

## 2009 Pre-Conference Newsletter



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**Southern Region**

**American Society for Horticultural Science**



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need. I imagine most of your institutions are in the same predicament. If you are, I know the pains you are encountering. Hold on--we'll get through these tense economic times.

In the previous newsletter, I mentioned that professional conferences offer many learning experiences. One of my learning experiences (that hopefully won't be repeated by anyone else) occurred while trying to leave Dallas. I rushed to the airport from the business meeting and had placed the W.S. Anderson SR-ASHS gavel in my carry-on computer bag. I now know that a wooden gavel is considered a dangerous weapon... Hopefully future presidents will learn from my experience and place the gavel in the checked luggage. See you in Atlanta! t

### Note From the President



We are extremely pleased that SR-ASHS and SAAS are coming to Atlanta in 2009. Your participation will make this another successful event. I hope you can join us for meetings, and if you do make it, please try to take in some of the wonderful attractions such as the World of Coca-Cola, the Georgia Aquarium, and CNN. Not only will you enjoy these attractions, you will receive our appreciation for supporting the economy of Georgia; something we at UGA desperately

### About the 2009 Meetings

**69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Southern Region of the**  
**American Society for Horticultural Sciences**  
**Atlanta, GA**  
**January 31 to February 2, 2009**

As usual the meeting will be in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist (SAAS).

### Tentative Program Schedule

A tentative program schedule appears on the following page. The exact times may change a bit as titles are added and/or deleted, but the day, general blocks of time, and room locations should remain the same. A tentative program with titles will be emailed in December, and a final version will be emailed in mid-January... The final program will be available at the meeting...

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

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

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

## Program at a Glance Saturday

Westin Peachtree	8:00				9:00					10:00					11:00					12:00					1:00					2:00					3:00					4:00					5:00				
Hotel Lobby	7:00 open																																																
International Room E	Registration																																																
International Room F	Pecan Research & Extension Forum																																																
International Room G	National Sweetpotato Collaborators																																																
Boardroom	Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers																																																
International Room B	Horticulture Administrators														Executive Com.				ACB, Club Share														ACB Group Lunch				ACB Activities or Tour										ACB Reception		

## Sunday

Westin Peachtree	8:00				9:00					10:00					11:00					12:00					1:00					2:00					3:00					4:00					5:00				
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International Room D	Watermelon Research Group																																																
International Room E	Edmond UG Paper Comp.				Childers M.S. Paper Competition														Barham Ph.D. Paper																														
International Room C	Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee														National Cowpea Improvement Association																																		
Vinings 1 & II	SAAS General Session																																																
Peachtree Ballroom	SAAS Reception																																																

## Monday

Westin Peachtree	8:00				9:00					10:00					11:00					12:00					1:00					2:00					3:00					4:00					5:00				
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International Room E	Floriculture, Orn. & Turf Section														Vegetable Crops Section																																		
International Room G	Fruit Crops Section														Fruit Crops Section																																		
Tower Room 1403	PostHarvest & Biotechnology Section																																																
Vinings Rooms	SAAS Ag Renewable Energy Symposium																																																

## Registration and Pre-Registration Information

Registration and Pre-Registration are the same rate. Pre-Registration is fully refunded if you cancel at any time and for any reason, therefore everyone is strongly encouraged to Pre-Register. Pre-Registration through the ASHS On-Line Store is preferred since it minimizes clerical work needed. If you Pre-Register by check, cancellation refunds will be issued after the registration deadline. If you Pre-Register through the ASHS Online Store, your cancellation refunds will be credited to your card.

### Pre-Registration

#### Option 1: Pre-Register Online and Pay by Credit Card

**Deadline:** January 20, 2008

Go to the ASHS web site (<http://ashs.org/>) and enter the ASHS Online Store (<http://shop.ashs.org/home.php>). In the Categories menu select the link: Southern Region ASHS Online Shopping Cart. You can pay for your meeting registration, annual dues, and ACB Club dues. You will receive a receipt via email. The Southern Region Secretary-Treasurer also will receive a record of those that pre-register. The ASHS Online Store is a secure site.

#### Option 2: Pre-Register by Mail and Pay by Check

**Deadline:** Received by January 20, 2009

Fill-out the Pre-Registration Form at the end of the Newsletter or download the Pre-Registration form from the Southern Region web site (<http://srashs.org/Forms/forms.html>). Mail the completed Pre-Registration Form and check (personal, institutional, organization, foundation) to the Secretary-Treasurer.

### Registration

**Deadline:** Register at the meeting in Atlanta

**Payment:** Credit card or check (personal, institutional, organization, foundation)

### 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

### Web site:

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1023>

### Nightly Room Rates:

Single/Double \$144, Triple/Quad \$164.

