

2007 Post-Conference Newsletter



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record number of Masters presentations were given this year and congratulations to all participants on the quality of the research and ability to discuss their results. The Southern Region of ASHS continues to have strong attendance and participation. I'm sure that with the excellent efforts of our Secretary-Treasurer Dave Reed, we can continue this tradition. In keeping with Scott NeSmith, please feel free to send an email to me (pperkins-usda@lane-ag.org) if you have suggestions on how to improve the meeting or if you would like to serve on one of the many committees.

Nominations and Volunteers for Offices and Committees

The 2008 Officers, Chairs and Committees are listed towards the end of the Newsletter. There are still several spots that need to be filled. In the past, the society elected members of the Award Committees. In 2006, the Executive Committee passed a motion that the Award Committee members would be appointed by the President. We need volunteers to serve on the following committees.

- Krezdorn Excellence in Doctoral Writing Award
- J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award
- Julian Miller, Sr. Distinguished Researcher Award
- Hutchinson Young Extension Worker Award
- Covington Extension Award
- Blue Ribbon Extension Communication Award

Volunteers serve a three year term; year one and two as members and year three as Chair. We also need nominations for the elected offices. If you would like to nominate/volunteer, fill-out the form at the end of the Newsletter an email to President Penny Perkins-Veazie at pperkins-usda@lane-ag.org or Dave Reed at dwreed@tamu.edu

Message From the President



Thank you all for attending the 2007 SR-ASHS meeting in Mobile, AL. We had the unique opportunity to enjoy Mardi Gras at its birthplace, not to mention the

seasonable weather! I am impressed with the number of working groups that attend this meeting and the national and international levels of information exchange that go on, often in an informal setting. Also, the graduate student competitions were outstanding. I believe a

Paul Smeal Honored

Paul Smeal retired as Secretary-Treasurer in 2006. The SR-ASHS Executive Committee passed motions to grant Paul life-time membership in the Southern Region, and to rename the Leadership and Administration Award the “Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award”. Paul was selected by the Awards Committee to be the inaugural recipient of the award. Congratulations Paul!



John Clark, Chair Executive Committee, announces the Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award

Meeting Recap

The Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science met in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists in Mobile, AL on February 3-5, 2007. The meetings were held in the River View Plaza Hotel, and the posters were in the adjacent Convention Center. The River View Hotel was under construction and change of ownership, which lead to many difficulties starting with room registration and continuing with inconveniences associated with construction and noise. It is likely that the members will not be in favor of going back to Mobile any time soon. However, one bright spot was that we were able to attend the Mobile Mardi Gras parades right outside the hotel. Mobile claims to be the site of the original Mardi Gras.

Pre-Registration was a Success. This was the first Southern Region meeting that allowed pre-registration by mail and on-line.

	Registered	Pre-Registered	
	On-site	On-line	Mail
Professional	53%	39%	8%
Graduate	49%	49%	2%
Undergrad	68%	6%	26%

Roughly half of the Professional (faculty, industry, etc.) and 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; hence mail pre-registration may be discontinued in the future.

Payment by Credit Card. This was the first year the Southern Region allowed payment by credit card. We must thank Mike Neff for offering this service. Payment by credit card was very popular.

	Payment Type	
	Cash	Credit Card
On-Site	61%	49%
Pre-Register	19%	75%

Next Year: On-Line Pre-Registration and On-Site Credit Card Payment Strongly Encouraged.

The Secretary-Treasurer really really likes (yes, really was typed twice on purpose) pre-registration and on-site credit card payment. In fact, the Secretary-Treasurer would like even more usage of credit card payments. Why? Because, of the \$6,920 collected on-site, \$3,400 was cash, and the Secretary-Treasurer does not like to be responsible for that much cash!!!! Heck, some of you might be tempted to knock him in the head next year now that you know how much cash he's transporting! For these reasons, pre-registration and on-site credit card payment is going to be strongly recommended next year. This year there was no penalty for cancellation of on-line pre-registration, even if cancellation was up to the time of the meeting. Therefore, there is absolutely no disadvantage of pre-registering on-line using a credit card.

