

## 2009 Post-Conference Newsletter



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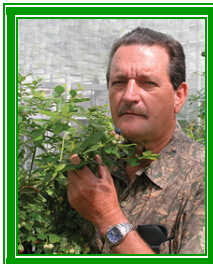
### American Society for Horticultural Science

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and Barham PhD competitions. Fourteen students participated in the MS competition and four in the PhD. All the participants are to be congratulated, and all are “winners”, whether they placed in the top three in the judging or not. We are very fortunate to have dedicated young horticulturists such as these entering our profession. It bodes well for the immediate future. But, what about the next generation? Over the years I have also been privileged to be able to expose my children, and now grandchildren, to at least some aspects of my small fruit breeding research at North Carolina State University. In the accompanying photo my eldest granddaughter was assisting me in evaluating strawberry seedlings last May at Castle Hayne, NC. She really got into this and after some time was heard to remark that “she was afraid she was beginning to sound like granddaddy” when calling out the ratings for the individual traits of a particular seedling.



### Message from the SRASHS President



It is an honor and a privilege to serve as SRASHS president this year, and I look forward to another successful year for the Region. Thanks also go out to all those participating in our recent annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Attendance was

down a little down from the previous year due to weather issues in parts of the region, to competing meetings in a few cases, and also in part to our current economic woes. However it was still a very successful meeting thanks to our Secretary-Treasurer David Reed, the Section Chairs, Committee Chairs, and Members who helped pull it all together.

One of my primary responsibilities, and very positive experiences, while serving as president-elect of the Southern Region this past year was chairing the oral presentation sessions for the Childers MS

Quite a few young people today have opportunities to learn about Horticulture through experiences with school gardens, high school horticulture classes, 4-H or FFA, and these have undoubtedly lead a number to enter our profession. However, nothing beats the one on one learning experience, whether it be with family members, friends, and/or professionals such as ourselves. What better service can we provide to our profession than to make more concerted efforts to provide these one on one learning experiences for the young people in our families and communities. It can also provide us with a positive diversion during the present climate of downsizing and austere budgets.

Jim Ballington, President SRASHS

## Message from the ACB President

This year, another successful Southern Region ASHS conference was held in Atlanta, GA. Congratulations to all of the people who received awards for their excellence. Everyone did so well in their achievements, all deserve to be recognized.

I hope everyone will make plans to attend the 2010 Regional Conference in Orlando, FL including the officers of the Southern Region. Atlanta had many things to offer us and I am sure Orlando will be even better.

I cannot express how beneficial it is to attend the conferences. Opportunities such as networking, tours, judging, presentations, posters and branching out are merely a few of the benefits. If you have not attended a conference, I would strongly encourage you to do so.

After my first conference I realized I do not want to go another year without attending. I made a network of lifelong friends while gaining more knowledge in the field of horticulture.

Ultimately after long drives, an escape from icy weather, and for some of us, a warm shower for the first time that week due to the ice storm, the ACB meeting was very successful. Saturday morning a member from each club gave a presentation to show off their activities from the previous year. This was very helpful to all attendees as the presentations allowed the clubs to share ideas for fundraising, service projects and social events. There to help out with any technical difficulties was Dr. Lineberger from Texas A&M, whose helpfulness entertained all who were present.



**Going on a field trip**

Later that day we toured the Atlantic Botanical Gardens. While most of the woody and herbaceous plants were either completely dormant or not in flower, it was a great opportunity to review the plants that were on our identification list for the J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest. The Dorothy Chapman Fuqua Conservatory and Orchid Center

was consequently one of the main attractions. On display were several hundred blooming orchids and bromeliads as well as many aroids, ferns, palms and many other tropical flora.



**Atlanta Botanical Gardens**

On Sunday we held our annual J. Benton Storey Horticultural Judging Competition. The competition began at 1:00, after many hours of planning, setting up and determining the official rankings. The competition went very smoothly overall despite minor mishaps, for instance, lettuce still wrapped in plastic. A very special thanks to Drs. Mike Arnold, Leo Lombardini, Dan Lineberger, Richard Harkess, Brian Trader and Brian Kahn for making this competition run so smoothly, as well as the ACB officers Shannon Slivinski and Isaac Wong, whose efforts also helped to make this competition possible. Also, thanks to Dr. J. Benton Storey for his continued support to ensure the competition's success.



