



Post Convention Newsletter

Southern Region

American Society for Horticultural Science



Paul Smeal 66th Annual Meeting of the Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science April 2006



RESOLUTION

In Honor of Paul Smeal Secretary-Treasurer, 1990-2006 Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science

Whereas, Paul Smeal has a passion for the SR-ASHS; and
 Whereas, Paul Smeal has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the SR-ASHS for 16 years; and
 Whereas, Paul Smeal developed an effective working relationship with SAAS, which greatly benefited the SR-ASHS; and
 Whereas, Paul Smeal was an excellent fiscal manager of SR-ASHS; and
 Whereas, Paul Smeal was responsible for significant growth of endowments; and
 Whereas, Paul Smeal's organizational skills have allowed the SR-ASHS Annual Meeting to function efficiently and professionally; and
 Whereas, Paul Smeal's tireless commitment to recruiting and maintaining membership has allowed stability in the SR-ASHS; and
 Whereas, Paul Smeal has been a strong supporter of the growth of the ACB; and
 Whereas, Paul Smeal served as President of SR-ASHS in 1978, and of ASHS in 2001; and
 Whereas, Paul Smeal has maintained the SR-ASHS as the most highly respected, attended, and active region of the parent society;
 Be It Resolved, that in order to express its deepest appreciation and gratitude, the Executive Committee declares that the 2006 meetings will hence forth be called the

"Paul Smeal 66th Annual Meeting of the Southern Region of the American Society for Horticulture Science"

Past Presidents of the Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Jeff Weiss | D. M. Maynard | Regina Broady |
| H. Douglas Crater | Orlie Cottrell | John R. Clark |
| J. Creighton Muller Jr. | D.C. Coston | Donald W. Reed |
| Mayd. Witt | Thomas F. Crocker | Scott Smith |
| Glenn G. Boyler | Howard L. Hyman | Janet C. Cole |
| | Nel Barber | Lincoln Lukins Hayes |

Paul Smeal Honored

Effective the end of the 2006 meeting, Paul Smeal retired as Secretary-Treasurer. Paul served tirelessly since 1990 and his leadership will be sorely missed. Paul was honored at both the SAAS and SR-ASHS business meeting. The SR-ASHS Executive Committee passed a resolution that the 2006 meetings will be officially declared the **“Paul Smeal 66th Annual Meeting of the Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science”**. In addition, the Executive Committee invited Paul back to the 67th meeting in Mobile so that he can attend at least one meeting in a relaxed atmosphere.



Dr. Paul Smeal receives resolution plaque from Dr. Jim Ballington, Chair Executive Committee

Reed Replaces Smeal



Dave Reed, Texas A&M University, was appointed Secretary-Treasurer to “replace” Paul. During his Presidential Address, Dave asked the membership to keep the following philosophy in mind when formulating their opinion as to whether or not he can actually “replace” Paul.

“If you keep your expectations low, you will never be disappointed”

Meeting Recap

The Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science met in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists in Orlando Florida, February 4-8, 2006. The meetings were held in the Wyndham Orlando Resort. Most of the meeting rooms were within very close proximity, and there were ample eateries within walking distance of the resort. The weather was cool, but nice. By all accounts it was a convenient and enjoyable meeting for most.

Attendance

The following table summarizes registration, paper presentations, and ACB judging teams.

| | Number |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Members, Professionals | 153 |
| Graduate Students | 21 |
| Undergraduates | 49 |
| Total Registration | 223 |
| Oral Papers | 79 |
| Posters | 33 |
| Undergraduate Papers | 4 |
| Masters Competition Papers | 7 |
| Ph.D. Competition Papers | 3 |
| Total Papers/Posters | 123 |
| Working Groups | 8 |
| ACB Judging Teams | 7 |

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.

Report from Headquarters

Dr. Paul Read, President ASHS, could not attend, but our very own Dr. Fred S. Davies represented President Read. Mike Neff, Executive Director of ASHS, attended the meeting and offered headquarters’ full support as we try to replace Paul. The “big news” is that Mike has offered headquarters’ resources to allow SR-ASHS to accept credit card payment of registration at next year’s annual meeting. We will also begin posting the newsletter on the ASHS web site, and over time will make more information available on-line. The current Southern Region URL on the ASHS web site is: <http://ashs.org/regional/history.html>

Reflection on Deceased Members

The following members of SR-ASHS passed-away over this past year. Please reflect in your own way in memory of their passing.

