If you weren't able to attend, please make a note that you missed an excellent

opportunity to learn, grow, and to share. I hope your plans will allow you to join us next year in Atlanta. We need to continue the outstanding

reputation our regional meeting has within our society and to do that, we need your participation. I mentioned that the meetings offer learning experiences. I learned: 1) online preregistration is wonderful and makes everyone's life easier (though out of habit, I still brought my blank check!); 2) the future of our field is secure as indicated by the talent and enthusiasm of the undergraduate and graduate students who were in attendance.; 3) Dallas airport security is much more pleasant than going through the system at Atlanta; and 4) seeing friends and catching up on people is as important and rewarding as the information delivered through the talks, posters, and professional discussions. I again encourage you to take advantage of all these learning opportunities offered through our annual meeting. Please feel free to contact me (dabailey@uga.edu) if you have any suggestions on how we can make our meetings even better.

We also need your support through donation of your time and talents by serving on committees that allow the society to continue. Please consider volunteering your service. I wish you the very best as you continue on your endeavors in 2008. Take care of yourself. You're the only one of you there is!

Meeting Recap

The Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science met in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists in Dallas, TX on February 2-4, 2008. The meetings were held in the Adam's Marl Hotel and the adjacent Convention Center.

Pre-Registration was a Success.

	Registered	Pre-Registered	
	On-site	On-line	Mail
Member	50%	40%	10%
Graduate	58%	35%	8%
Undergrad	97%	3%	0%
Total	59%	33%	8%

Half of the Members pre-registered, and about 40% of the Graduate Students pre-registered. The Undergraduate Students favored registration on-site; probably because many do not know if they will attend until the last minute. Pre-registration by mail was the least popular.

Attendance. The attendance was 207, which is about the same as the 2007 Mobile meetings. The student attendance was a 36, and 7 ACB student clubs participated in the judging contest. Overall, attendance was very good considering the meetings were on the western edge of the region. As usual, there was a strong showing of affiliated research, commodity, and administrative Working Groups. These are a vital component of the “networking” at the meeting.

Category	Number
Member (faculty, industry, etc.)	145
Graduate Students	26
Undergraduates	36
Total Registration	207
Extension Section	6
Education Section	7
Vegetable Crops Section	14
Fruit Crops Section	18
Floriculture, Orn. & Turf Section	17
Postharvest & Biotechnology Sec.	9
Sub-Total	71
Undergraduate Competition Papers	4
Masters Competition Papers	6
Ph.D. Competition Papers	6
Sub-Total	16
Posters	31
Total Papers/Posters	114
Working Groups	6
ACB Judging Teams	7

Report from Headquarters

Dr. Mary Peet, President of ASHS, and Mike Neff, Executive Director of ASHS, attended the

meeting. Dr. Peet gave a status report of the national society. Her next Reflection column will address the regional societies. Her column will be very complimentary of the Southern Region.

Reflection on Deceased Members

The following members of Southern Region passed-away over this past year. Please reflect in your own way on their passing. Please notify Reed of others of which you may be aware, and of any passing in the future.

Kent Cushman
University of
Florida



**Jocelyn
Couture-Nowak**
Virginia Tech



Tom Brightwell
University of
Georgia

Joe Norton
Auburn
University

Association of Collegiate Branch

The ACB had a very productive meeting. Saturday morning the ACB clubs gathered and shared club activities. Each club presented a PowerPoint presentation of their various activities over the past year. This is an excellent way for ideas to be shared. The Stephen F. Austin University Horticulture Club won the Club Share Award for best presentation.



Susan Murphy, ACB President, during an ACB meeting.

Saturday afternoon the clubs visited the Dallas Botanical Gardens and were taken on a behind the scenes tour.



ACB students tour the Dallas Botanical Gardens.

On Sunday Susan Murphy, ACB President, chaired the J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Paper Competition.



ACB students enjoy a meal on the tour.

In the afternoon the clubs participated in an outstanding J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest.



Scene from the J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest

Each ACB Club designates 4 individuals to form a judging team to compete for team awards. Seven teams participated. In addition, all other students may compete as individuals. This allows all students in attendance to participate in the judging contest.