Attendance. The attendance was a bit lower than the 2006 Orlando meetings, mainly due to greater attendance of undergraduate students in Orlando. 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.

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

	Number
Professional (faculty, industry, etc.)	131
Graduate Students	43
Undergraduates	31
Total Registration	205
Oral Papers	61
Posters	31
Undergraduate Competition Papers	4
Masters Competition Papers	12
Ph.D. Competition Papers	6
Total Papers/Posters	114
Working Groups	8
ACB Judging Teams	6

Report from Headquarters

Dr. Randy Woodson, President ASHS, and Mike Neff, Executive Director of ASHS, attended the meeting. Dr. Woodson gave a status report of the national society.

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.



Bruce Bostian
Oklahoma State University



Carl Campbell
University of Florida

Picture not available

Townsend Pope
North Carolina

State University



Norman Maxwell
Texas A&M University



Doug Sanders
North Carolina State University



Jake Tinga
Auburn University

Picture not available

Max Vines
University of Florida

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 Murray State Horticulture Club was selected to receive the Club Share Award for the best Club Share presentation.



During Club Share, each ACB Club presents

their yearly activities.

Saturday afternoon the clubs visited Flowerwood Nursery in Mobile. Mr. Jim VanAntwerp led the tour. Jim was an ACB member when he was an undergraduate student at Texas A&M University.



Mr. Jim VanAntwerp leads the ACB students on a tour of Flowerwood Nursery.



Students touring container field production.

On Sunday Monica Robinson, ACB President, chaired the J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Paper Competition. In the afternoon the clubs participated in an outstanding J. Benton Storey Horticulture 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. Special thanks is extended to the ACB Advisor, Dr. Kim Pittcock, the “faculty regulars”, Kris-Ann Kaiser, Drs. Janet Cole, Mike Arnold, Richard Harkess, David Creech, Jim Robbins, Leo Lombardini and the ACB Officers, Monica Robinson, William Criner, Erica Hunt and L.B. Martin.

Finally, a very special thanks is extended to Dr. J. Benton Storey for his continued monetary support of the contest.



ACB Advisor Dr. Kim Pittcock and Dr. Janet Cole scoring the contest

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



Scenes from the J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest

On Monday the clubs held their annual ACB Business Meeting and elected a new slate of officers for 2007.

President

Susan Murphy

Murray State University

Vice-President

James Plyler

Texas A&M University

Secretary

Stephen Blanchette

Murray State University

Treasurer

Mark Cooper

Mississippi State University

ACB Representative

Monica Robinson

Texas A&M University

Newsletter Editor

Laura McDonald

Oklahoma State University

ACB Faculty Advisor

Dr. J. Kim Pittcock

Arkansas State University



Newly elected ACB Officers for 2007-08.

Left to right back: James Plyler Vice-President, Stephen Blanchette Secretary, Mark Cooper Treasurer; left to right front: Laura McDonald Newsletter Editor, Susan Murphy President, Monica Robinson ACB Rep.

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



Outstanding ACB Club Award

TAMU Horticulture Club

Texas A&M University



Hammett Outstanding ACB

Club Member Award

Monica Robinson

Texas A&M University

Fall 2006 Election Results
Officers and Section Chairs

The following were elected in the Fall 2006 elections.

