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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Richard Mankin

Old and New. Like most scholarly organizations that have been around a while, the Florida Entomological Society (FES) is a mixture of old and new. Consider the *Florida Entomologist*, for example, now at Volume 87. That's old. However, it has a different format than five years ago (I think it's improved), and now that our journal is on BioOne, it is being accessed much more frequently than in the 1900s. Another example is free web access to journal articles that *Florida Entomologist* has provided since 1993. That's old news too. There is recently renewed debate, however, on how scholarly societies and commercial publishers will provide access to journals in the future (see articles by Tom Walker and others posted at <http://www.nature.com/nature/focus/accessdebate/>). We can be proud of the example FES has set, and encourage other organizations to make innovations that facilitate international communication among scientists.

At those long Executive Committee sessions, we've been listening to suggestions from FES committee chairs and journal editors, and have been tweaking the system to improve the quality of FES services:

- FES has initiated a new category, Corporate Membership, to maintain support for students as our overall membership declines, and to provide opportunities for our industry members to enhance their visibility at annual meetings (see <http://flaentsoc.org/membapp.htm>).
- The new editor of the *Florida Entomologist*, Jim Nation, has asked authors to submit a disk version of new manuscripts so that we can speed the process of obtaining reviews (see <http://flaentsoc.org/auinstr.htm>).
- At the upcoming Annual Meeting (July 25-28, in Ft. Lauderdale), students will be able to compete in MS and Ph.D. sessions (see below). This will be fairer to younger students who may be doing excellent research but haven't amassed the experience and skills of their older colleagues.
- Finally, there have been no significant changes to the FES bylaws and guidelines since 1998, and several changes have been proposed for your consideration,

primarily as housekeeping items or updates to lists. The current version and the proposed changes are posted, respectively, at: <http://flaentsoc.org/fes-guidelines.pdf> and <http://flaentsoc.org/operatingguidelines2004.rtf>. We would like to vote on these during the Annual Business Meeting in July. Please look them over. If there are any controversial items, they can be discussed at the meeting or postponed for further review.

Let us know how these changes work for you. Providing useful service to members is a primary goal of FES. The society will not be around for Volume 175 of *Florida Entomologist* if we don't keep our members happy!

Kudos. This is a busy time of year for the Education Committee, and I would like to extend a special thanks to Jim Price, Jeff Shapiro, Wayne Dixon, and other FES members who participated in the Florida State Fair in Tampa, February 5-16, and the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair in Jacksonville, April 15. The Insect Encounters exhibit at the State Fair was not just a FES enterprise, but also included EPCOT, the Florida Division of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Florida Mosquito Control Association, the University of Florida, USDA-ARS, and USDA-APHIS. This was the last year for the "bee beard and hive" exhibit by Lawrence Cutt, who is retiring. However, the bee folks do plan to have an exhibit next year, and Jerry Hayes is working to set up a walkthrough honeycomb display.

Thanks also to Fiscal Committee members, Robert Meagher and Susie Legaspi, for looking over the FES books and offering perspective on our economic well-being.

Voluntary service on committees, refereeing and editing of manuscripts, and organization of symposia are important FES activities that can also be personally rewarding experiences. There are several positions opening up this year on the Fiscal, Student Activities, Newsletter, and Membership committees. If you have an interest in serving on a committee, serving as a reviewer or editor, or setting up a symposium in 2005, please let me know. Otherwise, I may be twisting your arm soon anyway!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Edited minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, held April 21, 2004 at the USDA-Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology in Gainesville, Florida, follow below. The original version is posted on the FES website, www.flaentsoc.org.

Attendees: Katie Barbara, Ken Bloem, Eileen Buss, Cara Congdon, Teresa DuChene, Howard Frank, David Hall, Steve Lapointe, Susie Legaspi, Oscar Liburd, Richard Mankin, Rob Meagher, Jim Nation, Rudi Scheffrahn, Tom Walker, Lois Wood.

Business Manager Report (T. DuChene): Financial report is current through March 31, 2004: Morgan Stanley \$80,637.83, Bank of America \$27,159.88, for total assets of \$107,797.71. We have a tentative meeting set with the Bahia Mar resort in Ft. Lauderdale on May 24. One item we all need to remember and pass on to members is to make hotel reservations with the Bahia Mar **on or before July 6**. We have a great rate to offer our meeting attendees who are Federal employees. With the proper identification, Federal employees receive a \$69.00 single/double rate. All other attendees will receive an \$89.00 rate. We had 5 students receive travel money grants for attending the ESA meeting in 2003. We need to make a few changes or maybe just fine-tune the method used to send E. O. Painter our current Sustaining member list. Current membership is: Student (39), Regular (246), Subscription (128), and Sustaining (22).

