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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Meetings moved to Friday-Sunday**

At the 2013 meetings, the Executive Committee decided to schedule the 2014 meetings Friday through Sunday as opposed to the traditional Saturday through Monday. Why? Mondays are very busy days at Universities, and beginning the meetings at the end of the work week may offer fewer conflicts with classes and other University activities. Most societies at SAAS meet Sunday-Tuesday. Thus, there would be greater availability of meeting rooms for Friday and Saturday. For two of our three days, basically we would have the facilities to ourselves. Yet, there are days that overlap with other societies for interdisciplinary interaction.

**About the 2014 Annual Meeting**

**75th Annual Meeting**

**Dallas, TX**

**January 31 -February 3, 2014**

SRASHS will meet in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist (SAAS) in Dallas, Texas. Lodging will be available at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. Meetings will be held in the hotel's conference center located directly across Olive Street from the hotel's main entrance. For more pre-conference information go to: [http://saasinc.org/2014-Dallas/Welcome_page.asp](http://saasinc.org/2014-Dallas/Welcome_page.asp)

**Schedule of Meetings**

To maintain the historical scheduling sequence, the entire program will be moved as a block one day earlier. See the last page of newsletter for greater detail.

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

- Poster session set-up and viewing
- ACB judging contest
- Working Group Meetings
- Extension and Education Sections meetings.
- Judging student oral paper and poster competitions

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**SR-ASHS Web Site Address** | **ASHS Web Site Address** | **SAAS Web Site Address**
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srashs.org | ashs.org | saasinc.org
• SAAS Board Meeting

Sunday
• Poster session and viewing
• ACB Business meeting and election of officers
• Commodity Sections meetings
• Business Meeting
• Super Bowl Party

Early Hotel Registration Information
For those who want to register early.

Sheraton Dallas Hotel
400 Olive Street
Dallas, TX 75201

Group Lodging Rates:
$149 for Single/Double Rooms
$169 for Triple/Quad Rooms

Reservations: 1-888-627-8191 (Identify yourself as a member of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists.) Under Construction - online lodging reservations for SAAS members

NOTE: Rooms are available at group rate from January 29 until February 7 (3 days prior to and after the meeting dates).

Deadline for group rates: Friday, January 17, 2014 - 5:00 PM – EST

Check in: 3:00 PM
Check out: Noon

Lodging Cancellation Policy: Deposits are refundable if notice is received by Hotel at least 7 days prior to arrival and a cancellation number is obtained

Early Departure Policy: To avoid a $50 fee, hotel must be notified of early departure before or at the time of check-in.

Group Rate Benefits:
Free self-parking in Parking Garage for SAAS participants. (Note: $20 fee per car per day for valet overnight parking.)
Complimentary local and 800 calls.

Complimentary access to Fitness Center and Health Club.

Pre-Conference Newsletter
The Pre-Conference Newsletter will be emailed in December. It will contain detailed information on meeting registration, lodging, transportation, local attractions, and the final program. Hard copies will be distributed at the meetings.

Future Meetings Sites
2014 Dallas, TX
2015 Atlanta, GA
2016 San Antonio, TX
2017 Mobile, AL
2018 Jacksonville, FL

Where to Get All Needed Forms
The Southern Region web site: srashs.org
• ACB Awards Nomination Forms
• Member Awards Nomination Forms
• Submit Paper Titles & Instructions
• Abstract Preparation Instructions
• Instructions to Section Chairs
• Submit Directory Information
• Instructions to Judges

Southern Region Dues
ASHS Headquarters collects and manages dues for the Southern Region. It is recommended that you pay your dues with your yearly ASHS membership. If you are not a member of National ASHS, you can pay your dues through the ASHS Online Store at http://shop.ashs.org/home.php or at the annual meetings. Dues are $30. Notice: Dues must be paid to be elected to an office or to receive an award.
Call for Paper Titles – Sections

**Deadlines:**
- November 1: Authors email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
- November 27: Section Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

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

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

**If all authors have the same address, use the following format for Paper Titles:**
Identification of the Compounds Contributing to Antioxidant Activity in Specialty Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum* L.). Lavanya Reddivari* and J.C. Miller, Jr., Department of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2133. (lavanya@neo.tamu.edu)