Booker T. Whatley
Tuskegee Institute

Steve Izekor

University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff
Wayne Bourgeois
Louisiana State University

Ray Worley
University of Georgia

Please notify Reed of others of which you may be aware, and of any passing in the future.

Association of Collegiate Branches

The ACB held a very productive meeting. On Saturday morning the clubs visiting the Epcot Center at Disney World and were given a behind the scenes tour.



Students and advisors on a behind the scenes tour at Epcot Center



Student under the tomato tree at Epcot Center.

Later that day the 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.

On Sunday Michael Boyd, ACB President, Chaired the J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Paper Competition. In the afternoon the clubs participated in an outstanding J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Judging Contest.



Scenes from the J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest

Faculty advisors and ACB Officers must setup and score the entire contest in one day. This would not be possible without a group of dedicated advisors and students. Special thanks is extended to the ACB

Advisor, Dr. Kim Pittcock, the “faculty regulars”, Drs. Janet Cole, Mike Arnold, Richard Harkess, Brian Kahn, David Creech, and the ACB Officers, Mike Boyd, Amanda Churak, Elizabeth Wilson and Rachael Ramon. Finally, a very special thanks is extended to Dr. J. Benton Storey for his continued monetary support of the contest.



Dr. Richard Harkess, Dr. Janet Cole and Amanda Churak scoring judging forms.



ACB Advisor Dr. Kim Pittcock entering scores.

On Monday the clubs held their annual ACB Business Meeting and elected new officers for the upcoming year. The new officers were introduced at the society Annual Business Meeting and their names appear in the attached minutes.

Poster Session

The poster session was very successful. Thirty-three posters were exhibited. The posters for all agricultural disciplines in SAAS were located in the same room.



The poster session generated extensive one-on-one dialogue.

Changing of the Guard

Out-going President Dave Reed passes the “Presidential Andy Anderson Gavel” to in-coming President Scott NeSmith.



Out with the old and in with the new.

On To Mobile

2007 Annual Meeting
Southern Region ASHS
Mobile, AL
February 3-7, 2007

Early Bird Information

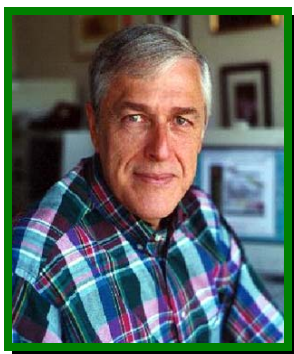
<http://www.saasinc.org/Mobile2007/Mobile-Main-Pg.asp>

SR-ASHS Awards

Southern Region ASHS

Member Awards

J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award



**Dr. Daniel R.
Lineberger**
Texas A&M
University

Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research



Dr. Eric T. Stafne
Oklahoma State
University

Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research Award



**Dr. Michael W.
Smith**
Oklahoma State
University

John Hutchison Young Extension Worker Award

not presented

Henry M. Covington Extension Award



**Dr. James A.
Robbins**
University of
Arkansas

Leadership and Administration Award



**Dr. Sylvia
Blankenship**
North Carolina
State University

Graduate Student Paper Awards

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

1st Place



Ryan Contreras

North Carolina State U.

*Reproductive behavior of
diploid and allotetraploid
Azaleadendrons*

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

1st Place



Malkeet Padda

Louisiana State Univ.

*Phenolic composition and
antioxidant activity in
sweetpotato root and leaf
tissue at different
developmental stages*

2nd Place



Connie Johnson

Auburn University

*Influence of substrates on
rooting Clematis socialis
stem cuttings*

2nd Place



Jim Cervantes- Flores

North Carolina State U.

*Development of a genetic
linkage map in sweetpotato
based on AFLP markers
and QTL analysis of
economically important
traits*

3rd Place



Peter Dittmar

North Carolina State U.

*Effects of post-application
halosulfuron-methyl at
various percents of
coverage on watermelon*

3rd Place



Christine Worthington

University of Florida

*Fate and movement of
NO₃-N as a result of
staged leaching irrigation
events and fertilizer source
during potato production
in northeast Florida*

Undergraduate Student Paper Awards

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Award

1st Place



Kimberly Dennis
University of Arkansas

Adventitious shoot propagation and cultural inputs on nursery production of a primocane-fruited blackberry selection

2nd Place



Monica Haddix
North Carolina A&T State Univ.