**J. Benton Storey Judging Contest**

On Monday, the clubs held their annual ACB Business Meeting and elected a new slate of officers for 2009.



**Newly elected ACB Officers for 2009-2010**

**President**

Stacy Bridges – Murray State

**Vice-President**

Daniel Messick – Middle Tennessee

**Secretary**

Melanie Ament – Mississippi State

**Treasurer**

Amy Dyer – Middle Tennessee

**ACB Representative**

Rebecca Stokes – Murray State

**Newsletter Editor**

Chris von Kohn – Texas A&M University

**ACB Faculty Advisor**

Dr. Leo Lombardini – Texas A&M University

Lastly, I would like to say thank you for selecting me as your President and I am very pleased. I look forward to the upcoming year and I hope to see everyone in the future. I wish success to all.

Stacy Bridges, President ACB

**Meeting Recap**

The Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science met in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists in Atlanta, GA on January 31 - February 2, 2009. The meetings were held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza.

**Pre-Registration was a Success.** Less than half of members pre-registered while almost 60% of grad students pre-registered. Undergraduate students were about even with 53% registering on site and 48% pre-registering. This was a big change from last year where only 3% of the undergraduates pre-registered. Pre-registration by mail, which showed only 8% last year, was up dramatically to 21%.

	Registered		Pre-Registered	
	On-site	On-line	Mail	
Member	58%	40%	2%	
Graduate	41%	55%	3%	
Undergrad	53%	30%	18%	
Total	64%	15%	21%	

**Attendance.** The attendance was 194, which is down somewhat from the 207 in the attendance last year.

Category	Number
Member (faculty, industry, etc.)	125
Graduate Students	29
Undergraduates	40
<b>Total Registration</b>	<b>194</b>
Extension Section	8
Education Section	7
Vegetable Crops Section	24
Fruit Crops Section	12
Floriculture, Orn. & Turf Section	7
Postharvest & Biotech Sec.	10
<b>Number of Section Papers</b>	<b>68</b>
Undergraduate Edmond Papers	3
Masters Childers Papers	14
Ph.D. Barham Papers	4
<b>Number of Student Papers</b>	<b>21</b>
Posters	18
<b>Total Papers/Posters</b>	<b>107</b>
Working Groups	7
ACB Judging Teams	6

**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.

**Gary  
Couvillion**  
University of  
Georgia



**Teddy E.  
Morelock**

University of  
Arkansas  
(passed since  
meeting)



**Abdullah  
Mohammad**

Alcorn State

No picture available

### Executive Committee Report

Complete minutes are located later in newsletter. The following summarize major items.

- Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting in Orlando were distributed before the meeting. Motion was made, seconded, and minutes were approved.
- The deaths this past year of members Gary Couvillion and Abdullah Mohammad were acknowledged
- Dave Reed was reappointed as Secretary-Treasurer for 2009-10.
- Motion was made, seconded and passed to ask Penny Perkins-Veazie to approach prospective committee members for the Nominations/Elections Committee.
- Secretary-Treasurer Reed reported on financial status. Revenues down by \$4,000. Accountant found society to be in the black and in general in solid shape.
- Old business covered changes suggested at last meeting to Constitution and By-Laws. Michael Arnold will present changes and call for motion for a vote at up-coming Business Meeting.
- New business covered minor modifications to Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award. Additional discussion covered restructuring of the Executive Committee to 3 year terms. Richard Harkess was nominated as in-coming chair of the Executive Committee pending approval of proposed changes to Constitution and By-Laws by membership. Motion was seconded and passed by vote of committee.

### SAAS Board of Directors Report

Mark Legendre introduced Rick Conner, "Meeting your Needs," as the third party hotel locator. He made a brief presentation on the comparison report on meeting at the Atlanta Westin or the Wyndham Orlando Hotels in 2013 and 2015. After some discussion, it was approved to meet in Orlando in 2013 and Atlanta in 2015. There was a brief discussion on the multi-discipline session and breakout sessions. The general concurrence was that multidisciplinary session is a great idea and is needed on current issue/topic, but the Monday breakout session did not work and was poorly attended. After a brief discussion, the Board recommended that the multi-discipline session should be kept during the General Session and breakout sessions should not be scheduled at that time. Appreciation was given to Virginia Morgan, Ag Communication; H. L. Goodwin, Jr., Ag Economics; and Anna Kleiner, Rural Sociology, for helping with this year's session.