President-Elect-Elect (presides over 2009 meeting)

Doug Bailey, GA

Executive Committee

Richard Harkess, MS (term begins 2007)

Cynthia McKinney, TX (term begins 2008)

Section Chairs-Elect-Elect (plans 2009 meeting)

Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf

Ed Bush, LA

Vegetable Crops

Terry Kelley, GA

Fruit Crops

Eric Stafne, OK

Postharvest/Biotechnology

Elizabeth Baldwin, FL

[Posters](#)

Christine Coker, MS

[Education](#)

Brian Kahn, OK

[Extension](#)

David Lockwood, TN

Call for 2007 Dues

To determine if your 2007 dues are due, check the Online SRASHS Directory (<http://srashs.org/MembershipDirectory/directory.html>). It is up-to-date for dues paid at the Mobile meetings or dues paid through ASHS up to the end of March 2007. 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 (<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 (your cancelled check will be your receipt) to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Yearly dues: \$20

Make checks payable to: Southern Region ASHS

Changing of the Guard

John Clark, Chair of the Executive Committee, presented retiring President Scott NeSmith with his Presidential Plaque and Gavel.



Retiring President Scott NeSmith receives Presidential Plaque and Gavel

Out-going President Scott NeSmith passes the “Andy Anderson Gavel” to in-coming President Penny Perkins-Veazie. President-Elect Penny Perkins-Veazie adjourns the Annual Business Meeting.



Incoming President Penny Perkins-Veazie receives “Andy Anderson Gavel” to adjourn the 2007 Annual Business Meeting.

Dallas 2008

2008 Annual Meeting
Southern Region ASHS
Dallas, Texas
February 2-5, 2008

Early Bird Information

Go to the SAAS web site for information about hotels and local attractions. The hotel rates are very economical (\$99-\$119). Dallas is loaded with things to do.

<http://saasinc.org/2008-Dallas/Dallas2008-Main-pg.asp>

Southern Region ASHS Awards

Member Awards

J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award



**Dr. Richard
Harkess**
Mississippi State
University

Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research



**Dr. Richard
Olsen**
University of
Florida
(currently U.S.
Arboretum)

Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research Award



Dr. John Clark
University of
Arkansas

John Hutchison Young Extension Worker Award



Dr. Russ Wallace
Texas A&M
University

Henry M. Covington Extension Award



**Dr. Mary
Lamberts**
University of
Florida

Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award



Dr. Paul Smeal
Virginia Tech
University,
Emeritus

Graduate Student Paper Awards

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

1st Place



Peter Dittmar
North Carolina State U.

*Utilization of
Commercially Available
Pollenizers for Optimizing
Triploid Watermelon
Production*

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

1st Place



Cheryl Boyer
Auburn University

*Effect of Fertilizer Rate
and Clean Chip Residual
Substrate for Container-
Grown Perennials*

2nd Place



Alexis Alvey
Virginia Tech University

*Staking, Guying, and Root
Ball Anchoring: The
Efficacy of Tree
Stabilization Systems
Installed on Recently
Transplanted Trees*

2nd Place



Jennifer Waters
Texas A&M University

*Semi-Quantitative
Measurement of
Carotenoid Development
in Four Watermelon
Colors: A Discussion of
the Impact of Ploidy and
other Genetic Factors*

3rd Place



Julie Guckenberger
Auburn University

*Mulch type influences
root growth of native
woody shrubs*

3rd Place



D.W. Miano
Louisiana State University

*Identification of molecular
markers associated with
sweetpotato resistance to
sweetpotato virus disease*

Undergraduate Student Paper Award

J.B. Edmond
Undergraduate Student Paper Award

1st Place



David Warren
Clemson University

Landscaping for Water Quality: Designing a Demonstration Garden for the Friends of Lake Keowee Society Headquarters

2nd Place



Rachel Ben-Avraham
University of Florida

*Nitrogen Mineralization in Greenhouse Turnips (*Brassica campestris* L.) Amended with Compost and Organic Fertilizer*



Erin Cathcart
Murray State Univ.