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

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**Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section**  
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**Poster Section**  
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Call for Paper Titles – Student Paper Competitions

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

Send Titles to the Section Chairs

**Undergraduate Student Paper Competition**

**J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Competition.**
Matthew Chappell, Chair
UGA Horticulture Department
324 Hoke Smith Building
Athens, GA 30602
hortprod@uga.edu

**Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster Competition**

**National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards**
Tom Ranney, Chair
North Carolina State Univ.
Mountain Hort. Crops REC
445 Research Dr.
Fletcher, NC 28732
tom_ranney@ncsu.edu

**Graduate Student Paper Competition**

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

**Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Competition**
and

**Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Competition**

Wayne Mackay, Chair
Environmental Horticulture
The University of Florida
1549 W.M. Fifiel Hall
Gainesville, FL 32611-0670
wmackay@ufl.edu
Working Group Sessions

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

Registration: All participants in the Working Groups must register for the SR-ASHS meeting.
Deadlines: November 27 - Working Group Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

Abstract Publication: In order to publish abstracts presented in the Working Group Sessions, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference by one of the authors. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Working Group Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org). The group of abstracts are submitted by the Working Group Chair to the Chair of the most appropriate Commodity Section; the abstracts will be published as a block under a sub-heading of the Section.
Deadlines: December 2: Working Group Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, agenda items, etc. properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

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

Horticulture Administrators
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Environmental Horticulture
The University of Florida
1549 W.M. Fifield Hall
Gainesville, FL 32611-0670
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Pecan Research & Extension Forum
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Call for Nominations for Student Awards

**Student Paper and Poster Awards**

Submit to Chair: Submit paper titles to the respective Chairs in Call for Student Paper Competition Titleless.

ACB Club and Club Member Awards

Requirements: See below for each award

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

Nomination Form: Download Outstanding Club Award and Hammett Outstanding Club Member Award forms from the Southern Region website: srashs.org

Deadlines:
November 1 - Nomination packet submitted to the ACB Faculty Advisor
December 13 - ACB Faculty Advisor submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

Judging Contest Awards
Judging Contest Awards are determined at the meetings.

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**Student Paper Awards**

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

**Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Awards**
Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by M.S. students. The awards are certificates and checks for $300, $200 and $100 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Dr. Norman F. Childers.

**Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Awards**
Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by Ph.D. students. The awards are certificates and checks for $300, $200 and $100 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Dr. Warren S. Barham Endowment.

**National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards**
One award is given for the best undergraduate student poster and one for the best graduate student poster. The awards are certificates and $100 for undergraduate and graduate poster. The award is sponsored by the National Cowpea Improvement Association.

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**Association of Collegiate Branch Awards**

**Outstanding Club Award**
Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ACB Clubs (active dues paid clubs) based on the club’s activity record for the previous academic year. The awards are certificates and checks for $150, $100 and $50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

**Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding Association of Collegiate Branch Member**
The award is given to the student judged to be the Outstanding ACB Club Member. The award consists of a plaque.

**J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest Awards**
Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place clubs and individuals in each commodity category. Only one team per ACB club or department may compete for awards. The ACB club must have current dues paid, and all student competitors must be registered for the current meeting. Individual students may judge as space allows. Clubs sign-up to compete at the meeting. If possible, clubs that plan on competing should notify the ACB Faculty Advisor prior to the meeting. The award consists of certificates.

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Send Nominations to ACB Faculty Advisor
Jeff Adkins, ACB Advisor
Dept. of Agriculture
Stephen F. Austin State University
PO Box 13000
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adkinsja@sfasu.edu
Call for Nominations for Member Awards

Requirements: See below for each award.
Submit to Chair: Mail or e-mail Nominations to Awards Chair listed below.
Nomination Form: Download Nomination Forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org
Deadlines: November 1 - Nominations submitted to Award Chairs
December 13 - Award Chairs submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award
The award recognizes outstanding teaching.
Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) classroom teaching and advising for 10 or more years, with primary emphasis in undergraduate teaching; (3) substantial portion of effort in teaching regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Teaching Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for $200. The award is endowed by Dr. Jeannie P. Miller, wife of Dr. Miller. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Teaching Award.
Send nominations to:
Pat Williams, Chair
Murray State Univ.
Houston School of Agriculture
213S Oakley Applied Science
Murray, KY 42071
pwilliams@murraystate.edu

Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research Award
The award recognizes outstanding research.
Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) outstanding record in research on one or more horticultural crops and in one or more areas of horticultural research for a period of 10 or more years; (3) substantial portion of effort in research regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Research Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for $200. The award is endowed by Dr. J. Creighton Miller, Jr. in memory of his father. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Research Award.
Send nominations to:
Don Labonte, Chair
Louisiana State Univ.
131 Julian C. Miller Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
dlabonte@agcenter.lsu.edu

Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing
The award is presented in recognition of the best paper developed from doctoral research.
Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) doctoral research completed at a university in the Southern Region; (3) one paper per senior author and submitted only once; (4) submitted prior to awarding degree and up to 18 months after completion of degree; (5) in format of Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science or HortScience. The award consists of a plaque and a check for $200. The award was endowed by the late Dr. Alfred Krezdorn.
Send nominations to:
Dennis Werner, Chair
Department of Horticultural Sciences
North Carolina State University
PO Box 7609
Raleigh, NC 27695-7609
dennis_werner@ncsu.edu

Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award
The award is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership and administration, which contributes to the progress of professional horticulture.
Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) active administrator and leader as Department Chair or Head, or College or University administrator at a University in the Southern Region; or administrators of horticultural units, such as Universities, USDA stations, botanical gardens, arboreta, etc, with a minimum of 6 faculty equivalent positions in horticulture. (3) not a member of the selection committee.
Send nominations to:
Mike Arnold, Chair
Department of Horticultural Sciences
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-2133
ma-arnold@tamu.edu

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

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

**Send nominations to:**
Richare Hassell, Chair
Clemson University
Coastal Research & Education Center
2700 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29414
rhassel@clemson.edu

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**John E. Hutchison Extension Award for Young Professionals**
The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by a young Extension Worker.

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

**Send nominations to:**
Lenny Wells, Chair
University of Georgia
Tifton Campus
4604 Research Way
Tifton, GA 31793
lwells@uga.edu

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**Extension Communications Awards**
The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the understanding of horticultural subjects in written, video, audio and electronic form.

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

**Send nominations to:**
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North Carolina State Univ.
Mountain Hort. Crops REC
455 Research Dr.
Mills River, NC 28759
jeanine_davis@ncsu.edu
# 2013-2014 Officers, Chairs and Committees

**(Term of office is from end of 2013 meeting through 2014 meeting)**

**Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science**

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**Friday, January 1**

- **Hotel Lobby**: 7:00 open
- **Majestic Room 3**: Pecan Research & Extension Forum
- **Majestic Room 4**: Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers
- **Majestic Room 5**: National Sweet Potato Collaborators
- **Majestic Room 2**: Horticulture Administrators
- **Majestic Room 1**: Executive Com.
- **Hotel Lobby**: 7:00 open
- **Majestic Room 3**: ACB Club Share
- **Majestic Room 4**: ACB Group Lunch
- **Majestic Room 5**: ACB Activities or Tour
- **Majestic Room 2**: ACB Reception

**Saturday, February 1**

- **Grand Hall Preconvene**: Poster Session Set-Up
- **Dallas Ballroom B**: Judging Contest Set-Up
- **Majestic Room 1**: J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest
- **Majestic Room 8**: Watermelon Research Group
- **Majestic Room 2**: Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee
- **Majestic Room 5**: National Cowpea Improvement Association
- **Majestic Room 3**: Vegetable Crops Section
- **Majestic Room 4**: Edmond UG Paper Comp.
- **Majestic Room 1**: Childers M.S. Paper Competition
- **Majestic Room 2**: Barham Ph.D. Paper Comp.

**Sunday, February 2**

- **Grand Hall Preconvene**: Poster Session Viewing
- **Dallas Ballroom A**: ACB Business Meeting
- **Majestic Room 4**: Business Meeting Awards Program
- **Majestic Room 3**: Vegetable Crops Section
- **Majestic Room 1**: Vegetable Crops Section
- **Majestic Room 3**: Floriculture, Ornamentals & Turf Section
- **Majestic Room 5**: Floriculture, Ornamentals & Turf Section
- **Majestic Room 2**: PostHarvest & Biotechnology Section