Acting President Bob Whitson lead a discussion on reviewing and updating SAAS's By-Laws just to make sure that the By-Laws reflect what SAAS is actually doing. Dr. Whitson was to appoint a small sub-committee to address the issue. The question was raised by Dr. Whitson on the possibility of adding additional groups/disciplines to meet with SAAS. All were agreeable and need to work their contacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

### Fall 2008 Election Results Officers and Section Chairs

The following were elected in the Fall 2008 elections.

**President-Elect-Elect**

(presides over 2011 meeting)

**Mike Arnold**, Texas A&M University

**Executive Committee**

(will serve starting with 2010 meeting)

**Janet Cole**, Oklahoma State University

**Section Chairs-Elect-Elect**

(will plan 2010 meeting)

**Education Section**

**Richard Harkess**, Mississippi State University

**Extension Section**

**Bobby Boozer**, Auburn University

**Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section**

**Allen Owings**, Louisiana State University

**Fruit Crops Section****Elina Coneva**, Auburn University**Vegetable Crops Section****Annette Wszelaki**, University of Tennessee**Postharvest and Biotechnology Section****Donna Marshall**, USDA Mississippi**Poster Section****Gary Bachman**, Mississippi State University**Collegiate Branch (Edmond Paper) Section****David Creech**, Stephen F. Austin University**Call for 2009 Dues**

To determine if your 2009 dues are due, check the Online SRASHS Directory (<http://srashs.org>). It is up-to-date for dues through February Annual Meeting. 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](http://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

**Orlando 2010 Annual Meetings**

The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held at the Wyndham Orlando Resort in Orlando, Florida, February 6-9.

**Wyndham Orlando Resort**

8001 International Drive

Orlando, FL 32819

Phone: 407-351-2420

Reservations: 1-800-421-8001

Deadline for Reservations: January 14, 2010Room rates

\$139 Single/Double, \$154 Triple, \$164 Quad.

Extra person charge is \$20 per person. Group rates will apply 3 days prior to and after conference dates.

Cancellations: 72 hours prior to arrivalCheck in is 4:00 pm - Check out is 11:00 amNo Resort Fee and Extras

No resort fee charged. Included in the group rate is 24 hour access to the health club, no charge for local and 800# calls, self parking, USA newspaper, pool services, in-room safe, internet and coffee/tea.

Reservations

Call 1-800-421-8001 and identify yourself as part of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (or SAAS) to receive the group rate.

Transportation:

The hotel is 16 miles from Orlando International Airport. Mears Transportation Group provides transportation to and from the hotel for \$26 round trip, and we plan to negotiate a discount coupon for SAAS members as was provided in 2006. Taxi service is also available at an approximate cost of \$31 one way.

**Changing of the Guard**

Retiring President Doug Bailey passes the “Andy Anderson Gavel” to in-coming President Jim Ballington, who adjourns the Annual Business Meeting.



**Incoming President Jim Ballington (right) receives “Andy Anderson Gavel” from retiring President Doug Bailey (left); President Ballington then adjourns the 2009 Annual Business Meeting.**

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## Southern Region ASHS Awards

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### Member Awards



**Michael A. Arnold**  
Texas A&M University  
**J. Creighton Miller, Jr.**  
Distinguished Educator Award



**Jessica G. Barb**  
North Carolina State University  
**Krezdorn Award for**  
Excellence in Doctoral Research



**Teddy E. Morelock**  
University of Arkansas  
**Julian C. Miller, Sr.**  
Distinguished Research Award



**Eric T. Stafne**  
Oklahoma State University  
**John Hutchison**  
Young Extension Worker Award



**Lynn Brandenberger**  
Oklahoma State University  
**Henry M. Covington**  
Extension Award



**Julia L. Kornegay**  
North Carolina State University  
**Paul Smeal Leadership**  
and Administration Award

## Graduate Student Paper Awards

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

1st Place



**Carrie A. Radcliffe**  
University of Georgia  
  
*Reproductive Biology of Elliottia racemosa, a Rare Coastal Plain Endemic*

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

1st Place



**Per H. McCord**  
North Carolina State University  
  
*A Microarray Approach to Identify Candidate Genes for Internal Heat Necrosis in Potato*

