

# 2019 Fall Newsletter

## Call for Paper Titles and Award Nominations



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American Society for Horticultural Science

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**84<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
**Southern Region**  
**American Society for Horticultural**  
**Science**  
**100<sup>th</sup> Year**  
**Horticulture Section**  
**Southern Association of Agricultural**  
**Scientists**

**January 30 - February 5, 2020**  
**Omni Louisville Hotel**  
**Louisville, KY**

### About the 2020 Meetings

SRASHS will meet in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist (SAAS) in Louisville, This will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Horticulture meeting as a part of the SAAS

### Schedule of the Meetings

The general schedule of the meetings will be:

#### Friday

- Working Group Meetings
- Administrators Meetings
- ACB Club Share and tour
- Executive Committee Meeting

#### Saturday

- Poster session set-up and viewing
- ACB judging contest
- Working Group Meetings
- Extension, Education & overflow Sections
- Edmund, Childers, Barham and Poster Judging competitions
- SAAS Board Meeting

#### Sunday

- Poster session and viewing
- ACB Business meeting & officer election
- Commodity Section meetings.
- Business Meeting
- Super Bowl Party if you hang around

### Forms – Where to Get

The Southern Region web site:

<http://srashs.org/Forms/forms.html>

- ACB Awards Nomination Forms
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award Nomination form
- Member Awards Nomination Forms
- Submit Paper Titles & Instructions
- Abstract Preparation Instructions
- Instructions to Section Chairs
- Submit Directory Information
- Instructions to Judges

SR-ASHS Web Site Address  
[srashs.org](http://srashs.org)

ASHS Web Site Address  
[ashs.org](http://ashs.org)

SAAS Web Site Address  
[saasinc.org](http://saasinc.org)

### Southern Region Dues

ASHS Headquarters collects and manages dues for the Southern Region. It is recommended to pay your dues with your yearly ASHS membership. If you are not a member of National ASHS, you can pay your dues through the ASHS Online Store at <https://ashs.org/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=2463036> or at the annual meetings. Dues are \$30. Notice: Dues must be paid to be elected to an office or to receive an award.

### Early Bird Hotel Information and Reservations

#### Omni Louisville Hotel

400 2nd Street

Louisville, KY 40202

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/louisville/property-details>

**RESERVATIONS:** For lodging reservations, click on this link which is specific for our Louisville SAAS conference: <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/louisville/meetings/2020-annual-meeting-01302020>.

Or, call the Omni Louisville Hotel at 1-800-THE-OMNI (1-800-843-6664). Be sure to ask for the SAAS (Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists) group rate.

**RATES:** Single/Double \$159  
Triple \$169; Quad \$179  
(SAAS group rates apply 3 days prior and 3 days after meeting dates, if rooms are available.)

**CHECK IN:** 3:00 pm  
**CHECK OUT:** 11:00 am (\$60 charge for late check out till 4:00 pm)

**NOTE:** Early departure fee of one night's room and tax will apply if attendee checks out prior to the confirmed checkout date. To avoid fee, advise hotel at or before checking in of any change in plans.

**AIRPORT:** Hotel is 5.9 miles (8 minutes) from Louisville International Airport (SDF). Hotel does not provide shuttle to/from airport. Estimated taxi fee is \$28 one way. Estimated Uber or Lyft fee is \$13-17 one way.

**PARKING:** Hotel has only valet parking. Cost is \$32/night. Click here for public parking lots near the hotel for less cost.

**AMENITIES:** Complimentary access to fitness center.

**NOTE:** Hotel has a smoke-free policy.

**SHIPPING AND STORAGE:** Storage of packages sent to hotel prior to meeting: Handling fees are based on weight and include the acceptance, storage and delivery of the item to the required meeting room or guest room. 1-10 lbs. \$7; 11-20 lbs \$15; 21-40 lbs \$25, 41-60 lbs \$45, 61-80 lbs \$70; 81-100 lbs \$100, 100+ lbs \$120. (Items received greater than 4 days prior to pick up are subject to a separate storage fee.)