### Reservations:

#### Online registration:

December 14, 2007 to February 06, 2009

To make reservations online go to: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0712144908&key=54096>. Guests can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation.

#### Phone reservations:

January 27 through February 6, 2009

Call 1-800-937-8461 and ask for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group rate.

### 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.

### Airport Information

#### Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport

(Located 15 minutes from The Westin)

Hartsfield-Jackson Airport is accessible via local Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) trains and buses, downtown and suburban shuttles and interstate highways. The airport has a new Airport Information and Ground Transportation Center conveniently located in the arrival's lobby next door to Hertz Car Rental. The Center provides assistance to travelers requesting information pertaining to transportation services before they leave the terminal building.

### Downtown Transportation

#### MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority)

Atlanta's rail system is one block from The Westin and serves the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

## Atlanta Attractions

### [Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta](#)

275 Centennial Olympic Park Dr. NW  
Atlanta, GA 30313-1827  
404-659-5437

### [Underground Atlanta](#)

50 Upper Alabama Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
404-523-2311

### [World of Coca-Cola](#)

121 Baker St. NW  
Atlanta, GA 30313-1807  
(404) 676-5151

### [The Georgia Aquarium](#)

225 Baker Street  
Atlanta, GA 30313  
404-581-4000

### [CNN Studio Tours](#)

One CNN Center  
Atlanta, GA 30348  
404-827-2300

### [Martin Luther King Jr National Historic Site](#)

424 Irwin St NE  
Atlanta, GA 30312  
404-331-5190

### [Atlanta Botanical Garden](#)

1345 Piedmont Ave. NE  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
404-876-5859

### [Fernbank Museum of Natural History](#)

767 Clifton Road, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30307  
404.929.6300

### [Zoo Atlanta](#)

800 Cherokee Ave. SE  
Atlanta, GA 30315  
404-624-9453

### [Fernbank Science Center](#)

156 Heaton Park Drive, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30307  
678-874-7102

### [Atlanta History Center](#)

130 West Paces Ferry Road, NW

## Note to Paper Presenters

**Presentation Format:** Presenters must bring their presentations as a Power Point presentation saved on a USB memory device or CD. It is advisable to bring your presentation in at least two forms for redundancy. If you would like to bring your presentation in another storage form (Zip, Jazz, SD, etc.), check with the Chair ahead of time to make sure their computer will accept that form.

## Abstract Preparation Instructions:

Prepare abstracts according to the Abstract Preparation Instructions and Submission handout given on the Forms link of the Southern Region web site: <http://srashs.org/forms/forms.html>. Each abstract must be submitted as a separate Word (.doc) file. If you use another word processing language, save and submit the abstract as a rich text format (.rtf) file. Email your abstract to the Chair before the meeting or you may submit the abstract in a file format to the Chair at the meeting. The Chair may give a few days grace period to send the abstract by email after the meeting. All abstracts must be formatted properly.

## Note to Section Chairs

Section Chairs are responsible for bringing a laptop computer and projector for their Section. If this is a problem, contact the Secretary-Treasurer immediately. Collect abstracts at the meeting or give the presenters a few days to submit abstracts to you by email. Send abstracts to Ruth Gaumont at [rgaumont@ashs.org](mailto:rgaumont@ashs.org) by February 15, 2008. Check that all abstracts are formatted properly

## Fall 2008 Election Results

Congratulations to the following individuals who were elected in the Fall 2008 Elections.

### President-Elect-Elect

(will preside over 2011 meeting)

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

### Executive Committee Elect

(will serve starting with 2010 meeting)

**Janet Cole, Oklahoma State**

### Section Chairs-Elect

(will plan 2010 meeting)

### Education Section

**Richard Harkess, Mississippi State University**

### Extension Section

**Bobby Boozer, Auburn University**

### Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section

**Allen Owings, Louisiana State University**

### Fruit Crops Section

**Elina Coneva, Auburn University**

**Vegetable Crops Section**

Annette Wszelaki, University of Tennessee

**Postharvest and Biotechnology Section**

Donna Marshall, USDA Mississippi

**Poster Section**

Gary Bachman, Mississippi State University

**Collegiate Branch (Edmond Paper) Section**

David Creech, Stephen F. Austin University

**Membership Directory and Dues**

We've tried our best to prepare an accurate Membership Directory. The Membership Directory is available on the Southern Region web site at:

[srashs.org/MembershipDirectory/directory.html](http://srashs.org/MembershipDirectory/directory.html).

Please notify the Secretary-Treasurer if there are any errors or updates needed.