*In vitro shoot proliferation of *Encyclia tampensis* (Lind.) Orchids*

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Award

Best Undergraduate Poster

Megan Ulmer
Tuskegee University
Study of the origins and spread of the sweetpotato weevil in the US using rDNA sequences

Extension Publications and Videos Blue Ribbon Winners

Marco Fonseca, Alfredo Martinez, Vincent Lopez and Gil Landry
University of Georgia
Landscape Safety Training Manual for Hispanic Workers

Gary Wade and Sharley Crisafulli
University of Georgia
Georgia Gold Medal Winners

Mike Schnelle, David Hillock, Jennifer Adsit, Gayle Hiner, Trish Gedon and Katie Reim
Oklahoma State University
Landscaping with Trees, Shrubs, and Vines in Oklahoma

Paul Thomas and Bodie Pennisi
University of Georgia
Annuals and Perennials for Georgia Gardens

Lenny Wells
University of Georgia
Mouse Ear of Pecan

Rick Snyder, David Ingram and Blake Layton
Mississippi State University and Experiment/Extension Centers
Greenhouse Tomato Growers' Glossary

Association of Collegiate Branch Awards

Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding ACB Member

Kimberly Lee
Arkansas State University

Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Award

1st Place
Texas A&M University Horticulture Club
2nd Place
Arkansas State University Plant Science Club
3rd Place
Murray State University Horticulture Club

Collegiate Branch Judging Contest

Woody Ornamentals

Team
1st Place
Louisiana State University
2nd Place
Texas A&M University
3rd Place
Mississippi State University
Individual
1st Place
Logan Barton
2nd Place
Travis Forman
3rd Place
Ellen Weatherholt

Greenhouse Floral & Foliage

Team
1st Place
Texas A&M University
2nd Place
Oklahoma State University
3rd Place
Mississippi State University
Individual
1st Place
Ellen Weatherholt
2nd Place
Laura Bible, Lindsey Rakowitz, Justin Sparks

3rd Place
Kara Smith

Vegetable Crops

Team
1st Place
Texas A&M University
2nd Place
Oklahoma State University
3rd Place
Louisiana State University
Individual
1st Place
Ellen Weatherholt
2nd Place
Jeremy Stavinoha
3rd Place
Christina Keim

Fruit and Nut Crops

Team
1st Place
Arkansas State University
2nd Place
Texas A&M University
3rd Place
Oklahoma State University
Individual
1st Place
Ann Fleener
2nd Place
Matt Quirey
3rd Place
Erica Hunt

Overall

Overall Team
1st Place
Texas A&M University
2nd Place
Oklahoma State University
3rd Place
Mississippi State University

Overall Individual
1st Place
Ellen Weatherholt
2nd Place
Logan Barton
3rd Place
Carina Haines

Minutes

Annual Business Meeting

Southern Region ASHS

February 6, 2006

Presidential Address - Dr. David Wm. Reed

A New Generation of "Clientele" is Emerging – the Millennials

The current Millennial Generation is composed of those individuals born since the 1980s and that have come of age at the turn of the millennium. They are beginning to enter colleges and universities in increasing numbers. They are the most protected generation in history and are hovered over by "helicopter parents." The Millennial's experiences, characteristics and expectations differ from the current generation (Baby Boomers and Generation X) of teachers, extension agents and researchers. These generational differences can "clash" and alter the "effectiveness" of classroom teaching, extension programming and graduate student training. "Effectiveness" will require the current generations to understand what motivates the Millennials, and we must "learn" how to "reach" and "teach" them. The complete presentation can be viewed at: <http://hort201.tamu.edu/prof/Vita/VITA2005Jan.htm>

Presiding: Dr. David Wm. Reed, President

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition of Special Guests

Dr. Fred S. Davies for Dr. Paul Read, President ASHS; Mr. Mike Neff, Executive Director, ASHS; Dr. Norm Childers; Past ASHS Presidents, Drs. Paul Smeal, Dan Lineberger, Don Maynard, and Fred S. Davies