Fiscal Committee (R. Meagher): The Fiscal Committee (R. Meagher, Chair and Susie Legaspi) met on April 21, 2004 at 10:30 am. Teresa DuChene provided financial statements and check receipts to inspect. The financial records appeared to be in order and the Committee thanks Teresa for being organized and for keeping the Society in good financial order. Therefore, the Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that Teresa's commission be increased from \$11,000 to \$11,500. Increase approved. The Fiscal Committee recommended that the commission of the editor of *Florida Entomologist* be increased to \$4100.00. Increase approved. The Fiscal Committee recommended that Teresa not separate accounting into Department 1 and Department 2. The Committee requests that a serious effort be made to replace its members. Susie Legaspi requests that she be rotated off the Committee and Committee Chair Rob Meagher also requests removal. He will stay on for one more year if necessary to train new members, but requests that 2005 be his last year.

Program (S. Lapointe): Six symposia are scheduled, one on Monday afternoon, two on Tuesday morning, two Tuesday afternoon, and one Wednesday morning. The mixer is scheduled for Monday evening; the Awards Luncheon is

scheduled for Tuesday. Contributed papers will be Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. The student competition is scheduled for Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. There was discussion about separating the M.S. and Ph.D. competition and initiating a poster competition. The Student competition will now have two awards (First and Second Place) for the M.S. and Ph.D. competition. The poster competition was not approved.

Local Arrangements (R. Scheffrahn): Teresa and Rudi will tour the Bahia Mar on May 24 to decide on meetings rooms and other needs for the Annual Meeting.

Public Relations (O. Liburd): An announcement for the FES Annual Meeting was provided to the Entomology societies of Colombia (Sociedad Colombiana de Entomologia), Mexico (Sociedad Mexicana de Entomologia), and Venezuela (Sociedad Venezolana de Entomologia). The meeting was also announced in the Entomological Society of America's newsletter. It was discussed whether we should announce our meeting in local radio and newspapers. It was decided that we should send press releases.

Honors and Awards (K. Bloem): The Committee requests nominations for the eight awards that are presented.

Education Committee (J. Price): The Education Committee organized Insect Encounters at the 5-16 February 2004 Florida State Fair in Tampa. Insect Encounters offered entomological insights to fair visitors through living, pinned, photographic, and videographic insect contributions and many handouts and activities. Numerous agencies and entomological entities within Florida, including EPCOT, the Florida Division of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Florida Mosquito Control Association, the University of Florida, USDA-ARS, and USDA-APHIS contributed material and staffing. The excellent subject matter and presentation and the great location at the Agricultural Hall of Fame attracted crowds throughout the 11 days. Florida's citizens and visitors departed Insect Encounters with an enhanced appreciation of the insect life in Florida. On April 15, 2004, an FES judging team of Jeff Shapiro, Robert Meagher, Chris Geden, Uli Bernier, Genie White, and Everett Foreman selected the following two winners for the Special Awards in Senior and Junior divisions, respectively, at the 49th Science & Engineering Fair of Florida in Jacksonville: **Tyler Gary**, DeSoto County High School, Arcadia, FL. Teacher: Mrs. Marlou Zolkos. Title: How far will the "Mole cricket nematode" (*Steinernema scapterisci*) spread from its original infection plot in one year's time?; and, **Lindsey D. Tillman**, Wildwood Middle School, Wildwood, FL. Teacher: Ms. Susan M. Swartzfager. Title: A beetle a day keeps the soda apple away.

Newsletter (L. Wood): The next newsletter will be published in early June. A request was made for various contributions, due May 15. It was also suggested that only

an electronic version of the Newsletter be provided. The Society will work toward this goal. After many years of dedication to the FES Newsletter, Lois is looking for a replacement editor. If anyone is interested, please contact Lois Wood at the Entomology and Nematology Department, University of Florida.

Nominating (H. Frank): Candidate names for Vice-President (Geri Cashion) and Member-At-Large (Forrest W. Howard – University of Florida, Ft. Lauderdale) were presented.

Computer Resources (R. Mankin): Tom Walker has contributed an article to a Nature web forum: “Access to the literature: the debate continues.” The article, entitled “Open access by the article: an idea whose time has come,” concerns a strategy first adopted by the Entomological Society of America. It is scheduled for posting on April 19 at <<http://www.nature.com/nature/focus/accessdebate/>>. In a note he states that his “interest in open access to the journal literature was initiated and has been sustained by the Executive Committee of the Florida Entomological Society, which embraced open access in 1993 and has provided it to all authors in its journal since 1994 (see <http://www.fcla.edu/FlaEnt/>).” The President and the Business Manager have contacted our web-service provider, Colony One Online, several times by email and finally by telephone and letter to finalize updating of the membership database. A lack of response suggests that Colony One is unable or unwilling to provide any additional database servicing at this time. Our two primary options are to: 1) temporarily or permanently remove the database from the web site after notifying the membership; 2) hire a student to update each entry individually by using the update facility that was provided with the “beta” version of the database. The committee recommends that FES permanently remove the database from the web site after notifying the membership in the next newsletter. Our rationale is that the database no longer provides enough functionality to justify the cost of updating. Nowadays, members who need to locate other entomologists usually can find up-to-date information through search engines and web sites. There is still a need for members to update their membership information, but most members notify the business manager rather than update the web site. Request was approved for removal of the database from the FES Web site in October after notification in the Newsletter. Tom Walker presented an update on Open Access of Florida Entomologist. Open access greatly increases usage of Florida Entomologist articles. The web version of Florida Entomologist is currently paying its way through obligatory open-access fees. Numbers of library subscriptions and members are declining. In discussions with E. O. Painter, IFWA (Immediate Free Web Access) fees will probably be increased.