ACB officers and faculty advisors setup and scored the entire contest in one day. This would not be possible without a group of dedicated advisors and students. Dr. Kim Pittcock, ACB Advisor, was not able to attend due to a medical emergency in her family. The ACB Officers and “faculty regulars” stepped up and made sure the contest went off without a hitch. Special thanks to Drs. Janet Cole, Mike Arnold, Richard Harkess, David Creech, Leo Lombardini, Casey Kreuger, Dan Lineberger, Dawn Stover, and Brian Kahn, and the ACB Officers, Susan Murphy, James Plyler and Steve Blanchette. Finally, very special thanks are extended to Dr. J. Benton Storey for his continued monetary support of the contest.



Faculty advisors scoring the judging contest, Left to right: Mike Arnold, Leo Lombardini and Janet Cole.

On Monday the clubs held their annual ACB Business Meeting and elected a new slate of officers for 2008.

President

Dustin Blue

Murray State University

Vice-President

Amanda Krieg

Mississippi State University

Secretary

Kadie Koepp

Oklahoma State University

Treasurer

Iris Clawson

Stephen F. Austin State University

ACB Representative

Shannon Slivinske

Texas A&M University

Newsletter Editor

Kah-Yat Isaac Wong

Texas A&M University

ACB Faculty Advisor

Dr. Leo Lombardini

Texas A&M University



Newly elected ACB Officers for 2008-09.

Left to right Dustin Blue, President; Shannon Slivinski, ACB Rep; Issac Wong, Newsletter Editor.

Left to right front: Katie Koepp, Secretary; Iris Clawson, Treasurer; Amanda Krieg, Vice President.

At the ACB Business Meeting, the Outstanding Club Award and Hammett Outstanding Club Member Awards were presented.

Executive Committee Report

The complete Minutes from the Executive Committee (EC) Meeting appear later in the Newsletter. The following summarizes the major agenda items.

- Dave Reed was reappointed as Secretary-Treasurer.
- Amy Wright and Annette Wszelaki were appointed to the Nominations and Elections Committee.
- The EC passed that the members of the various Awards Committees should be composed of past recipients, each serving a 3-year term with the Chair being the member in the third year of their term.
- The EC passed that ACB President and Vice-President should be reimbursed for up to \$300 in travel expenses that must be paid out of their personal funds. Both of the officers have specific duties at the meeting managing the Edmond Paper Competition and Judging Contest.
- The EC passed waiving registration fees for all ACB Officers that attend the annual meeting.
- The EC passed amendments to the By-Laws that bring the society in compliance with current practice. The amendments will be distributed with the Fall Newsletter and it will be voted on by the membership at the 2009 Annual Meetings in Atlanta.
- The EC appointed an ad hoc committee to prepare a recommendation as to whether or not the Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award should be expanded to include non-University administrators, i.e. USDA, research organizations, etc.

SAAS Board of Directors Report

President Penny Perkins-Vizier and Secretary-Treasurer Dave Reed attended the SAAS Board of Directors meeting on Sunday. Three decisions were made that might impact the SRASHS and its members.

- In 2009, the SAAS registration fee will increase from \$40 to \$60. There had not been an increase in 11 years, and SAAS went in the red a couple of years and barely stays in the black for the others. For the record, Penny and Dave voted against the increase, preferring only a \$10 increase.
- The scheduled upcoming meetings are:
2009 - Atlanta, GA
2010 - Orlando, FL
2011 - Corpus Christi, TX
2013 - Probably back at Adams Mark in Dallas, TX
- SAAS is investigating starting a Special Topics General Session that might be of

interest across disciplines. They are discussing “alternative energy” for the 2009 meetings in Atlanta

Fall 2007 Election Results Officers and Section Chairs

The following were elected in the Fall 2007 elections.

President-Elect-Elect

(presides over 2010 meeting)

Jim Ballington, North Carolina State University

Executive Committee

Dale Maronek (term begins 2008)

Cynthia McKinney, TX (term begins 2008)

Section Chairs-Elect-Elect

(plans 2009 meeting)

Association of Collegiate Branch Chair

Mike Arnold, Texas A&M University

Call for 2008 Dues

To determine if your 2008 dues are due, check the Online SRASHS Directory (<http://srashs.org/MembershipDirectory/directory.html>). It is up-to-date for dues through the end of the year 2007. Dues paid in 2008 or at the annual meeting have yet to be entered into the data base. If your dues are due, they can be paid in one of the following three ways.