2nd Place



**Oren Warren**  
University of Florida  
  
*Changes in Edible Quality and Aroma Profile of "Arkin" carambola Fruit During Ripening on the Tree*

2nd Place



**Sharon Dea**  
University of Florida  
  
*Determination of the Optimal Ripeness Stage for Processing "Kent" Mango into Fresh-Cut Slices*

3rd Place



**Katie Werneth**  
Auburn University  
  
*Effects of High Tunnels and Cane-Mowing Regime on the Growing Degree Unit Response and Requirements of Primocane-Fruiting Blackberries*

3rd Place



**Ramon Molina Bravo**  
North Carolina State University  
  
*Genetic and Quantitative Analysis of Red Raspberry (*Rubus idaeus* L.): Heat Tolerance and Using Chlorophyll Fluorescence to Assess Heat Stress*

## J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Award

### 1st Place



**Anna Marie  
Murphy**

Auburn University.

*Amending Pine Bark  
Supplies with Whole  
Tree and Clean Chip  
Residual*

### 2nd Place



**Tina Musco**

Clemson University.

*Interesting Edibles:  
Designing an Edible  
Ornamental Garden  
for the Cliffs  
Botanical Garden*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



**Erin Melville**

University of  
Georgia.

*Can Honey be used  
as an auxin substitute  
for rooting cuttings?*

## National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Award

### Best Poster - Graduate Student



**James Gegogeine**

University of Georgia

*Chemical Composition  
of the Medicinal Plant,  
Marrubium vulgare  
grown under  
greenhouse versus in  
vitro conditions*

## Extension Communications Blue Ribbon Winners

### Practical Math for the Turfgrass Professional

**A J. Patton**

University of Arkansas Cooperative  
University of Georgia



### *Fact sheet: Managing Stormed-Damaged Trees*

**Mike A. Schnelle, Damon L. Smith, Eric J.  
Rebeck**

Oklahoma Cooperative Extension



### *Native Plants for Georgia*

Gary Wade, Elaline Nash, Ed McDowell,  
Brenda Beckman, Sharlys Crisafulli  
University of Georgia Cooperative Extension



## Association of Collegiate Branch Awards

### Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding ACB Member



**Kah-Yat  
Isaac  
Wong**  
Texas  
A&M  
Universit  
y

### Outstanding ACB Club Award



**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Texas A&M University**

### Club Share Award



**Murray State University**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Murray State University**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mississippi State University**

## **J. Benton Storey**

### **Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest Awards**

#### **Greenhouse Floral & Foliage**

##### Individual

- 1st Place - Hayley Hannah, Mississippi State  
 2nd Place - Laura Adian, Texas A&M  
 3rd Place - Sarah Smith, Mississippi State

##### Team

- 1st Place - Murray State  
 2nd Place - Mississippi State University  
 3rd Place - Stephen F. Austin

#### **Woody Ornamentals**

##### Individual

- 1st Place - Chris Capps, Stephen F. Austin  
 2nd Place - Hayley Hannah, Mississippi State  
 3rd Place - Chris von Kohn, Texas A&M

##### Team

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

#### **Vegetable Crops**

##### Individual

- 1st Place - Laura Adian, Texas A&M  
 2nd Place - Nathan Britt, Mississippi State  
 3rd Place - Terry Felderhoff, Texas A&M  
 3rd Place - Melanie Ament, Mississippi State  
 3rd Place - Sarah Smith, Mississippi State

##### Team

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

#### **Fruit and Nut Crops**

##### Individual

- 1st Place - Hayley Hannah, Mississippi State  
 2nd Place - Shana Ricks, Univ of Arkansas  
 3rd Place - Chris von Kohn, Texas A&M

##### Team

- 1st Place - University of Arkansas  
 2nd Place - Texas A&M University  
 3rd Place - Mississippi State University



#### **Overall**

##### Overall Individual

- 1st Place - Chris Capps, Stephen F. Austin  
 2nd Place - Hayley Hannah, Mississippi State  
 3rd Place - Chris von Kohn, Texas A&M

##### Overall Team

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

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**Minutes**  
**Annual Business Meeting and Awards Program**  
**Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science**  
**Atlanta, GA**  
**February 2, 2009**

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**Presentation of Presidential Gavel****Presidential Address:** Doug Bailey

President Bailey gave an enlightening presentation on What I Learned in 2008, which concluded that teaching is good therapy, the future is in good hands with our students, the stock market is not going to allow us to retire early, but don't panic because economists assure us that the economy is cyclic, so get foolish, enjoy life, stay close to the shore, and seek your own therapy.

