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Message From the President

Southern Region ASHS held another successful meeting in January. Your attendance and participation is greatly appreciated. If you weren’t able to attend, please make a note that you missed an excellent opportunity to learn, grow, and to share. I hope your plans will allow you to join us next year in Atlanta. We need to continue the outstanding reputation our regional meeting has within our society and to do that, we need your participation. I mentioned that the meetings offer learning experiences. I learned: 1) online preregistration is wonderful and makes everyone’s life easier (though out of habit, I still brought my blank check!); 2) the future of our field is secure as indicated by the talent and enthusiasm of the undergraduate and graduate students who were in attendance.; 3) Dallas airport security is much more pleasant than going through the system at Atlanta; and 4) seeing friends and catching up on people is as important and rewarding as the information delivered through the talks, posters, and professional discussions. I again encourage you to take advantage of all these learning opportunities offered through our annual meeting. Please feel free to contact me (dabailey@uga.edu) if you have any suggestions on how we can make our meetings even better. We also need your support through donation of your time and talents by serving on committees that allow the society to continue. Please consider volunteering your service. I wish you the very best as you continue on your endeavors in 2008. Take care of yourself. You’re the only one of you there is!

Meeting Recap

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

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

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

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

- Kent Cushman
  University of Florida

- Jocelyn Couture-Nowak
  Virginia Tech

- Tom Brightwell
  University of Georgia

- Joe Norton
  Auburn University

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

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

ACB students tour the Dallas Botanical Gardens.

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

ACB students enjoy a meal on the tour.

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

Scene from the J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest

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

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

ACB officers and faculty advisors scoring the judging contest, Left to right: Mike Arnold, Leo Lombardini and Janet Cole.
On Monday the clubs held their annual ACB Business Meeting and elected a new slate of officers for 2008.

**President**  
Dustin Blue  
Murray State University

**Vice-President**  
Amanda Krieg  
Mississippi State University

**Secretary**  
Kadie Koepp  
Oklahoma State University

**Treasurer**  
Iris Clawson  
Stephen F. Austin State University

**ACB Representative**  
Shannon Slivinske  
Texas A&M University

**Newsletter Editor**  
Kah-Yat Isaac Wong  
Texas A&M University

**ACB Faculty Advisor**  
Dr. Leo Lombardini  
Texas A&M University

Newly elected ACB Officers for 2008-09.  
Left to right  Dustin Blue, President; Shannon Slivinski, ACB Rep; Issac Wong, Newsletter Editor.  
Left to right front: Katie Koepp, Secretary; Iris Clawson, Treasurer; Amanda Krieg, Vice President.

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

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

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

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

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

**Fall 2007 Election Results**

**Officers and Section Chairs**
The following were elected in the Fall 2007 elections.

**President-Elect-Elect**
(presides over 2010 meeting)
Jim Ballington, North Carolina State University

**Executive Committee**
Dale Maronek (term begins 2008)
Cynthia McKinney, TX (term begins 2008)

**Section Chairs-Elect-Elect**
(plans 2009 meeting)

*Association of Collegiate Branch Chair*
Mike Arnold, Texas A&M University

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

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

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

**Yearly dues:** $20

**Make checks payable to:** Southern Region ASHS

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

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

**Atlanta 2009**
2009 Annual Meeting
Southern Region ASHS
Atlanta, GA
January 31 to February 2, 2009

**Early Bird Information**
http://saasinc.org/2009-Atlanta/09-MainPg.asp

**Hotel Information**
The Westin Peachtree Plaza
210 Peachtree Street, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303
Hotel Phone: 404-659-1400
Group Reservations: 1-800-937-8461

**Group Room Rates:**
- Single and Double Rooms - $144/night
- Triple and Quad Rooms - $164/night

**Reservations:**
Call toll free number above and ask for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate. Group rates available for January 27 through February 6, 2009.

**Other Information:**
Check in is 3:00 pm - Check out is Noon.
No resort or service fee will be charged. However, there will be a $75.00 charge if you check out earlier than your reserved checkout date, unless you advise the hotel at or before check-in.
Cancellations must be made three (3) days prior to check-in date or a one-day fee will be charged.
Complimentary: High speed Internet access in sleeping rooms; local and 1-800 calls; access to health club and pool; and discount valet parking.
Southern Region ASHS Awards

Member Awards

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

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

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

Lenny Wells
University of Georgia
John Hutchison
Young Extension Worker Award

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

Dewayne Ingram
University of Kentucky
Paul Smeal
Leadership and Administration Award
Graduate Student Paper Awards

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

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

1st Place

Julie Gluckenberger
Auburn University.
Above-grade planting with organic matter improves post-transplant root growth and physiology of native shrubs.