Payment Online (preferable)

- 1) Online when you renew your ASHS Membership, or
- 2) Through the ASHS Online Store (ashs.org/shop/home.php?cat=263)

Payment by Mail:

- 3) Mail the form at the end of the Newsletter along with a check to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer does not return receipts; hence your cancelled check must serve as your receipt.

Yearly dues: \$20

Make checks payable to: Southern Region ASHS

Changing of the Guard

Penny Perkins-Veazie passes the “Andy Anderson Gavel” to in-coming President Doug Bailey, who adjourns the Annual Business Meeting.



Incoming President Doug Bailey (left) receives “Andy Anderson Gavel” from retiring President Penny Perkins-Veazie (right); President Bailey adjourns the 2008 Annual Business Meeting.

Atlanta 2009

2009 Annual Meeting
Southern Region ASHS
Atlanta, GA

January 31 to February 2, 2009

Early Bird Information

<http://saasinc.org/2009-Atlanta/09-MainPg.asp>

Hotel Information

The Westin Peachtree Plaza

210 Peachtree Street, N.W.

Atlanta, GA 30303

Hotel Phone: 404-659-1400

Group Reservations: 1-800-937-8461

Group Room Rates:

Single and Double Rooms - \$144/night

Triple and Quad Rooms - \$164/night

Reservations:

Call toll free number above and ask for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate.

Group rates available for January 27 through February 6, 2009.

Other Information:

Check in is 3:00 pm - Check out is Noon.

No resort or service fee will be charged. However, there will be a \$75.00 charge if you check out earlier than your reserved checkout date, unless you advise the hotel at or before check-in.

Cancellations must be made three (3) days prior to check-in date or a one-day fee will be charged.

Complimentary: High speed Internet access in sleeping rooms; local and 1-800 calls; access to health club and pool; and discount valet parking.

Southern Region ASHS Awards

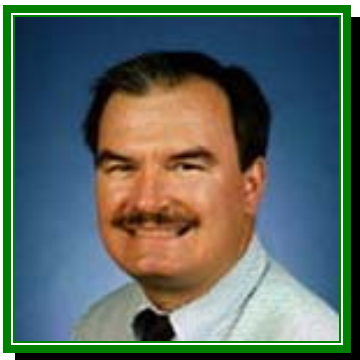
Member Awards



Brian Kahn
Oklahoma State University
J. Creighton Miller, Jr.
Distinguished Educator Award



Lavanya Reddivari
Texas A&M University
Krezdorn Award for
Excellence in Doctoral Research



Gregory Reinhard
Clemson University
Julian C. Miller, Sr.
Distinguished Research Award



Lenny Wells
University of Georgia
John Hutchison
Young Extension Worker Award



Bill Jester
North Carolina State University
Henry M. Covington Extension Award



Dewayne Ingram
University of Kentucky
Paul Smeal
Leadership and Administration Award

Graduate Student Paper Awards

Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Award

1st Place



**Julie
Gluckenberger**
Auburn University.

*Above-grade planting
with organic matter
improves post-
transplant root growth
and physiology of native
shrubs.*

Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Award

1st Place



Amit Vidram
Texas A&M University.

*Interference of Bacterial
Cell-Cell Signaling by
Citrus Flavonoid*

2nd Place



Patsy Wilson
University of Kentucky

*Effects of Balanced
Pruning and Cluster
Thinning on Vigor,
Yield, Fruit
Composition and Wine
Phenolics of Vidal blanc
Grapevines*

2nd Place



Kathryn Fontenot
Louisiana State
University.

*Phytoremediation of
contaminated aquifers
using nursery crops*

3rd Place



Dexter Fontenot
Louisiana State
University.

*Determining optimum
temperatures and seed
enhancements for
germinating *Paspalum
vaginatum* seed*

3rd Place



Amanda Broome
Texas Tech University.

*Effect of elevated CO₂
and harvest schedule on
photosynthetic efficiency
and sensory quality of
*Allium fistulosum**

Undergraduate Student Paper Award

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Award

1st Place



Issac Wong

Texas A&M University.

In vitro Shoot Proliferation of 'Dog Ridge' Grape

2nd Place



Susannah Horton

Clemson University.