III. Moment of Silence for Deceased Members

Booker T. Whatley, Tuskegee Institute; Sever Izakor, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff; Wayne Bourgeois, Louisiana State University; Ray Worley, University of Georgia

IV. Adoption of Minutes of 2005 Annual Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas

Published in Post Conference Newsletter, February 2005. Passed by consent

V. Financial Report: Dr. Paul L. Smeal. See the Financial Statement on the following pages

VI. Standing Committee's Reports:

a. **Executive Committee: Dr. James Ballington, Chair.** See Executive Committee Minutes on the following pages

b. **Nominations/Elections: Dr. John Clark, Chair**

See Election Results Fall 2005 Officers, Section Chairs & Committee Members on the following pages

c. **Membership: Dr. Paul Smeal.** See Membership Report on following pages

VII. ASHS Report: Dr. Paul Read, President

Dr. Paul Read was out of the country, and Dr. Fred S. Davies gave a brief update of society news.

VIII. SAAS Report: Dr. David Reed

Dave Reed was elected a member-at-large of the SAAS Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is studying how to improve low attendance at the SAAS General Session.

The following meeting dates were confirmed:

2007 – Mobile, AL

2008 – Dallas, TX, Adams Mark Hotel

2009 – Looking into Lexington, Birmingham or Mobile

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business:

a. **Introductions of New Officers and Section Chairs**

New Officers and Section Chairs present were introduced.

b. **Introduction of ACB Officers: Mr. Michael Boyd, ACB President**

See the Association of Collegiate Branch 2006 Officers on the following pages

XI. Other: none

Financial Report – 2005

Southern Region ASHS

| | | | |
|---|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Checking Account Balance, 1-1-2005 | | | \$3,628.23 |
| Income: | SR, ASHS Registration and SR dues | 14,700.00 | |
| | SR Dues | 4,801.00 | |
| | Awards | 600.0 | |
| | Interest on Certificates of Deposit | 53.69 | |
| | Total Income | \$20,154.69 | \$23,782.92 |
| Expenses: | Southern Region – ACB | 970.00 | |
| | Printing of 2004 Abstracts in HortScience | 1350.00 | |
| | Awards (cash awards \$2700, certificates, etc.) | 3,628.78 | |
| | Office supplies, etc. | 1,101.47 | |
| | Copy/Printing (newsletter, envelopes, letters) | 2,432.11 | |
| | Postage | 992.58 | |
| | Secretary-Treasurer Travel/Expenses | 1,189.72 | |
| | SAAS Registration Fees | 6,110.00 | |
| | Telephone/Computer Time & Expenses | 1,900.75 | |
| | Meeting Expenses | 693.11 | |
| | Refund | 85.00 | |
| | Total Expenses | \$20,453.52 | \$20,453.52 |
| Checking Account Balance, 12-31-2005 | | | \$3,329.30 |

Certificates of Deposits (Figures from 11/05 thru 12/02/05 bank statement)

| CD Number | Amount | Interest Earned in 2005 | |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 338 | 3,385.36 | 71.23 | |
| 389 | 3,385.36 | 71.23 | |
| 353 | 4,373.41 | 126.91 | |
| 354 | 3,220.72 | 93.46 | |
| 905 | 9,302.07 | 168.29 | |
| 098 | 4,911.73 | 91.53 | |
| 137 | 15,823.87 | 879.09 | J.B. Edmund Fund |
| 364 | 5,298.92 | 115.34 | Barham Ph.D. Fund |
| 629 | 8,157.80 | 147.80 | Covington Ext. Fund |
| 640 | 5,092.37 | 92.37 | J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Educator Fund |
| 742 | 5,059.22 | 59.22 | Julian C. Miller Research Fund |
| Total | \$39,422.18 | \$1,915.47 | |

Prepared by Paul L. Smeal, Secretary-Treasurer, January 16, 2006

Minutes

Executive Committee

Southern Region ASHS

February 4, 2006

SR-ASHS Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2006

The meeting was called to order by committee chair Jim Ballington.

Members and invited guests in attendance introduced themselves as follows:

Committee Members

Jim Ballington, 06, Chair
 John Clark, 07
 Joe Kemble, 08
 Mike Arnold, 09
 Charles Gilliam, 10
 Scott NeSmith, President, 06

Invited Guests

David Reed, President
 Paul Smeal, Secretary-Treasurer
 Michael Boyd, ACB President
 Kim Pittcock, ACB Faculty Advisor
 Penny Perkins-Veazie, President-Elect
 Mike Neff, ASHS Executive Director

David Creech, 12; new committee member after the 2006 meeting, was also present as a guest. Member Elizabeth Lamb, 11, was not present.