The Membership Directory also contains the years for which each member has paid dues going back several years. Would you please look over your record for dues paid and notify the Secretary-Treasurer of any errors?

Note the Directory will not reflect dues paid through ASHS since August 2007. Mike sends those records quarterly.

Also, SRASHS By Laws state that dues apply to the year paid. Thus, to be considered active for the 2009 meetings in Atlanta, many members need to pay dues for 2009. You can pay your dues at the meetings, with your yearly ASHS membership, or through the ASHS Online Store at: <http://shop.ashs.org/home.php>

**Mark Your Calendars****Future Meetings Sites**

**2010 - Orlando, FL**

**2011 Corpus Christi, TX**

**2012 Birmingham, AL**

## 2008-2009 Officers, Chairs and Committees

(term of office is from end of 2008 meeting through 2009 meeting)

Officers	Name	E-mail
President	Doug Bailey	dabailey@uga.edu
President -Elect	Jim Ballington	jim_ballington@ncsu.edu
Secretary-Treasurer	David Reed	dwreed@tamu.edu

### Executive Committee

Chair	Mike Arnold	ma-arnold@tamu.edu
Member	Charles Gilliam	gillic1@auburn.edu
Member	Richard Harkess	rharkess@pss.msstate.edu
Member	David Creech	dcreech@sfasu.edu
Member	Cynthia McKenney	cynthia.mckenney@ttu.edu
Member	Dale Maronek	Dale.maronek@okstate.edu
Member, President-Elect	Jim Ballington	jim_ballington@ncsu.edu

### Nominating Committee

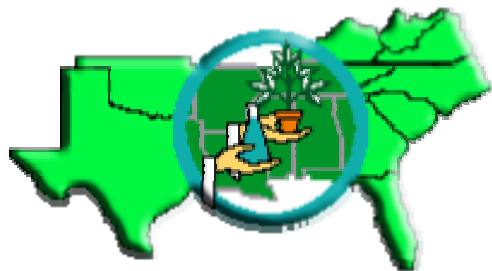
Chair, Senior Retired President	Scott NeSmith	snesmith@griffin.uga.edu
Member, Immediate Past President	Penny Perkins-Veazie	pperkins-usda@lane-ag.org
Member	Rick Snyder	ricks@ra.msstate.edu
Member	Teddy Morelock	morelock@uark.edu
Member	Richard Harkess	rharkess@pss.msstate.edu
Member	Amy Wright	wrightam@auburn.edu
Member	Annette Wszelaki	annettew@utk.edu

### Section Chairs

Education Section	Brian Kahn	brian.kahn@okstate.edu
Extension Section	David Lockwood	dlockwood@utk.edu
Floriculture, Ornamentals & Turf Section	Ed Bush	ebush@agctr.lsu.edu
Fruit Crops Sections	Eric Stafne	eric.t.stafne@okstate.edu
Poster Section	Christine Coker	ccoker@ra.msstate.edu
Postharvest/Biotechnology Section	Elizabeth Baldwin	ebaldwin@citrus.usda.gov
Vegetables Crops Section	Terry Kelley	wtkelley@uga.edu
Collegiate Branch	Mike Arnold	ma-arnold@tamu.edu

### Paper Competition Chairs

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Paper		
ACB President (Moderator)	Dustin Blue	dustin.blue@murraystate.edu
Chair (Judge Coordinator)	Mike Arnold	ma-arnold@tamu.edu
SRASHS President (Intro. Session)	Doug Bailey	dabailey@uga.edu
Norm F. Childers M.S. Paper	Jim Ballington	jim_ballington@ncsu.edu
Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Paper	Jim Ballington	jim_ballington@ncsu.edu



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**Mail Completed Form and Check to:**

David Wm. Reed  
 Secretary-Treasurer SRASHS  
 Dept. Horticultural Sciences  
 Texas A&M University  
 College Station, TX 77843-2133  
 E-Mail: [dwreed@tamu.edu](mailto:dwreed@tamu.edu)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

University/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are registering more than one person, list their name and categories: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REGISTRATION FEE**

Member (Faculty, Professional, Commercial) Registration..... @ \$100.00 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Student Registration ..... @ \$40.00 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Student Registration ..... @ \$20.00 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

ACB Club Registration ..... @ \$20.00 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES**

Member dues (applies to year paid, or rolls over to the next unpaid year).... @ \$20.00 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

ACB Club dues (applies to year paid, or rolls over to the next unpaid year) @ \$30.00 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***\*To Pre-Register Online and Pay by Credit Card use the ASHS On-Line Store:***

<http://shop.ashs.org/home.php>

*Do not submit this form if you register online.*