*Repellency Effects of Incorporated Worm Castings and Compost Tea Sprays on Whitefly Populations for Poinsettia Production (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*)*

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Award

Best Graduate Poster
Graduate Student



Cheryl Boyer
Auburn University

*Evaluation of Clean Chip Residual and Composted Poultry Litter as a Growth Substrate for Container-Grown *Lantana camara**

Extension Publications and Videos Blue Ribbon Winners

Janet Carson, Jim Robbins, Beth Phelps, Jennifer Vickery, Elizabeth Fortune, Chris Meux, Donna Rinke, Kevin Quinn and Bob Reynolds

Horticulture Highlights 2006

W.T. Kelley, E.G. Fonsah, A.N. Sparks Jr., D.B. Langston Jr., A.S. Culpepper, P.E. Sumner, K. Harrison, D.M. Granberry, G.E. Boyhan and W.C. Hurst

Commercial Pepper Production Handbook, Bulletin 1309

J.M. Kemble, E.J. Sikora, D. Fields, M.G. Patterson, and E. Vinson III
Guide to Commercial Sweetpotato Production in Alabama

Bert McCarty, Grady Miller, Clint Waltz and Trent Hale

Designing, Constructing, and Maintaining Bermudagrass Sports Fields

Thomas Yeager and Bart Schutzman
Florida Container Nursery BMP Guide

Association of Collegiate Branch Awards

Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding ACB Member



Monica Robinson
Texas A&M University

Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Award

1st Place

Texas A&M University

2nd Place

Murray State University

3rd Place

Oklahoma State University

Collegiate Branch Judging Contest

Woody Ornamentals

Team

1st Place

Stephen F. Austin University

2nd Place

Texas A&M University

3rd Place

Murray State University

Individual

1st Place

Ellen Weatherholt

2nd Place

Christina Keim

3rd Place

Bo Spears

Greenhouse Floral & Foliage

Team

1st Place

Oklahoma State University

2nd Place

Texas A&M University

3rd Place

Stephen F. Austin University

Individual

1st Place

Annie Crockett

2nd Place

Ellen Weatherholt

3rd Place

Jon Pixler

Vegetable Crops

Team

1st Place

Murray State University

2nd Place

Texas A&M University

3rd Place

Oklahoma State University

Individual

1st Place

Justin Sparks

2nd Place

Shannon Slivinski

3rd Place

Elizabeth Pappenfort

Fruit and Nut Crops

Team

1st Place

Texas A&M University

2nd Place

Oklahoma State University

3rd Place

Murray State University

Individual

1st Place

John Gottula

2nd Place

Christina Keim

3rd Place

Adam Purrell

Overall

Overall Team

1st Place

Oklahoma State University

2nd Place

Texas A&M University

3rd Place

Stephen F. Austin University

Overall Individual

1st Place

Ellen Weatherholt

2nd Place

Justin Sparks

3rd Place

Laura McDonald

Minutes

Annual Business Meeting

Southern Region ASHS

February 5, 2007

Presidential Address: Dr. Scott NeSmith

President Scott NeSmith led the audience through a “Progression of Philosophy”. He started with the basic rules of “niceness” and manners that we learned in kindergarten, then how our views and actions have changed as we progressed through political correctness, the school of hard-knocks, day-to-day on the job, and leadership and team building training. He finally concluded that “All I Ever Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten”!