Designing a Memorial Garden for the Riley Child Development Center Emphasizing Education

3rd Place



Stephen Blanchette

Murray State University.

*Evaluating Hard Pinch Timing of *Dendranthum x morifolium* on Lateral Shoot Branching and Flowering Response*

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Award

Best Graduate Poster Graduate Student



Suzanne O'Connell

North Carolina State University.

Nutrient Uptake Efficiency in Grafted Tomato Production and Implications for Organic Production Systems.

Extension Communications Blue Ribbon Winners

Commercial Tomato Production Handbook

University of Georgia

George E. Boyhan, Esendugue Greg Fonsah, Alton N. Sparks, Jr., David B. Langston, Jr., A. Stanley Culpepper, William Terry Kelley, Paul Sumner, Kerry Harrison, William C. Hurst

Greenhouse Production of Dianthus

Auburn University.

J. Raymond Kessler, Kari Dansereau, and William Lu

A Guide to Louisiana Friendly Landscaping

LSU AgCenter

Bill Branch, Bill Carney, Carrie Castille, Denyse Cummins, Don Ferrin, Bobby Fletcher, Jr., Stuart Gauthier, Dan Gill, Henry Harrison, Jessica Kastler, Tom Koske, Brian LeBlanc, Allen Owings, Dale Pollet, Don Reed, Rene Schmit, Jay Stevens, and Ron Strahan

An Alternative Fumigation System to Replace Methyl Bromide

University of Georgia

William Terry Kelley, A. Stanley Culpepper, David B. Langston, Jr. and Brad Haire

Guia del Cultivo del Tomate en Invernaderos

Mississippi State University

Richard G. Snyder

Oklahoman's Guide to Growing Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables

Oklahoma State University
Eric T. Stafne, James Shrefler, Lynn Brandenberger, Brian Kahn, William McGlynn, Warren Roberts, John Damicone, Jonathan Edelson, and Merritt Taylor

Southeastern Pecan Growers Handbook

University of Georgia, *Lenny Wells*

Orange Felt (Orange Cane Blotch) of Blackberry

University of Georgia
Phillip M. Brannen

Association of Collegiate Branch Awards

Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding ACB Member



James Plyler
 Texas A&M University

Outstanding ACB Club Award

1st Place - Murray State University
 2nd Place - Texas A&M University
 3rd Place - Mississippi State University.

Club Share Award

Stephen F. Austin University

J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest Awards

Woody Ornamentals

Team

1st Place - Stephen F. Austin University
 2nd Place - Texas A&M University
 3rd Place - Murray State University

Individual

1st Place - Cristina Keim (Stephen F. A.)
 2nd Place - Jon Pixler (Texas A&M Univ.)
 3rd Place - Iris Clawson (Stephen F. A.)

Greenhouse Floral & Foliage

Team

1st Place - Texas A&M University
 2nd Place - Stephen F. Austin University
 3rd Place - Murray State University

Individual

1st Place - Erin Cathcart (Murray St. U.)
 2nd Place - Nick Sanford (Texas Tech U.)
 3rd Place - Jeremy Stavinoha (Texas A&M)

Vegetable Crops

Team

1st Place - Oklahoma State University
 2nd Place - Mississippi State University
 3rd Place - Texas Tech University

Individual

1st Place - Shannon Slivinske (Tex A&M)
 2nd Place - Rebecca Pledger (Steph. F. A.)
 3rd Place - Michelle Rapp (Oklahoma St.)

Fruit and Nut Crops

Team

1st Place - Oklahoma State University
 2nd Place - Stephen F. Austin University
 3rd Place - Texas A&M University

Individual

1st Place - Erica Hunt (Mississippi State)
 2nd Place - Michelle Rapp (Oklahoma St.)
 3rd Place - Shane Hutto (Oklahoma State)

Overall

Overall Team

1st Place - Stephen F. Austin University
 2nd Place - Texas A&M University
 3rd Place - Oklahoma State University

Overall Individual

1st Place - Erin Cathcart (Murray State)
 2nd Place - Jon Pixler (Texas A&M)
 3rd Place - Christina Keim (Stephen F. A.)