Amit Vidram
Texas A&M University.
Interference of Bacterial Cell-Cell Signaling by Citrus Flavonoid

2nd Place

Patsy Wilson
University of Kentucky
Effects of Balanced Pruning and Cluster Thinning on Vigor, Yield, Fruit Composition and Wine Phenolics of Vidal blanc Grapevines

Kathryn Fontenot
Louisiana State University.
Phytoremediation of contaminated aquifers using nursery crops

3rd Place

Dexter Fontenot
Louisiana State University.
Determining optimum temperatures and seed enhancements for germinating Paspalum vaginatum seed

Amanda Broome
Texas Tech University.
Effect of elevated CO₂ and harvest schedule on photosynthetic efficiency and sensory quality of Allium fistulosum
Undergraduate Student Paper Award

J.B. Edmond
Undergraduate Student Paper Award

1st Place
Issac Wong
Texas A&M University.
In vitro Shoot Proliferation of 'Dog Ridge' Grape

2nd Place
Susannah Horton
Clemson University.
Designing a Memorial Garden for the Riley Child Development Center Emphasizing Education

3rd Place
Stephen Blanchette
Murray State University.
Evaluating Hard Pinch Timing of Dendranthemum x morifolium on Lateral Shoot Branching and Flowering Response

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Award

Best Graduate Poster Graduate Student

Suzanne O’Connell
North Carolina State University.
Nutrient Uptake Efficiency in Grafted Tomato Production and Implications for Organic Production Systems.

Extension Communications Blue Ribbon Winners

Commercial Tomato Production Handbook
University of Georgia
George E. Boyhan, Esendugue Greg Fonsah, Alton N. Sparks, Jr., David B. Langston, Jr., A. Stanley Culpepper, William Terry Kelley, Paul Sumner, Kerry Harrison, William C. Hurst

Greenhouse Production of Dianthus
Auburn University.
J. Raymond Kessler, Kari Dansereau, and William Lu

A Guide to Louisiana Friendly Landscaping
LSU AgCenter
Bill Branch, Bill Carney, Carrie Castille, Denyse Cummins, Don Ferrin, Bobby Fletcher, Jr., Stuart Gauthier, Dan Gill, Henry Harrison, Jessica Kastler, tom Koske, Brian LeBlanc, Allen Owings, Dale Pollet, Don Reed, Rene Schmit, Jay Stevens, and Ron Strahan

An Alternative Fumigation System to Replace Methyl Bromide
University of Georgia
William Terry Kelley, A. Stanley Culpepper, David B. Langston, Jr. and Brad Haire

Guía del Cultivo del Tomate en Invernaderos
Mississippi State University
Richard G. Snyder
Oklahoman’s Guide to Growing Fruits, Nuts and Vegetables
Oklahoma State University

Southeastern Pecan Growers Handbook
University of Georgia, Lenny Wells

Orange Felt (Orange Cane Blotch) of Blackberry
University of Georgia
Phillip M. Brannen

Association of Collegiate Branch Awards

Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding ACB Member
James Plyler
Texas A&M University

Outstanding ACB Club Award
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2nd Place - Texas A&M University
3rd Place - Mississippi State University.

Club Share Award
Stephen F. Austin University

J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest Awards

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

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

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

Overall

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

Greenhouse Floral & Foliage

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

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

Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding ACB Member

James Plyler
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Minutes
Annual Business Meeting
Southern Region ASHS
February 4, 2008

Presentation of Presidential Gavel

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

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

I. Call to Order

II. Recognition of Special Guests
The following were acknowledged: Mary Peet, President ASHS, Mike Neff, Executive Director ASHS, Mark Legendre, Executive Director SAAS.

III. Moment of Silence for Deceased Members
Kent Cushman, IFAS
Tom Brightwell, Univ. of Georgia
Joe Norton, Auburn
Jocelyn Couture-Nowak, Virginia Tech
Others from the floor: none

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

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

VI. Standing Committee’s Reports:

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

b. Nominations/Elections: Dr. David Reed, Chair
The Newly Elected Officers & Chairs for 2008 are:
President-Elect-Elect
Jim Ballington, North Carolina State University
Executive Committee Elect
Dale Maronek, Oklahoma State University
Section Chairs-Elect
Collegiate Branch (Edmond Paper Competition)
Mike Arnold, Texas A&M University

David Reed reported that total active members (dues paid) decreased from 328 in 2006 to 290 in 2007. This is a trend of decreasing membership that began in late 1990s. All members were requested to encourage their colleagues to become active in SRASHS. Membership dues are only $20.
VII. **ASHS Report:** Dr. Mary Peet, President
Mary presented an update report on national ASHS.