All items must have the following information to ensure proper delivery:

Attn: Mark Legendre

For: [your name, cell number & Assn]

Contact Phone: 225-773-3055

Group: Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists

Arrival: January 30, 2020

Property Address:

Omni Louisville Hotel

400 2nd St., Louisville KY 40202

Sales Manager: Tyler Lowry

Sales Manager Phone: 502-313-6674

Number of Boxes:

**LOYALTY PROGRAM:** Click here to join Omni Select Guest loyalty program.

<https://www.omnihotels.com/loyalty>

(SAAS participants in the loyalty program will receive complimentary internet in guest room.)

#### SAAS Web Site

<https://www.saasinc.org/>

Contains additional information about restaurants, things to do, weather and airport information.

## Call for Paper Titles – Sections

**Deadlines:** November 15 Authors: email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.  
November 29 - Section Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

**Submission of Paper Title and Presentation of Paper:** One of the authors must be registered for the conference (SR-ASHS or one of the other societies and SAAS); authors do not have to be dues paying members of SR-ASHS.

**Abstract Publication:** To publish abstracts, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org).

**If all authors have the same address, use the following format for Paper Titles:**

**Identification of the Compounds Contributing to Antioxidant Activity in Specialty Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum* L.).** Lavanya Reddivari\* and J.C. Miller, Jr., Department of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2133. (lavanya@neo.tamu.edu)

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\*indicates the presenting author; list corresponding author's email address at the end of the abstract.

### Send Titles to Section Chairs

#### Education Section

**Richard Harkess, Chair**  
Mississippi State University  
117 Dorman, Box 9555  
Starkville, Mississippi 39762  
richard.harkess@msstate.edu

#### Extension Section

**Mike Schnelle, Chair**  
Oklahoma State University  
Department of Horticulture and L.A.  
358 Agriculture Hall  
Stillwater, OK 74078  
mike.schnelle@okstate.edu

#### Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section

**Jeb Fields, Chair**  
LSU AgCenter  
21549 Old Covington Highway  
Hammond, LA 70403  
JFields@agcenter.lsu.edu

#### Vegetables Crops Section

**Peter Dittmar, Chair**  
University of Florida  
Dept. of Horticultural Science  
PO Box 110690  
Gainesville, FL 32611  
pdittmar@ufl.edu

#### Fruit Crops Section

**Justin Scheiner, Co-Chair**  
Department of Horticulture  
TAMU 213  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX 77843  
jscheiner@tamu.edu (send titles)

#### Margaret Worthington, Co-Chair

University of Arkansas  
Dept of Horticulture  
316 Plant Sciences Building  
Fayetteville, AR 72701  
mlworthi@uark.edu

#### Postharvest/Biotechnology Section

**Niels Maness, Chair**  
Oklahoma State University  
360 Ag. Hall  
Dept of Horticulture and Land Arch  
Stillwater, OK 74078  
niels.maness@okstate.edu

#### Poster Section

**Yan Chen**  
LSU Ag. Center  
21549 Old Covington Hwy  
Hammond, LA 70403  
yachen@agcenter.lsu.edu

## Call for Paper Titles – Student Paper Competitions

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### Send Titles to the Section Chairs

Students may also present their paper or poster in the Commodity Section, if they submit the title to the appropriate Section Chair and there is an available time slot; they must notify the Chair that it is a second presentation. The abstract will only be published once with the competition papers.

#### Undergraduate Student Paper Competitions

**J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Competition**  
**Chris Marble**  
University of Florida  
2725 S. Binion Rd  
Apopka, FL 32703  
marblesc@ufl.edu

#### Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster Competition

**Poster Competition**  
**Yan Chen**  
LSU Ag. Center  
21549 Old Covington Hwy  
Hammond, LA 70403  
yachen@agcenter.lsu.edu

#### Graduate Student Paper Competition

**Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Competition**  
and  
**Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Competition**  
**Amy Wright**  
Auburn University  
College of Agriculture  
107 Comer Hall  
Auburn, AL 36849  
awright@auburn.edu

## Working Group Sessions

The following Working Groups will meet at the annual meeting. Information about the sessions can be obtained by contacting the respective Working Group Chair. If you have agenda items, topics, papers titles, etc. that you would like to present, contact the respective Working Group Chair.

**Registration:** All participants in the Working Groups must register for the SR-ASHS meeting.  
**Abstract Titles Deadlines:** November 22- For titles and agenda to appear in the SAAS Program.  
 December 13 –For titles and agenda to appear in the Southern Region Program.  
 Working Group Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

**Abstract Publication:** To publish abstracts presented in the Working Group Sessions, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference by one of the authors. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Working Group Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org). The group of abstracts is submitted by the Working Group Chair to the Chair of the most appropriate Commodity Section; the abstracts will be published as a block under a sub-heading of the Section.