Minutes

Annual Business Meeting

Southern Region ASHS

February 4, 2008

Presentation of Presidential Gavel

Presidential Address: Dr. Penny Perkins-Veazie, President

President Perkins-Veazie gave a lively presentation on “How to Get (and Keep) a Job”. She stressed that you need to show enthusiasm, think before talking, don’t make promises you cannot keep, learn to say no, listen, be positive, don’t procrastinate, don’t “chase the cheese”, and develop other interest and enjoy your work because you may have another 50 years of it.

Annual Business Meeting: Dr. Penny Perkins-Veazie, President

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition of Special Guests

The following were acknowledged: Mary Peet, President ASHS, Mike Neff, Executive Director ASHS, Mark Legendre, Executive Director SAAS.

III. Moment of Silence for Deceased Members

Kent Cushman, IFAS

Tom Brightwell, Univ. of Georgia

Joe Norton, Auburn

Jocelyn Couture-Nowak, Virginia Tech

Others from the floor: none

IV. Adoption of Minutes of 2007 Annual Business Meeting, Orlando, FL

The Minutes of the 2007 Annual Business Meeting was approved as read. The minutes appeared in the 2007 Post-Conference Newsletter and were distributed at the 2008 Annual Business Meeting/

V. Financial Report: Dr. David Reed, Secretary-Treasurer.

David Reed reported that the society was in sound fiscal condition Income exceeded expenses by about \$200 and interest of society funds and endowments were about \$2,600. The reconciled budget was distributed and will appear in the 2007 budget will appear in the 2008 Post-Conference Newsletter.

VI. Standing Committee’s Reports:

a. Executive Committee: Dr. Joe Kemble, Chair.

Kemble gave a report of the Executive Meeting, and the full report will appear in the Executive Committee meeting which will be published in the 2008 Post-Convention Newsletter.

b. Nominations/Elections: Dr. David Reed, Chair

The Newly Elected Officers & Chairs for 2008 are:

President-Elect-Elect

(will preside over 2010 meeting)

Jim Ballington, North Carolina State University

Executive Committee Elect

(will serve starting with 2009 meeting)

Dale Maronek, Oklahoma State University

Section Chairs-Elect

(will plan 2009 meeting)

Collegiate Branch (Edmond Paper Competition)

Mike Arnold, Texas A&M University

c. Membership: Dr. David Reed

David Reed reported that total active members (dues paid) decreased from 328 in 2006 to 290 in 2007. This is a trend of decreasing membership that began in late 1990s. All members were requested to encourage their colleagues to become active in SRASHS. Membership dues are only \$20.

VII. ASHS Report: Dr. Mary Peet, President

Mary presented an update report on national ASHS.

VIII. SAAS Report: Dr. David Reed

The SAAS Board of Directors approved three items that impact SRASHS

1. In 2009, SAAS registration will increase from \$40 to \$60, which will cause SRASHS registration to increase from \$80 to \$100.
2. They are investigating starting a SAAS General Session on cutting-edge topics that are cross-discipline. The initial topic discussed was “alternative energy”.
3. The upcoming meeting locations area:
 - 2009 – Atlanta, GA
 - 2010 – Orlando, FL
 - 2011 – Corpus Christi, TX
 - 2013 – probably back at the Adam’s Mark in Dallas, TX

IX. ACB Report & Introduction of New Officers: Ms. Susan Murphy, ACB President

Susan Murphy introduced the new ACB Officers:

President, Dustin Blue
 Vice-President, Amanda Krieg
 Secretary, Kadie Koepp
 Treasurer, Iris Clawson
 ACB Rep, Shannon Slivinske
 Newsletter Editor, Isaac Wong

The Outstanding ACB Club Member plaque was presented to James Plyler

James Plyler, Vice-President announced the winners of the J. Benton Storey Horticultural Judging Contest.

IX. Old Business: none**X. New Business:** none**XI. Other:** none

Awards Program – The society awards were presented.