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

IX. **ACB Report & Introduction of New Officers:** Ms. Susan Murphy, ACB President
Susan Murphy introduced the new ACB Officers:
   - President, Dustin Blue
   - Vice-President, Amanda Krieg
   - Secretary, Kadie Koepp
   - Treasurer, Iris Clawson
   - ACB Rep, Shannon Slivinske
   - Newsletter Editor, Isaac Wong
The Outstanding ACB Club Member plaque was presented to James Plyler
James Plyler, Vice-President announced the winners of the J. Benton Storey Horticultural Judging Contest.

IX. **Old Business:** none

X. **New Business:** none

XI. **Other:** none

**Awards Program** – The society awards were presented.

**Presentation of Andy Anderson Gavel to President-Elect:**
Penny Perkins-Veazie presented the gavel to Doug Bailey

**Adjourn** – Doug Bailey, President-Elect, adjourned the meeting
Financial Report – 2007 Fiscal Year
Southern Region ASHS

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

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

Expenses
Abstract Publication $1,430.00
Accounting $927.50
Assoc. of Collegiate Branch $0.00
Awards $3,799.64
Clerical $159.00
Contributions $0.00
Meeting Expenses $1,929.65
Office Supplies $1,423.34
Plaques $809.74
Postage $1,033.72
Printing and Reproduction $534.38
SAAS Registration Fees $5,455.00
Secretary - Treasurer Travel $0.00
Travel $2,394.72
Transfer Out to CD's $4,000.00
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(Prepared and Reconciled by Gina Greig, Accountant)
Minutes
Executive Committee
Southern Region ASHS
February 3, 2008

Presiding: Joe Kemble, Chair
Committee Members Invited Guests
Joe Kemble, ‘08 Penny Perkins-Veazie, President, ‘07-08
Mike Arnold, ’09 Susan Murphy, ACB President, ’07-08
Charles Gilliam, ’10 Kim Pittcock, ACB Advisor, ’06-08
Richard Harkess, ‘11 David Reed, Secretary-Treasurer, ‘07-08
David Creech, ’12 Mike Neff, ASHS Headquarters
Cynthia McKenney, ’13 Mary Peet, ASHS President
Doug Bailey, President-Elect James Plyler, ACB VP

I. Call to Order: meeting called to order 6:05 pm
II. Adoption of Minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL: minutes approved
III. Collect Names of Deceased Members
Kent Cushman, IFAS
Jocelyne Couture-Nowak (wife of Jerzy Nowak), Virginia Tech
Tom Brightwell, Univ. of Georgia
Joe Norton, Auburn
John Seeley

IV. Appointments:
   a. Secretary-Treasurer: David Reed was appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 2008-09
   b. Nomination/Elections Committee: the following were appointed for 2008-09
      Amy Wright, Auburn
      Annette Wszelaki, Univ. of Tennessee
   c. ACB Advisor: Leo Lombardini was appoint for 2008-2010
   d. Awards Committee Membership:
      The Executive Committee discussed appointments to the Awards Committees. In the past, they were elected, and last year they were appointed by the President. To solve the problem of identifying potential members and to make sure those appointed to the committee would be committed to the job, and it was suggested that the awards committee might best be composed of former recipients. The following motion was made, seconded and approved.

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

V. Secretary-Treasurer Report: Dr. David Reed
The society is in sound financial condition. In 2007, income exceed expenses such that the society showed a small net growth. The endowments generated about $4,000 interest.

VI. SAAS Report: Dr. David Reed
The SAAS Board of Directors meeting will be Sunday, and a report will be given at the Annual Business meeting.

VII. ACB Report: Ms. Susan Murphy, ACB President
   a. Request registration funds to cover ACB expenses
      It has been the policy for ACB can request that registration fees to be used for ACB expenses, hence President Murphy made the following motion, which was seconded and approved.
Motion: The ACB requests that registration fees from ACB student members be used to defer the cost of ACB activities at the meeting.

b. ACB travel expenses to SR ASHS meetings.

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

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

c. ACB Officer Registration.

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

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

VIII. Old Business:

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

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

IX. New Business:

a. Smeal Leadership Award

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

b. President Room Comp.

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

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

X. Adjourn – Mike Arnold, President – Elect
## Membership Report
### Southern Region ASHS

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Call for 2008 Dues & Member Info
Southern Region ASHS

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

Payment Online (preferred method)
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) Fill-out and mail the following form, along with a check (your cancelled check will be your receipt) to the Secretary-Treasurer. **Make checks payable to:** Southern Region ASHS

Yearly dues: Member $20; ACB Club $30

**Corrections/Update Membership Directory Information**

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To receive e-mail updates/information, check areas of participation/interest

Sections
- Fruit Crops
- Vegetable Crops
- Floriculture/Ornamental/Turf
- PostHarvest/Biotechnology
- Education
- Extension

Working Groups
- National Cowpea Improvement Association
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Return to: (mail, fax or email form; mail dues)

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