Annual Business Meeting: Dr. Scott NeSmith, President

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Recognition of Special Guests**
Randy Woodson, President ASHS, Mike Neff, Executive Director ASHS, Mark Legendre, Executive Director SAAS
- III. Moment of Silence for Deceased Members**
There was a moment of silence for the following members of the Southern Region who passed away in the past year or so.
 - Bruce Bostian, Oklahoma State University
 - Carl Campbell, University of Florida
 - Townsend Pope, North Carolina State University
 - Norman Maxwell, Texas A&M University
 - Doug Sanders, North Carolina State University
 - Jake Tinga, Auburn University
 - Max Vines, University of Florida
- IV. Adoption of Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL**
The 2006 Minutes were corrected for misspelling of Steve E. Izeckor, and then passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Report:** Dr. David Reed. (See Financial Report)
- VI. Standing Committee’s Reports:**
 - a. Executive Committee:** Dr. John Clark, Chair. (See Executive Committee Minutes)
 - b. Nominations/Elections:** Dr. Janet Cole, Chair
Introduction of New Officers (See Election Results Fall 2006)
Officers & Chairs Until 2009 (See Officers/Chairs table)
 - c. Membership:** Dr. David Reed (See Membership Report)
- VII. ASHS Report:** Dr. Randy Woodson, President
Dr. Woodson gave a state of ASHS report.
- VIII. SAAS Report:** Dr. David Reed
Upcoming meetings are scheduled for Fort Worth 2008, Atlanta 2009 and Orlando 2010.
- IX. ACB Report & Introduction of New Officers:** Ms. Monica Robinson, ACB President
 - a. Introductions of New Officers and Section Chairs**
New Officers and Section Chairs present were introduced.
 - b. Introduction of ACB Officers: Monica Robinson, ACB President**
The 2007 ACB Officers were announced (See 2007 ACB Officers)
- IX. Old Business:** none
- X. New Business:** none
- XI. Other:** none

Presentation of Andy Anderson Gavel to President-Elect

Adjourn – Penny Perkins-Veazie, President -Elect

Financial Report – 2006

Southern Region ASHS

Checking Account Balance 2/1/06			\$ -
Income:	Donations (Awards & Contests)	\$ 2,300.00	
	Dues	\$ 4,628.00	
	Interest	\$ -	
	Registration	\$ 80.00	
	Transfers from National Bank	\$ 41,787.88	
	Total Income	\$ 48,795.88	\$ 48,795.88
Expenses:	Abstract Publication	\$ 1,320.00	
	Accounting	\$ -	
	Association of Collegiate Branch	\$ 600.00	
	Awards	\$ 97.00	
	Clerical	\$ 492.00	
	Contributions	\$ 100.00	
	Meeting Expenses	\$ -	
	Office Supplies	\$ 96.30	
	Postage	\$ 1,717.30	
	Printing and Reproduction	\$ 592.65	
	SAAS Registration Fees	\$ -	
	Secretary - Treasurer Travel	\$ -	
	Web Site	\$ 616.54	
	Transfer Out to CD's	\$ 40,000.00	
	Total Expenses	\$ 45,631.79	\$ 45,631.79
Checking Account Balance 12/31/06			\$ 3,164.09

Certificates of Deposits (Figures from 02/06 to 12/06 bank statement)

CD Number	Amount	Interest 2006	
Society Funds			
0902002945	\$ 10,261.86	\$ 261.86	Society Funds
0902002953	\$ 10,261.86	\$ 261.86	Society Funds
0902002961	\$ 10,261.86	\$ 261.86	Society Funds
0902002988	\$ 10,261.86	\$ 261.86	Society Funds
Sub-Total	\$ 41,047.44	\$ 1,047.44	
Endowments			
0902002112	\$ 5,277.08	\$ 203.92	Miller Researcher
0902002090	\$ 5,306.00	\$ 205.03	Miller Educator
0902002074	\$ 16,440.28	\$ 635.29	Edmond UG Paper
0902002104	\$ 5,497.39	\$ 212.43	Barham PhD Paper
0902002082	\$ 8,493.63	\$ 328.21	Covington Extension
Sub-Total	\$ 41,014.38	\$ 1,584.88	
Total	\$ 82,061.82	\$ 2,632.32	

(Prepared and Reconciled by Gina Greig, Accountant)

Minutes

Executive Committee

Southern Region ASHS

February 3, 2007

Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting
Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science
February 3, 2007

Presiding: John Clark, Chair

Committee Members

John Clark, '07
Joe Kemble, '08
Mike Arnold, '09
Charles Gilliam, '10
Richard Harkess, '11
David Creech, '12
Penny Perkins-Veazie, President-Elect

Invited Guests

Scott NeSmith, President, '06
Monica Robinson, ACB President, '06
Kim Pittcock, ACB Advisor, '06-08
David Reed, Secretary-Treasurer, '06
Mike Neff, Executive Secretary, ASHS

I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL - approved

III. Collect Names of Deceased Members

Doug Sanders, North Carolina State University
Carl Campbell, University of Florida
Townsend Pope, North Carolina State University
Max Vines, University of Florida
Norman Maxwell, Texas A&M University
Bruce Bostian, Oklahoma State University

V. Appointments:

a. Secretary-Treasurer:

David Reed was appointed for 2007-2008

b. Nomination/Elections Committee: appoint 3

The following were nominated, and will be contacted to the Secretary to determine which are willing to serve.