The names of SR-ASHS members who died during 2005 were announced as follows:

Wayne Bourgeois, LSU
 Steve Izekor, Univ. Ark., Pine Bluff
 Booker T. Whatley, Tuskegee Institute

David Reed was appointed as SR-ASHS Secretary-Treasurer for 2006 by unanimous vote. Jim Ballington then thanked Paul Smeal for his willingness to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for an additional year, while David was serving as SR-ASHS president.

Nominations/elections committee chair John Clark reported on the results of the 2005 election (already mailed to the membership).

John Clark also brought up the question of whether it is preferable to elect or appoint awards committees members. He noted the difficulties the nominations/elections members routinely encounter identifying nominees for awards committee membership.

Next followed a discussion as to whether the Bylaws of the SR-ASHS require election of awards committee members. Following review of Section 3 of the Bylaws it was determined that this was not the case. John Clark then presented the following motion:

“The election process for SR-ASHS be adjusted so that only the President-Elect, Section Chairs, and Executive Committee be elected, and that the President appoint members to awards committees.”

The motion was seconded by Joe Kemble and passed unanimously by show of hands.

The nominations/elections committee for 2006 includes Janet Cole, Chair, David Reed, and Janice Bohac; and Richard Harkess and Doug Sanders were nominated to fill the other two remaining slots on the committee. Both the nominees have agreed to serve.

Paul Smeal presented the Secretary-Treasurer's report for 2005, which has also been sent to the membership. He also briefly reviewed the agendas for the business meeting and the awards program.

David Reed pointed out that he has changed to the Everbank on-line banking system which will make the finances of the organization easier to manage, and pays 3.0% interest on funds held in the checking account, so long as \$1,500.00 remains in the account, and 4.5% interest on CD's. He noted that the majority of the organization's funds will remain in CD's.

Michael Boyd, SR-ACB president, reported that the ACB members in attendance had a very interesting visit to EPCOT. Michael also made the formal request for the return of half the registration fees paid by ACB members to the ACB.

Mike Arnold made a motion to this effect, which was seconded by Joe Kemble and passed by show of hands.

The committee noted that appreciation needs to be expressed to Benton Storey for underwriting and establishing an endowment to cover the expenses for the ACB judging contests. David also directed the ACB to send a letter of appreciation to Dr. Storey.

The committee again expressed their appreciation to Creighton Miller for establishing and supporting the Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Researcher Award and the J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award.

There was no SAAS report at the time of the meeting because the SAAS Broad meeting was not to take place until Sunday.

There was no new business or other items to consider and the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Ballington, Chair
SR-ASHS Executive Committee, 06

Election Results Fall 2005

Officers, Section Chairs & Committee Members

Southern Region ASHS

President-Elect

(term begins after 2007 meeting)

Penelope Perkins-Veazie, OK

Executive Committee

Dave Creech, TX

Section Chairs-Elect, 2007

(will plan meeting for 2008)

Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf

Wayne McKay, TX

Vegetables

Lynn Brandenberger, OK

Fruits

Steve Stringer, MS

Postharvest/Biotechnology

Niels Maness, OK

Posters

Bodie Pennisi, GA

Education

Amy Wright, AL

Extension

Kathryn Taylor, GA

J.B. Edmond Award- Collegiate Branches

Todd Cavins, OK (term until 2007)

Pat Williams, KY (term until 2008)

Awards Committees

J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator

James Gibson, FL

Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research

Patricia Knight, MS

Henry M. Covington Extension Award

Jonathan Schulteis, NC

Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing

Teddy Morelock, AR

John E. Hutchinson Young Extension Worker

Doug Sanders, NC

Extension Communications

Elena Garcia, AR

Membership Report

Southern Region ASHS

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

Previous 10-Year Periods - Total Membership

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

| 1985 | 1984 | 1983 | 1982 | 1981 | 1980 | 1979 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 404 | 406 | 437 | 485 | 515 | 508 | 504 |

Prepared by Paul L. Smeal, January 6, 2006

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Southern Region ASHS

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