

2018 Fall Newsletter

Call for Paper Titles and Award Nominations



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About the 82nd Annual Meeting

January 31-February 5, 2019
Sheraton Birmingham Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama

SRASHS will meet in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist (SAAS) in Birmingham, AL at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel.

Schedule of the Meetings

The general schedule of the meetings will be:

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, Education and any other overflow Sections meetings.
- Edmund, Childers, Barham and Poster Judging competitions
- SAAS Board Meeting

Sunday

- Poster session and viewing
- ACB Business meeting and election of new officers
- Commodity Section meetings.
- Business Meeting
- Super Bowl Party if you hang around

Forms

Where to Get All Needed Forms

The Southern Region web site:

<http://srashs.org/Forms/forms.html>

- ACB Awards Nomination Forms
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award Nomination form
- 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 <https://ashs.site-ym.com/store/default.aspx?> or at the annual meetings. Dues are \$30. Notice: Dues must be paid to be elected to an office or to receive an award.

SR-ASHS Web Site Address
srashs.org

ASHS Web Site Address
ashs.org

SAAS Web Site Address
saasinc.org

Call for Paper Titles – Sections

Deadlines: November 9 - Authors: email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
November 16 - 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: 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)

If authors have separate addresses, use the following format for Paper Titles:

Molecular Marker Analysis of a Segregating Blackberry Population. Eric T. Stafne^{1*}, John R. Clark¹, and Kim S. Lewers², ¹316 Plant Science, Department of Horticulture, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701, ²USDA-ARS Fruit Lab., 10300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705. (estafne@uark.edu)

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

Send Titles to Section Chairs

Education Section

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101 Funchess Hall
Auburn, AL 36849
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Extension Section

Lucy Bradley, Chair
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Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section

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Fruit Crops Section

Amanda McWhirt, Chair
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amcwhirt@uaex.edu

Postharvest/Biotechnology Section

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Oklahoma State University
360 Ag. Hall
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Stillwater, OK 74078
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Vegetables Crops Section

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Gainesville, FL 32611
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Poster Section

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Mississippi State Univ.
Truck Crops Res. & Ext. Ctr.
PO Box 231
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
rick.snyder@msstate.edu

Call for Paper Titles – Student Paper Competitions

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Send Titles to the Section Chairs

Students may also present their paper or poster in the Commodity Section, if they submit the title to the appropriate Section Chair and 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.

Undergraduate Student Paper Competitions

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

Jay Spiers, Chair
Auburn University
Dept of Horticulture
101 Funchess Hall
Auburn, AL 36849
jds0017@auburn.edu

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster Competition

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Competition

Rick Snyder, Chair
Mississippi State Univ.
Truck Crops Res. & Ext. Ctr.
PO Box 231
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
rick.snyder@msstate.edu

Graduate Student Paper Competition

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

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

Bodie Pennisi, Chair
CAES-Griffin Campus
1109 Experiment Street
University of Georgia
Griffin, GA 30223
bpennisi@uga.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.
Abstract Titles Deadlines: November 16- For titles and agenda to appear in the SAAS Program.
 December 14 –For titles and agenda to appear in the Southern Region Program.
 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: 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 is 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.

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

Horticulture Administrators

Dean Kopsell, Chair
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 1545 Fifield Hall
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 dean.kopsell@ufl.edu

Southern Fruit Workers

Rachel Itle, Chair
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 Griffin, GA 30223
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Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee

Blair Buckley, Chair
 LSU AgCenter
 Red River Research Station
 262 Research Station Drive
 Bossier City, LA 71112
 bbuckley@agctr.lsu.edu

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National Cowpea Improvement Association

Blair Buckley, Chair
 LSU AgCenter
 Red River Research Station
 262 Research Station Drive
 Bossier City, LA 71112
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National Sweet Potato Collaborators

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 NC State University
 Raleigh, NC 27695-7625
 boyette@ncsu.edu

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 Titles

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 Forms: Download award forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org

Deadlines: November 9 - Nomination packet submitted to the ACB Faculty Advisor
December 14 - ACB Faculty Advisor submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

Student Oral & Poster Awards

(Submit titles to Chairs listed in Call for Paper
Titles – Student Paper Competitions)

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 \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Norman F. Childers Endowment.

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 \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by 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.

Norman F. Childers' Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Award is given to the outstanding graduate student in the southern region. The award is \$1,000 funded by the Childers Endowment.

Send nominations to:

Tim Davis, Chair

Texas A&M University
Dept. of Horticultural Sciences
202 HFSB, Mail Stop 2133
College Station, TX 77843
t-davis5@tamu.edu

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 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.

Send Nominations to ACB Faculty Advisor

Steve Still, ACB Advisor
Murray State University
Hutson School of Agriculture
401S Oakley Applied Science Building
Murray, Kentucky 42071
ssill@murraystate.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 9 - Nominations submitted to Award Chairs December 14 - 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:

Jay Spiers, Chair
Auburn University
Dept of Horticulture
101 Funchess Hall
Auburn, AL 36849
jds0017@auburn.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:

Genhua Niu, Chair
Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station
Dept Horticultural Sciences
1380 A&M Circle
El Paso, TX 79927
gniu@ag.tamu.edu

Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing

The award is presented in recognition of the best published paper developed from doctoral research.

Requirements: (1) award recipient and/or primary advisor must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) submit reprint of paper published in any refereed journal, (3) paper published within calendar year of award due date and the previous calendar year; therefore for this cycle the paper must have been published in calendar year 2017 or 2018, (4) doctoral research must have been completed in horticulture at a university in the Southern Region; (5) one paper per senior author and submitted only once. The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award was endowed by the late Dr. Alfred Krezdorn.

Send nominations to:

Ramon Arancibia, Chair
Virginia Tech
Eastern Shore AREC
33446 Research Drive
Painter, VA 23420
raran@vt.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:

Patricia Knight, Chair

Mississippi State Univ.
PO Box 193
Poplarville, MS 39470
patricia.knight@msstate.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:

Michael L. Parker, Chair
North Carolina State Univ.
Dept. of Horticultural Science
Box 7609
Raleigh, NC 27695
mike_parker@ncsu.edu

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:

Peter Dittmar, Chair
University of Florida
Dept. of Horticultural Science
PO Box 110690
Gainesville, FL 32611
pdittmar@ufl.edu

Extension Communications Awards

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the understanding of horticultural subjects. Submissions may be circulars, bulletins, tabloids, manuals, newspaper series, fact sheets, video, computer programs, and other methods of electronic delivery.

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 (print, electronic or digital) 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:

Joe Kemble, Chair
Auburn Univ.
Dept. of Horticulture
101 Funchess Hall
Auburn, AL 36849-5408
kembljm@auburn.edu

2018-2019 Officers, Chairs and Committees

(Term of office is from end of 2018 meeting through 2019 meeting meeting)

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Member	Bill Evans	wbe@ra.msstate.edu
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Member	will elect Fall 2018	
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Member, President-Elect	Bodie Pennesi	bpennisi@uga.edu
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Childers and Barham Grad Competition	Bodie Pennisi	bpennisi@uga.edu
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Southern Fruit Workers	Rachel Itle	ritle@uga.edu

Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee	Blair Buckley	bbuckley@agctr.lsu.edu
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