Craig Yenko (vegetable), NC State
Teddy Morelock (vegetables), U. Arkansas
Jim Ballington (fruit), NC State
Rick Snyder (vegetables), Mississippi State

c. ACB Advisor:

Cynthia McKenney (Texas Tech) and Leo Lombardini (Texas A&M) were mentioned as individuals that might be willing to serve. Kim Pittcock, current ACB Advisor, was asked to approach both and determine which was the most interested in serving.

VI. Secretary-Treasurer Report: David Reed

David Reed, Secretary Treasurer, reviewed the budget report and membership report that will be included in the Annual Business Meeting. He stressed the need to update the Constitution and By Laws to agree with certain current practices and add several items of clarification.

VII. SAAS Report: Dr. David Reed

David Reed reported that he and Scott NeSmith would attend the SAAS Business Meeting and make a report at the SRASHS Annual Business Meeting on Monday.

VIII. ACB Report: Ms. Monica Robinson, ACB President

Monica Robinson, current ACB President, gave an update on the activities, including the Club Share Program and field trip to Flowerwood Nurseries. She requested the half of the student registration fees collected be allocated to cover ACB expenses. The Board unanimously approved the request.

IX. Old Business:

a. Motion from 2006 Executive Meeting:

In 2006, the Executive Committee approved that 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.

Suggestion: To assist the President the Newsletter will contain a call for volunteers to serve on the various committees.

X. New Business:

a. Define “Active” member for the purpose of Awards

The Executive Committee discussed the need to define an active member for the purpose of awards. In the past, faculty have been nominated for awards who have never been a dues paying member of SRASHS, or has not paid dues for several years. All awards specify that recipients must be active members of SRASHS. The Executive Committee approved the following as the definition of Active Member:

Active Member: A member who has paid dues for the current year and 3 of the last 5 years.

b. Invited speakers and complementary registration

Sections and Working Groups often invite speakers to their sessions, and there is an expectation that they will not have to pay meeting registration fees. The Executive Committee discussed the need to develop the following guidelines for complementary registration for invited speakers:
Invited Speaker Complementary Registration:

- a) invited by a Section or Working Group Chair
- b) the Secretary-Treasurer is notified of the invitation
- c) the speaker is not a current dues paying member of SRASHS, and has not paid in the past 5 years.
- d) the speaker would not normally attend the SRASHS meetings, and has not attended in the past 5 years.

d. Suggested revisions to Constitutions and By-Laws

The following Articles and Sections of the Constitution and By-Laws changes were suggested by the Executive Committee. An explanation of each is given. The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to word smith the current Constitution/By-Laws to develop a mark-up draft; distribute draft to Executive Committee for input, develop final draft for distribution next fall for a vote by the membership at the 2008 Business Meeting.

Suggested revisions to Constitution or By-Laws?

Article V. Currently we elect Chairs-Elect-Elect, whereas the Article specifies that Chairs are to be Chairs Elect, and only the President is Elect-Elect. It was decided to leave the Article as is and to start following the Article in practice.

Article VI. 2. Change to return ballots to Nominations Chair not Secretary-Treasurer, which is the current practice.

Section 1 Change Floriculture and Ornamentals to Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf to agree with the currently used name of the Section.