### Send Agenda items, paper titles, etc. to the Working Group Chairs

#### **Horticulture Administrators**

**Dean Kopsell, Chair**  
 The University of Florida  
 1545 Fifield Hall  
 PO Box 110670  
 Gainesville, FL 32611-0670  
 dean.kopsell@ufl.edu

#### **Watermelon Research Group**

**Daniel Egel, Chair**  
 Purdue University  
 4369 N. Purdue Rd.  
 Vincennes, IN 47591  
 egel@purdue.edu

#### **Southern Fruit Workers**

**Rachel Itle, Co-Chair**  
 University of Georgia  
 1109 Experiment Street  
 Griffin, GA 30223  
 ritle@uga.edu

**National Sweet Potato Collaborators**  
 (will not meet with SRASHS in 2020; will meet with US Sweetpotato Council, Inc., Nashville, January 26-28, 2020)

**Lina Quesada, Chair**  
 Dept. Entomology and Plant Pathology  
 100 Derieux Place, Campus Box 7613  
 NC State University  
 Raleigh, NC 27695-7613  
 lmquesad@ncsu.edu  
 Meeting website:  
<https://sweetpotatocollaborators.wordpress.ncsu.edu/>

#### **Amanda McWhirt, Co-Chair**

Univ of Arkansas  
 Department of Horticulture  
 2301 S. University Ave  
 Little Rock, AR 72204  
 amcwhirt@uaex.edu

## Call for Nominations for Student Awards

### Student Paper and Poster Awards

**Submit to Chair:** Submit paper titles to the respective Chairs in Call for Student Paper Competition Titles

### ACB Club and Club Member Awards

**Requirements:** See below for each award

**Submit to Advisor:** Mail or e-mail Nominations to the ACB Faculty Advisor listed below.

**Nomination Forms:** Download award forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org

**Deadlines:** November 15 - Nomination packet submitted to the Chair  
December 13 - Chairs submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

### Student Oral & Poster Awards

**Submit titles to Chairs listed in Call for Paper Titles – Student Paper Competitions**

#### J.B. Edmond

##### Undergraduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners reporting original research by undergraduate students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$300, \$200 and \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively. The award is funded by the J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Endowment.

#### Norman F. Childers

##### M.S. Graduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners reporting original research by M.S. students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Norman F. Childers Endowment.

#### Warren S. Barham

##### Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners reporting original research by Ph.D. students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Warren S. Barham Endowment.

### National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards

One award is given for the best undergraduate student poster and one for the best graduate student poster. The awards are certificates and \$100 for undergraduate and graduate poster.

### Norman F. Childers' Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Award is given to the outstanding graduate student in the southern region. The award is \$1,000 funded by the Childers Endowment.

**Send nominations to:**

**Eric Stafne, Chair**

Mississippi State Univ.

Coastal REC

PO Box 193

Poplarville, MS 39470

eric.stafne@msstate.edu

### Assoc. of Collegiate Branch Awards Outstanding Club Award

Awards are given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ACB Clubs (active dues paid clubs) based on the club's activity record for the previous academic year. The awards are certificates and checks for \$150, \$100 and \$50 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively.

#### Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding Association of Collegiate Branch Member

The award is given to the student judged to be the Outstanding ACB Club Member. The award consists of a plaque.

**Send Nominations to**

**Nate Phillips Chair**

Middle Tennessee State University

Campus Box 5

Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Nate.Phillips@mtsu.edu

### J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest

Awards are given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place clubs and individuals in each commodity category. Only one team per ACB club or department may compete for awards. The ACB club must have current dues paid, and all student competitors must be registered for the current meeting. Individual students may judge as space allows  
**Clubs sign-up to compete at the meeting.**

## Call for Nominations for Member Awards

- Requirements:** See below for each award.  
**Submit to Chair:** Mail or e-mail Nominations to Awards Chair listed below.  
**Nomination Form:** Download Nomination Forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org  
**Deadlines:** November 15- Nominations submitted to Award Chairs  
 December 13 - Award Chairs submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

### J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award

The award recognizes outstanding teaching.