Presentation of Andy Anderson Gavel to President-Elect:

Penny Perkins-Veazie presented the gavel to Doug Bailey

Adjourn – Doug Bailey, President –Elect, adjourned the meeting

Financial Report – 2007 Fiscal Year

Southern Region ASHS

Checking Account Balance 12/31/2006 **\$3,164.09**

Income

Donations (Awards & Contests)	\$6,820.00	
Dues	\$3,360.44	
Interest	\$0.00	
Registration	\$13,935.63	
Transfers from National Bank	\$10,567.93	
Total Income	\$34,684.00	\$34,684.00

Expenses

Abstract Publication	\$1,430.00	
Accounting	\$927.50	
Assoc. of Collegiate Branch	\$0.00	
Awards	\$3,799.64	
Clerical	\$159.00	
Contributions	\$0.00	
Meeting Expenses	\$1,929.65	
Office Supplies	\$1,423.34	
Plaques	\$809.74	
Postage	\$1,033.72	
Printing and Reproduction	\$534.38	
SAAS Registration Fees	\$5,455.00	
Secretary - Treasurer Travel	\$0.00	
Travel	\$2,394.72	
Transfer Out to CD's	\$4,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$23,896.69	\$23,896.69

Checking Account Balance 01/14/08 **\$13,951.40**

Certificates of Deposits (Figures from 01/07 to 12/07 bank statement)

CD Number	Amount	Interest 2007	
0902002945	\$10,780.04	\$518.18	
0902002953	\$10,780.04	\$518.18	
0902002961	\$10,780.04	\$518.18	
0902002988	\$0.00	\$306.07	Transfer to Checking
0902002112	\$7,577.48	\$300.40	JC Miller Researcher
0902002090	\$7,607.87	\$301.87	JC Miller Educator
0902002074	\$17,273.42	\$833.14	JB Edmond
0902002104	\$5,775.98	\$278.59	Warren Barham
0902002082	\$8,924.06	\$430.43	Henry Covington
Total	\$79,498.93	\$4,005.04	

(Prepared and Reconciled by Gina Greig, Accountant)

Minutes

Executive Committee

Southern Region ASHS

February 3, 2008

Presiding: Joe Kemble, Chair

Committee Members

Joe Kemble, '08
 Mike Arnold, '09
 Charles Gilliam, '10
 Richard Harkess, '11
 David Creech, '12
 Cynthia McKenney, '13
 Doug Bailey, President-Elect

Invited Guests

Penny Perkins-Veazie, President, '07-08
 Susan Murphy, ACB President, '07-08
 Kim Pittcock, ACB Advisor, '06-08
 David Reed, Secretary-Treasurer, '07-08
 Mike Neff, ASHS Headquarters
 Mary Peet, ASHS President
 James Plyler, ACB VP

I. Call to Order: meeting called to order 6:05 pm

II. Adoption of Minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL: minutes approved

III. Collect Names of Deceased Members

Kent Cushman, IFAS
 Jocelyne Couture-Nowak (wife of Jerzy Nowak), Virginia Tech
 Tom Brightwell, Univ. of Georgia
 Joe Norton, Auburn
 John Seeley

IV. Appointments:

a. Secretary-Treasurer: David Reed was appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2008-09

b. Nomination/Elections Committee: the following were appointed for 2008-09

Amy Wright, Auburn
 Annette Wszelaki, Univ. of Tennessee

c. ACB Advisor: Leo Lombardini was appoint for 2008-2010

d. Awards Committee Membership:

The Executive Committee discussed appointments to the Awards Committees. In the past, they were elected, and last year they were appointed by the President. To solve the problem of identifying potential members and to make sure those appointed to the committee would be committed to the job, and it was suggested that the awards committee might best be composed of former recipients. The following motion was made, seconded and approved.

Motion: Each Awards Selection Committees will be composed of former recipients of that award, and they will serve 3 years with the senior member in the third year of their term will serving as Chair After each Annual meeting, the senior member will rotate off and the immediate past recipient will begin their 3-year term. The President will appoint replacements due to conflicts, vacancies, declines or those that move out of the region.

V. Secretary-Treasurer Report: Dr. David Reed

The society is in sound financial condition. In 2007, income exceeded expenses such that the society showed a small net growth. The endowments generated about \$4,000 interest.

VI. SAAS Report: Dr. David Reed

The SAAS Board of Directors meeting will be Sunday, and a report will be given at the Annual Business meeting.

VII. ACB Report: Ms. Susan Murphy, ACB President

a. Request registration funds to cover ACB expenses

It has been the policy for ACB can request that registration fees to be used for ACB expenses, hence President Murphy made the following motion, which was seconded and approved.

Motion: The ACB requests that registration fees from ACB student members be used to defer the cost of ACB activities at the meeting.

b. ACB travel expenses to SR ASHS meetings.