Section 2. Remove the wording that specifies the number of members from each commodity area to simply read six at large members. The Executive Committee is seldom in compliance with the current wording. The goal is for the Executive Committee to represent a cross-section of the society, but also to be composed of the active and interested members. In addition, term limit is recommended to be changed from 6 years (a new member elected each year) to 3 year terms (2 new members elected each year). Why? 6 years is too long!

- Section 3.** Rename the Nominating Committee to the Nominations and Elections Committee.
- Section 4.** It is recommended that this section be eliminated and the Membership Committee dissolved. In practice, the current process only represents one institution per state. In this day of electronic communication, the Secretary-Treasurer will ask that the administration of the Horticultural Administrators Working Group submit to the Secretary-Treasurer the names of all new faculty hires.
- Section 5.** It is recommended that this Section and the Awards Committee be eliminated. Each award has its own committee; hence there is no need for an “umbrella” awards committee.
- Section 6.** It is recommended that this Section and the Program Committee be eliminated. The society has never formed a Program Committee; rather the Secretary-Treasurer develops the program with input from Section and Working Group Chairs.
- Section 7.** Change the title to Ad Hoc Committees. Thus, this will allow the formation of Membership, Awards, Program, etc. Committees if needed. This is important if Section 4, 5 and 6 are eliminated.
- Section 9** Eliminate the last phrase about dues in arrears after July. The dues period will be for the entire calendar year, and they can be paid at any time to become an active member. Thus, any dues collected will be for the calendar year in which they are collected, and one will declared an active member for that year.

Possible item to be added to Constitution or By-Laws?

Article VI.3. Method to replace elected Officers and Chairs. Currently, the position is left vacant until the next election. A section will be added to specify that vacancies will be replaced by the Executive Committee

XII. Adjourn – Penny Perkins-Veazie, President –Elect

Membership Report

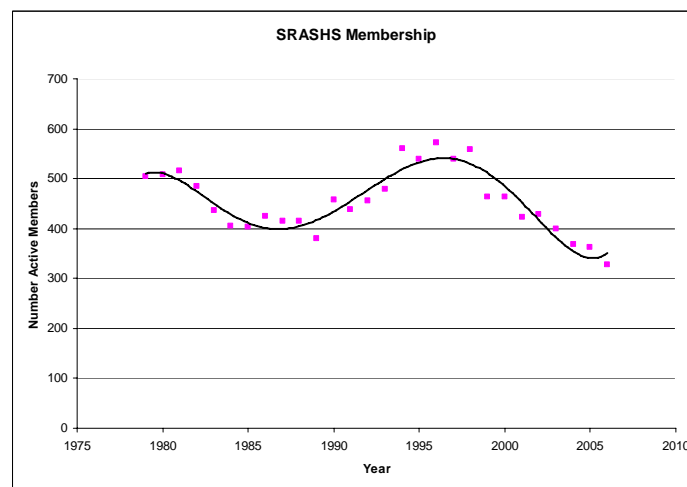
Southern Region ASHS

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



Call for 2007 Dues & Member Info

Southern Region ASHS

Dues

To determine if your 2007 dues are due, check the Online SRASHS Directory (<http://srashs.org/MembershipDirectory/directory.html>). It is up-to-date for dues paid at the Mobile meetings or dues paid through ASHS up to end of March 2007. 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 (<http://ashs.org/shop/home.php?cat=263>)

Payment by Mail (If necessary):

- 3) Fill-out and mail the following form, along with a check (your cancelled check will be your receipt) to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Yearly dues: \$20

Make checks payable to: Southern Region ASHS

Corrections/Update Membership Directory Information

Check: ☐ Member ☐ Graduate Student ☐ Undergraduate Student

Name
 First Middle Last

Title

Department

University or Organization

Address 1

Address 2

City

State Zip

Phone FAX

E-Mail

Return to: (mail, fax or email form; mail dues)

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2008 Officers, Chairs and Committees

Southern Region ASHS

Offices

President (elected)	Penny Perkins-Veazie
Secretary-Treasurer (appointed by Executive Com.)	David Reed