**Requirements:** (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) classroom teaching and advising for 10 or more years, with primary emphasis in undergraduate teaching; (3) substantial portion of effort in teaching regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Teaching Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award is endowed by Dr. Jeannie P. Miller, wife of Dr. Miller. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Teaching Award.

**Send nominations to:**

**Thayne Montague, Chair**

Texas Tech Univ.  
 Dept. of Plant and Soil Science  
 Lubbock, TX 79409  
 thayne.montague@ttu.edu

### Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research Award

The award recognizes outstanding research.

**Requirements:** (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) outstanding record in research on one or more horticultural crops and in one or more areas of horticultural research for a period of 10 or more years; (3) substantial portion of effort in research regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Research Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award is endowed by Dr. J. Creighton Miller, Jr. in memory of his father. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Research Award.

**Send nominations to:**

**Genhua Niu, Chair**

Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station  
 17360 Coit Road  
 Dallas, TX 75252  
 gniu@ag.tamu.edu

### Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing

The award is presented in recognition of the best published paper developed from doctoral research.

**Requirements:** (1) award recipient and/or primary advisor must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) submit reprint of paper published in any refereed journal, (3) paper published within calendar year of award due date and the previous calendar year; therefore for this cycle the paper must have been published in calendar year 2017 or 2018, (4) doctoral research must have been completed in horticulture at a university in the Southern Region; (5) one paper per senior author and submitted only once, The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award was endowed by the late Dr. Alfred Krezdorn.

**Send nominations to:**

**Jim Owen, Chair**

Virginia Tech  
 Hampton Roads Ag. Res. Ext. Ctr.  
 1444 Diamond Springs Rd  
 Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
 jsowen@vt.edu

### Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership and administration, which contributes to the progress of professional horticulture.

**Requirements:** (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) active administrator and leader as Department Chair or Head, or College or University administrator at a University in the Southern Region; or administrators of horticultural units, such as Universities, USDA stations, botanical gardens, arboreta, etc., with a minimum of 6 faculty equivalent positions in horticulture. (3) not a member of the selection committee.

**Send nominations to:**

**Dan Lineberger, Chair**

Department of Horticulture  
 TAMU 213

College Station, TX 77843  
dan-lineberger@tamu.edu

### **Henry M. Covington Extension Award**

The award is in recognition of outstanding and valuable contributions to horticulture by an Extension Horticulturist.

**Requirements:** (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) minimum 5 years' experience as an extension agent or specialist; (3) minimum 60% extension appointment; (4) not a member of the selection committee; (5) not a previous recipient or any other Region award this year. The award is endowed by the late Dr. Henry Covington and his wife. The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200.

**Send nominations to:**

**Allen Owings, Chair**

PO Box 910

Robert, LA 70455

Aowings64@gmail.com

### **John E. Hutchison Extension Award for Young Professionals**

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by a young Extension Worker.

**Requirements:** (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS for at least two years; (2) person must be 35 years or younger on December 31 in year of nomination **or** 5 or less years in continuous extension experience; (3) greater than 50 percent extension appointment in horticulture (city, county, area, or state). The award consists of a \$200 award and a plaque. The award is sponsored by the Texas Pecan Growers Association.

**Send nominations to:**

**Peter Dittmar, Chair**

University of Florida

Dept. of Horticultural Science

PO Box 110690

Gainesville, FL 32611

pdittmar@ufl.edu

### **Extension Communications Awards**

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the understanding of horticultural subjects. Submissions may be circulars, bulletins, tabloids, manuals, newspaper series, fact sheets, video, computer programs, and other methods of electronic delivery.

**Requirements:** (1) senior author must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) one publication per author; (3) entry may be submitted by the author(s) themselves or by SR-ASHS members on behalf of the authors; (3) entry should have been prepared within the past two years; (4) submit three copies (print, electronic or digital) of the entry, and (5) a completed Extension Communication Entry Form. Copies of entries will not be returned, unless arrangements are made with the Chair. The award consists of a Blue Ribbon Certificate.