**Annual Business Meeting:** Doug Bailey, President**I. Call to Order****II. Recognition of Special Guests**

John Clark, President American Society for Horticultural Sciences

Mike Neff, Executive Director, American Society for Horticultural Sciences

**III. Moment of Silence for Deceased Members**

Abdullah Mohammad, Alcorn State; Gary Couvillion, University of Georgia

**IV. Adoption of Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX**

A motion was made to approve the 2008 minutes, seconded and unanimously approved.

**V. Financial Report:** Dr. David Reed.

The financial report revealed \$42, 870.18 in operating funds, \$48, 742.12 in endowment funds, for total assets of \$92,612.30. In 2008, expenses exceeded income by \$3,538.03. This is reflective of decreased income (dues and registration) and increased costs in general expenditures and awards. This could be offset by assuring all meeting attendees pay registration and increased use of endowments to cover award costs. If this trend continues, an increase in dues and/or registration maybe necessary; neither has been increased in years, despite increased costs of doing business.

**VI. Standing Committee's Reports:****a. Executive Committee:** Mike Arnold, Chair.

Mike Arnold summarized the Executive Committee Minutes. Mike Arnold presented the suggested changes to the Constitution and By Laws (see attached). A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the changes.

**b. Nominations/Elections:** Mike NeSmith, Chair

Doug Bailey introduced the new Officers on behalf of Mike NeSmith.

**c. Membership:** Dr. David Reed

David Reed reported that the society showed a modest increase in membership in 2008.

David Reed presented a table of Officers & Chairs Until 2010.

**VII. ASHS Report:** Dr. John Clark, President

John Clark gave an inspired report on the national ASHS happenings.

**VIII. SAAS Report:** Dr. David Reed

No major changes were reported. Orlando and Dallas were suggested as possible sites following Corpus Christi, and the members voted slightly in favor of Orlando

**IX. ACB Report & Introduction of New Officers:** Mr. Dustin Blue, ACB President

Shannon Slivinski presented the ACB report and introduced the new officers.

**IX. Old Business: none****X. New Business:****a. Constitution and By-Laws:** The proposed changes were approved unanimously.**XI. Other: none**

**Awards Program** – David Reed announced and Presidents Bailey and Clark presented the awards.

**Presentation of Andy Anderson Gavel to President-Elect Jim Ballington**

**Adjourn** – Jim Ballington, President -Elect

**Financial Report – 2008 Fiscal Year**  
**(Prepared and Reconciled by Gina Greig, Accountant)**  
**Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science**  
**Atlanta, GA                      February 2, 2009**

<b>Income:</b>	Donations (Awards & Contests)	\$ 5,256.00	
	Dues	\$ 5,127.00	
	Interest	\$ -	
	Registration	\$ 4,700.00	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,083.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,083.00</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>	Abstract Publication	\$ 1,440.00	
	Accounting	\$ 525.00	
	Awards	\$ 4,544.60	
	Clerical	\$ 24.00	
	Meeting Expenses	\$ 2,212.89	
	Office Supplies	\$ 524.28	
	Postage	\$ 1,548.63	
	Printing and Reproduction	\$ 431.63	
	SAAS Registration Fees	\$ 5,930.00	
	Travel	\$ 1,411.88	
	Web Site	\$ 28.12	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 18,621.03</b>	<b>\$ 18,621.03</b>

**Certificates of Deposits (Figures from 01/08 to 12/08 bank statement)**

<u>CD Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest 2008</u>	
<u>Society Funds</u>			
0902002945	\$ 11,172.27	\$ 392.23	
0902002953	\$ 11,172.27	\$ 392.23	
0902002961	\$ 11,172.27	\$ 392.23	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,516.81</b>	<b>\$ 1,176.69</b>	
<u>Endowments</u>			
0902002112	\$ 7,831.89	\$ 254.41	<u>Name</u>
0902002090	\$ 7,863.30	\$ 255.43	JC Miller Researcher
0902002074	\$ 17,853.35	\$ 579.93	JC Miller Educator
0902002104	\$ 5,969.90	\$ 193.92	JB Edmond UG
0902002082	\$ 9,223.68	\$ 299.62	Warren Barham PhD
			Henry Covington Ext
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 48,742.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,583.31</b>	