The ACB President presides over the Edmund Paper Competition and the Vice-President organizes the Judging Contest, hence their presence is mandatory. Usually their expenses are covered by their club or university, but not always, such as after they graduate. Hence, President Murphy made the following motion, which was seconded and approved.

Motion: The ACB requests that travel grants up to \$300 be awarded to the ACB President and Vice-President if their expenses are coming out of pocket as opposed to being covered by their club or university; receipts must be submitted to verify expenses.

c. ACB Officer Registration.

President Murphy made the following motion, which was seconded and approved.

Motion: The ACB requests that registration fees be waived for ACB Officers.

VIII. Old Business:

a. Suggested revisions to Constitutions and By-Laws, or items that need to be added and delineated

At the 2006 Executive Committee meeting, suggested revisions were made to the Constitution and By-Laws. Most of the suggestions were to bring the Constitution and By-Laws into agreement with current long standing practices, eliminate non-functional committees, restructure some committees to make them more functional, correct wording inconsistencies, etc. The draft was thoroughly vetted and the final proposed draft will be distributed in the Fall 2008 Newsletter and voted on by the membership at the 2009 meetings in Atlanta.

IX. New Business:

a. Smeal Leadership Award

A proposal was made by President Perkins-Veazie to consider redefining the guidelines of the Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award to include other administrators, such as USDA, Research Station, etc. A sub-committee was appointed to formulate a proposal, which will be submitted to the Executive Committee sometime during the summer. The Executive Committee will make a decision in time for the Call for Nominations in the Fall 2008 Newsletter.

b. President Room Comp.

A discussion ensued that there are very few benefits realized from being President. Therefore, the following motion was made, seconded and passed.

Motion: The President's room will be complimentary, if the room is not comped by SAAS, not covered as a part of per diem and travel, and must be paid out of pocket by the President.

X. Adjourn –Mike Arnold, President –Elect

Membership Report

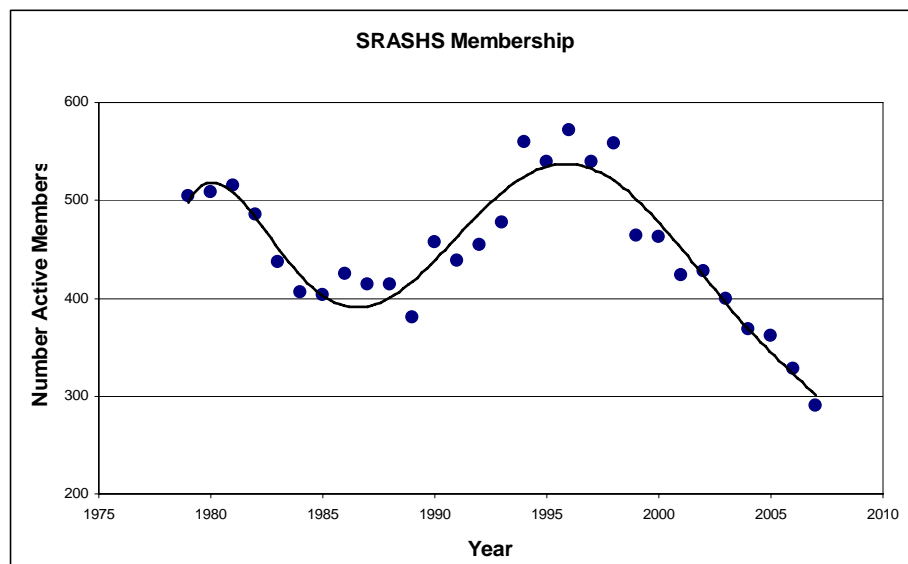
Southern Region ASHS

State	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Alabama	26	24	32	25	24	26	23	29	31	34	44	43
Arkansas	19	16	22	23	23	24	21	17	24	44	30	25
Florida	36	50	41	51	56	54	49	55	51	59	70	74
Georgia	25	32	36	35	43	49	51	53	44	52	43	52
Kentucky	10	9	3	9	8	10	13	18	12	16	12	16
Louisiana	16	21	22	27	27	24	22	24	29	42	36	34
Mississippi	25	20	19	18	22	21	24	19	25	31	37	24
N. Carolina	37	36	43	41	48	49	43	57	49	49	48	69
Oklahoma	20	26	28	28	27	30	30	33	29	45	42	38
S. Carolina	14	17	25	21	26	25	27	29	34	38	32	44
Tennessee	13	18	19	17	16	21	29	32	29	24	29	29
Texas	38	38	48	46	48	55	50	53	57	76	64	71
Virginia	2	6	8	12	13	20	23	26	26	25	32	31
W. Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Out of Region	9	15	16	15	19	20	18	18	24	23	20	21
Total	290	328	362	368	400	428	423	463	464	558	539	572