**Send nominations to:**

**Erick Smith Chair**

Univ. of Georgia

Department of Horticulture

2360 Rainwater Road

Tifton, GA 31793

ericks@uga.edu



### 2019-2020 Officers, Chairs and Committees

(Term of office is from end of 2019 meeting through 2020 meeting meeting)

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| <b>Officers</b>                            |   |   |
| President                                  | Bodie Pennisi                           | bpennisi@uga.edu                        |
| President-Elect                            | Amy Wright                              | awright@auburn.edu                      |
| President-Elect-Elect                      | to be elected Fall 2019                 |   |
| Secretary-Treasurer                        | David Reed                              | dwreed@tamu.edu                         |
| <b>Executive Committee</b>                 |   |   |
| Chair or Vice-Chair -need to select        | Bill Evans                              | bill@upinfarms.com<br>wbe0416@att.net   |
| Chair or Vice-Chair -need to select        | Leo Lombardini                          | Lombardini@uga.edu                      |
| Member                                     | Mengmeng Gu                             | mgu@tamu.edu                            |
| Member                                     | Jay Spiers                              | jds0017@auburn.edu                      |
| Member                                     | to be elected Fall 2019                 |   |
| Member                                     | to be elected Fall 2019                 |   |
| Member, President-Elect                    | Amy Wright                              | awright@auburn.edu                      |
| <b>Nominations Committee</b>               |   |   |
| Chair, Senior Retired President            | Tim Davis                               | t-davis5@tamu.edu                       |
| Member, Immediate Past President           | Eric Stafne                             | eric.stafne@msstate.edu                 |
| Member                                     | Daniel Wells                            | wellsda@auburn.edu                      |
| Member                                     | Casey Barickman                         | cb2407@msstate.edu                      |
| Member                                     | Dario Chavez                            | dchavez@uga.edu                         |
| Member                                     | Brian Pearson                           | bpearson@ufl.edu                        |
| <b>ACB Officers</b>                        |   |   |
| President                                  | Rhiannon de la Rosa                     | radelaro@uark.edu                       |
| Vice President                             | Robert Eichas                           |   |
| Secretary                                  | Elizabeth Clippard                      | elizabeth.clippard@gmail.com            |
| Social Chair                               | Abbie Keairns                           |   |
| Treasurer                                  | Joshua Tebow                            | jbtebow@email.uark.edu                  |
| Recruitment director                       | Madison Carmichael                      | mcarmichael@murraystate.edu             |
| National Chair ACB Rep                     | Kendal Shaw                             | kendalljshaw@tamu.edu                   |
| ACB Advisor:will to manage judging contest | Steve Still                             | steven.still@siu.edu                    |
| <b>Section Chairs</b>                      |   |   |
| Education Section                          | Richard Harkess                         | richard.harkess@msstate.edu             |
| Extension Section                          | Mike Schnelle                           | mike.schnelle@okstate.edu               |
| Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section | Jeb Fields                              | JFields@agcenter.lsu.edu                |
| Fruit Crops Section                        | Margaret Worthington<br>Justin Scheiner | mlworthi@uark.edu<br>jscheiner@tamu.edu |
| Postharvest/Biotechnology Section          | Niels Maness                            | niels.maness@okstate.edu                |
| Vegetables Crops Section                   | Peter Dittmar                           | pdittmar@ufl.edu                        |
| Poster Section                             | Yan Chen                                | yachen@agcenter.lsu.edu                 |
| Edmond UG Comp. - Collegiate Branch Chair  | Chris Marble                            | marblesc@ufl.edu                        |
| Childers and Barham Grad Competition       | Amy Wright                              | awright@auburn.edu                      |
| <b>Working Groups Chairs</b>               |   |   |
| Horticultural Administrators               | Dean Kopsell                            | dean.kopsell@ufl.edu                    |
| National Sweet Potato Collaborators        | Lina Quesada                            | lmquesad@ncsu.edu                       |
| Southern Fruit Workers                     | Rachel Itle<br>Amanda McWhirt           | ritle@uga.edu<br>amcwhirt@uaex.edu      |

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| Watermelon Research Group<br>Vice-Chair                          | Daniel Egel<br>Matt Kinkade                               | egel@purdue.edu<br>matt.kinkade@syngenta.com                           |
| <b>Awards Committees</b>   |   |  |
| Miller Distinguished Educator, Chair<br>Member<br>Member         | Thayne Montague<br>Nate Phillips<br>Garry McDonald        | thayne.montague@ttu.edu<br>nate.phillips@mtsu.edu<br>gmcdonal@uark.edu |
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