<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	\$ 10,353.37
<b>Society CD Balance</b>	\$ 33,516.81
<b>Sub- Total</b>	<b>\$ 43,870.18</b>

<b>Endowment CD Balance</b>	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 48,742.12</b>
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**Total Assets      \$ 92,612.30**

<u>Yearly Trends</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Society Operating	\$44,211.53	\$46,291.52	\$43,870.18

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**Minutes**  
**Executive Committee**  
**Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science**  
**Atlanta, GA                      January 31, 2009**

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**Presiding:** Michael Arnold, Chair

**Committee Members**

Michael Arnold, '09  
 Charles Gilliam, '10  
 Richard Harkess, '11  
 David Creech, '12  
 Cynthia McKenney, '13  
 Dale Maronek, '14  
 James Ballington, President-Elect

**Invited Guests**

Douglas Bailey, SR-ASHS President, '08-'09  
 Shannon Slivinske substituting for Dustin Blue,  
 ACB President '08-'09  
 Leonardo Lombardini, ACB Advisor, '08-'11  
 David Reed, Secretary-Treasurer, '08-'09  
 Michael Neff, Executive Director for ASHS  
 Penny Perkins-Veazie, SR-ASHS Past President, 07-08  
 John Clark, ASHS president, '08-'09

Committee members Arnold, Gilliam, Harkess, Creech, Maronek, and Ballington were all present, Dr. McKenney contacted via telephone to indicate her flight was delayed in Dallas and she would not be able to attend.

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Adoption of Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida**

Minutes were distributed ahead of time, James Ballington motioned that the minutes be accepted as read, Richard Harkess seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

**III. Collect Names of Deceased Members**

Garry Couvillion, Univ. of Georgia  
 Mohamad Abdulah, Alcorn State University

**IV. Appointments**

**a. Secretary-Treasurer:**

David Reed was reappointed for '09-'10. Options for providing some assistance with secretarial and fiscal bookkeeping were discussed and David Reed and Michael Neff were to investigate the cost of various options and report back to the group via email or teleconference.

**b. Nominations/Elections Committee:**

Several people were suggested including Pat Williams, Dwayne Ingram, Garry McDonald, and Christine Cooker as potential appointees. A motion was brought forward by Richard Harkess to ask Penny Perkins-Veazie to approach two of these individuals about serving as she was the new chair of the Nominations/Elections Committee. The motion was seconded by Dale Maronek and passed.

**c. ACB Advisor:**

No appointment was needed as Leonardo Lombardini is serving a 3 year term that ends in 2011, next appointment to be made in 2010 to start in 2012.

**V. Secretary – Treasurer Report:**

David Reed reported that revenues were down by about \$4,000 due primarily to decreased registration at the conference. Issues related to non-registration by some members of working groups were discussed. David Reed indicated that the accountant found the books to be in the black and in general the society was

in solid fiscal shape. Discussions of plans to encourage self-perpetuating endowments for the various awards made by the society ensued.

**VI. SAAS Report:**

David Reed reported that the SAAS Executive Committee meets later in the conference, so there was currently nothing to report.

**VII. ACB Report:**

Shannon Slivinske, substituting for Dustin Blue who could not attend due to an ice storm, provided a synopsis of the ACB activities at the conference and requested that dues paid by ACB members be returned to ACB to support their activities at the meeting. A motion to this effect was proposed by Richard Harkess and seconded by David Creech. The motion carried.

**VIII. Old Business:**

David Reed indicated that the changes to Constitution and By-Laws suggested at the last meeting ('08) had been distributed to the membership in December 2009 in accordance with notification requirements for voting on such changes. It was decided that Michael Arnold would present the changes and call for a motion for a vote at the up-coming Business Meeting ('09).

**IX. New Business:**

**a. Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award**

Qualifications for this award were modified to include administrators of Horticulture Units with a minimum of 6 faculty equivalent positions. Thus, eligible administrators would be Department Heads at Universities, Heads and Directors of USDA units, botanical garden, arboreta, etc. Notice the administrator must oversee university faculty or the equivalent of "faculty" in their system.