Previous Years - Total Membership

1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986	1985
539	560	478	455	439	457	380	414	414	425	404

1984	1983	1982	1981	1980	1979
406	437	485	515	508	504



2008 Officers, Chairs and Committees

Southern Region ASHS

Officers	Serve through 2009 Atlanta Meeting
President (elected)	Doug Bailey
President -Elect (elected)	Jim Ballington
Secretary-Treasurer (appointed by Executive Com.)	David Reed

Executive Committee (elected)

Chair	Mike Arnold
Member	Charles Gilliam
Member	Richard Harkess
Member	David Creech
Member	Cynthia McKenney
Member (Elected, 6 year term begins that year)	Dale Maronek
Member, President-Elect	Jim Ballington

Nominating Committee (appointed by Executive Com.)

Chair, Senior Retired President	Scott NeSmith
Member, Immediate Past President	Penny Perkins-Veazie
Member (2-yr term, appointed by Executive Com).	Rick Snyder
Member (2-yr term, appointed by Executive Com).	Teddy Morelock
Member (2-yr term, appointed by Executive Com).	Amy Wright
Member (2-yr term, appointed by Executive Com).	Annette Wszelaki

Section Chairs (elected)

Education Section	Brian Kahn
Extension Section	David Lockwood
Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section	Ed Bush
Fruit Crops Sections	Eric Stafne
Poster Section	Christine Coker
Postharvest/Biotechnology Section	Elizabeth Baldwin
Vegetables Crops Section	Terry Kelley
Collegiate Branch	Mike Arnold

Paper Competition Chairs (Elected/Appointed)

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Comp.	
ACB President (Moderator)	ACB President
Chair (Judge Coordinator)	Mike Arnold
SRASHS President (Introduces Session)	Doug Bailey
Norm F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Comp.	President-Elect
Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Comp.	President-Elect

Awards Committees (beginning in 2008 each committee is composed of former winners serving a 3 year progressive term; 3rd year as Chair)

J. Creighton C. Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Chair	James Gibson
Member	Amy Wright
Member	Brian Kahn
Julian Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research Chair	Patricia Knight
Member	Danielle Treadwell
Member	Gregory Reinhard
Henry M. Covington Extension Award Chair	Jonathan Schultheis
Member	Mary Lamberts
Member	Bill Jester
John E. Hutchinson Young Extension Worker Chair	Paul Thomas
Member	Kim Shrefler
Member	Lenny Wells
Krezdorn Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing Chair	Teddy Morelock
Member	Curt Rom
Member	Creighton Miller, Jr.
Smeal Leadership and Administration Chair	David Reed
Member	Scott NeSmith
Member	Penny Perkins-Veazie
Extension Communications Chair	Elena Garcia
Member	Adrian Hunsberger
Member	Richard Snyder
Outstanding ACB Club	Leo Lombardini
Hammett Memorial Outstanding ACB Member	Leo Lombardini

Research/Working Group Chairs

Watermelon Research Group	Steve King
National Cowpea Improvement Association	Bill Gebhardt
Pecan Research & Extension Forum	Leo Lombardini
Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers	Joe Masabni
Southern Region Small Fruit Consortium	Tom Monaco
Horticultural Administrators	David Williams
National Sweet Potato Collaborators	Zvesdana Pesic-VanEsbroeck
Cucurbit Crop Germplasm Committee	Jim McCreight
Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee	Richard Fery

Association of Collegiate Branch

President	Dustin Blue
Vice-President	Amanda Krieg
Treasurer	Iris Clawson
Secretary	Kadie Koepp
ACB Representative	Shannon Slivinske
Newsletter Editor	Isaac Wong
ACB Faculty Advisor (3-year term)	Leo Lombardini