Executive Committee (elected for progressive 6 year term)

Chair	Joe Kemble
Member	Mike Arnold
Member	Charles Gilliam
Member	Richard Harkess
Member	David Creech
Member	Cynthia McKenney
Member, President-Elect	Doug Bailey

Nominating Committee

Chair, Senior Retired President	David Reed
Member, Immediate Past President	Scott NeSmith
Member (2-yr term, appointed by Executive Com).	appoint (08-09)
Member (2-yr term, appointed by Executive Com).	appoint (08-09)
Member (2-yr term, appointed by Executive Com).	Richard Harkess
Member (2-yr term, appointed by Executive Com).	replace

Section Chairs (Elected)

Education Section	Amy Wright
Extension Section	Kathryn Taylor
Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section	Wayne Mackay
Fruit Crops Sections	Steve Stringer
Poster Section	Bodie Pennisi
Postharvest/Biotechnology Section	Niels Maness
Vegetables Crops Section	Lynn Brandenberger
Collegiate Branch	Todd Cavins

Paper Competition Chairs (Elected/Appointed)

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Comp. ACB President (Moderator) Chair (Judge Coordinator) SRASHS President (Introduces Session)	Susan Murphy Todd Cavins Penny Perkins-Veazie
Norm F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Comp.	Doug Bailey
Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Comp.	Doug Bailey

Awards Committees (appointed for 3-year progressive term)

J. Creighton C. Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator	Chair Member Member	David Picha James Gibson Appoint/Volunteer
Julian Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research	Chair Member Member	James Spiers Patricia Knight Appoint/Volunteer
Henry M. Covington Extension Award	Chair Member Member	George Boyhan Jonathan Schulthesis Appoint/Volunteer
John E. Hutchinson Young Extension Worker	Chair Member Member	Stephen Olson Paul Thomas Appoint/Volunteer
Krezdorn Excellence in Doctoral Research & Writing	Chair Member Member	Jim Ballington Teddy Morelock Appoint/Volunteer
Smeal Leadership and Administration	Chair Member Member	Janet Cole David Reed Scott NeSmith
Blue Ribbon Extension Communication	Chair Member Member	Alan Owens Elena Garcia Appoint/Volunteer
Outstanding ACB Club		Kim Pittcock
Hammet Memorial Outstanding ACB Member		Kim Pittcock

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 Monoco
Horticultural Administrators	David Williams
National Sweet Potato Collaborators	Zvesdana Pesic-VanEsbroeck
Southern Sweet Potato IPM Project	Jennifer Curtis
Cucurbit Crop Germplasm Committee	
Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee	Richard Fery

Association of Collegiate Branch

President	Susan Murphy
Vice-President	James Plyler
Treasurer	Mark Cooper
Secretary	Stephen Blanchette
ACB Representative	Monica Robinson
Newsletter Editor	Laura McDonald
ACB Faculty Advisor (last year of 3-year term)	Kim Pitcock
Advisor-Elect (appointed in 2nd year)	Leo Lombardini

Call for Nominations/Volunteers for Officers and Committee Southern Region ASHS

Nominations/volunteers are needed for President, Executive Committee, Collegiate Branch Section Chair and Awards Committees. The President, Executive Committee, and Collegiate Branch Section Chair are elected positions. The Elections Committee will select two nominees to appear on the Fall 2007 Election Ballot. Awards Committee Chairs will be appointed by the President. You are encouraged to nominate/volunteer yourself. If you nominate someone else, make sure they agree.

Nominee for Elected Office

President: _____

Executive Committee: _____

Collegiate Branch Section Chair: _____

Nominee/Volunteer for Awards Committee

Krezdorn Doctoral Writing Award _____

Creighton Miller, Jr. Educator Award _____

Julian Miller, Sr. Researcher Award _____

Hutchinson Young Extension Award _____

Covington Extension Award _____

Blue Ribbon Communication Award _____

Sent in by: _____

E-Mail, Fax or Mail to Either

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