**b. Restructuring of the Executive Committee to 3 year terms**

The proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws, scheduled to be presented to the membership at the up-coming Business Meeting ('09), would necessitate the election of the chair of the Executive Committee by the members of the Executive Committee. Rather than meeting a second time to address this need after the up-coming Business Meeting, it was proposed that the Executive Committee elect an incoming chair subject to the passage of the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. In the event the changes did not pass, the chair of the Executive Committee would revert to the method of succession in place before any changes were proposed. Charles Gilliam moved that we elect Richard Harkess as the in-coming Chair of the Executive Committee pending approval of the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws by the membership. The motion was seconded by Jim Ballington and passed by vote of the committee.

**X. Adjournment:**

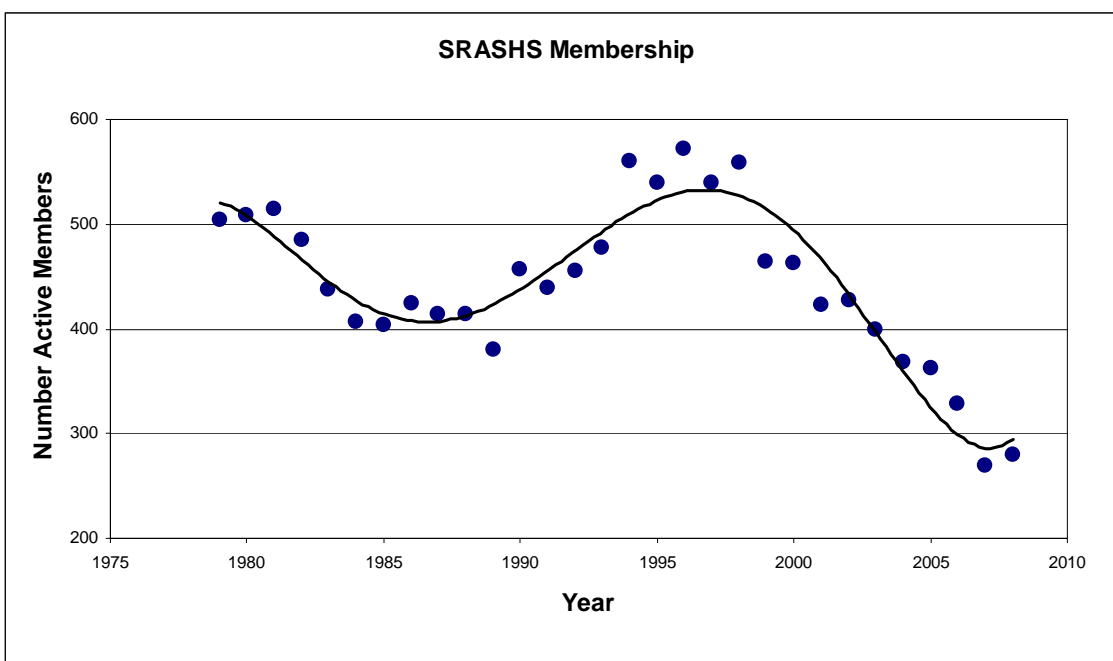
With no further business being brought forth from the committee members, Michael Arnold adjourned the meeting.

## Membership Report

### Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science

Atlanta, GA      January 31, 2009

State	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Alabama	16	24	24	32	25	24	26	23	29	31	34	44	43
Arkansas	19	14	16	22	23	23	24	21	17	24	44	30	25
Florida	36	36	50	41	51	56	54	49	55	51	59	70	74
Georgia	21	23	32	36	35	43	49	51	53	44	52	43	52
Kentucky	10	10	9	3	9	8	10	13	18	12	16	12	16
Louisiana	14	13	21	22	27	27	24	22	24	29	42	36	34
Mississippi	20	24	20	19	18	22	21	24	19	25	31	37	24
N. Carolina	32	36	36	43	41	48	49	43	57	49	49	48	69
Oklahoma	26	16	26	28	28	27	30	30	33	29	45	42	38
S. Carolina	18	12	17	25	21	26	25	27	29	34	38	32	44
Tennessee	8	10	18	19	17	16	21	29	32	29	24	29	29
Texas	44	36	38	48	46	48	55	50	53	57	76	64	71
Virginia	4	3	6	8	12	13	20	23	26	26	25	32	31
W. Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Out of Region	12	12	15	16	15	19	20	18	18	24	23	20	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>572</b>



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Member	To be appointed	

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