Pioneer Lecture Award (D. Hall): As previously reported by our Committee, Dr. Charlie O’Brien will present the 2004 Pioneer Lecture honoring Dr. Ross Arnett. The

Pioneer Lecturer/student luncheon will be held on Monday the 26th and will be scheduled such that there is 1.5 to 2 hours between the end of the luncheon and start of student papers. Hopefully students will attend the luncheon given the wide time gap between the lunch and talks. Teresa volunteered to check with Yoder Brothers for a donation toward the luncheon. When Ken Bloem and Stuart Reitz order awards, they will order a clock similar to the one given to the 2003 Pioneer Lecturer. Our committee will provide wording for the plaque on the clock. With respect to Pioneer Lecture manuscripts, a paper honoring John Creighton (author Lewis Wright) was submitted by our committee during October 2003 for publication in the Florida Entomologist. This manuscript was published in the March issue. A manuscript honoring Reece Sailer by Harold Denmark was submitted during January 2004, and one honoring Maurice Provost by John Edman was submitted during March 2004. Norm Leppla and Jim Nation are assisting Phil Callahan in the preparation of a brief paper honoring Carroll Smith. Upon publication of these papers, manuscripts for seven of the eight Pioneer Lectures presented to our Society will have been published. The 1998 Pioneer Lecture by Dr. Laurence Mound honoring Wilmon Newell was apparently never submitted.

Florida Entomologist (J. Nation): Dr. Pam Puryear, North Carolina State University, Editor, Tobacco Abstracts and Managing Editor, Tobacco Science, asked if articles in the Florida Entomologist could be abstracted in Tobacco Abstracts unchanged. Jim asked if articles not related to insects in the America’s be included in the Journal. Both of these issues were approved.

Invasive Species (N. Leppla): Several of the committee members deal with exotic-pest issues on a regular basis in different contexts, including the preparation of fact sheets, but the committee has not yet met formally. Long-range, the committee hopes to offer a scientific perspective on exotic pests that is somewhat independent of the different pulls and constraints on Florida’s regulatory agencies and universities. Currently, however, we are in an information-gathering and guidelines-developing phase and are not yet ready to present any specific perspectives, recommendations, or resolutions to the Executive Committee.

Operating Guidelines and Bylaws (H. Frank & R. Mankin): The Webmaster (R. Mankin) will be posting the proposed revisions to the guidelines alongside the current version (<http://www.flaentsoc.org/fes-guidelines.pdf>) for approval at the annual business meeting.

**VOTE!!!!!!!!!!
For New Officers
(Ballot on Page 7)**

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual Meeting will open with the Plenary Session Monday morning. This will include the welcome, President's address, and Pioneer Lecture. The 2004 Pioneer Lecture will honor Dr. Ross Arnett. Dr. Charlie O'Brien will give the presentation. The program for the Annual Meeting includes six symposia scheduled over three days. Monday afternoon: Whitefly-Plant Interactions; Tuesday morning: Pests of the Caribbean and Biological Control of Weeds; Tuesday afternoon: Research in Insect Genetics and Recent Advances in Urban Pest Management; and, Wednesday morning: Coccoidea: Taxonomy, Biology, and Management. The organizers of each symposium and their contact information are mentioned in the March 2004 Newsletter (available online at www.flaentsoc.org). For more details about the speakers in any symposium, please contact either the organizer or Steve Lapointe, Chair, Program Committee, phone: 772/462-5914, Fax: 772/462-5986; email: Slapointe@ushrl.ars.usda.gov.

There are no workshops scheduled for this year's Annual Meeting.

Hotel reservations must be made by July 6, 2004. Contact the Radisson Bahia Mar Beach resort, 801 Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316; tel. 800/531-2478, 954/764-2233; Fax 954/524-6912; website: www.bahiamar.net. The room rate is \$89 for non-federal employees and \$69 for federal employees.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

The paper competition will now have first and second place awards for Masters and Ph.D. competitors. Specify which competition you are entering when you submit your abstract or let the Student Activities Committee know as soon as possible.

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CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Geraldine Cashion, Candidate for Vice-President

Geri Cashion has been a Florida resident for 20 years. She received her degrees from Duke University and Rutgers, the State University and taught briefly at USF. While employed by IFAS for almost 8 years, she collaborated with Dr. Lance Osborne in developing the first Florida IPM programs for ornamental nurseries. Geri spent 8 years with FMC Specialty Products as a technical service and product development representative for the eastern U.S. Her responsibilities included turf and ornamental field trial implementation and coordination in the Southeast United States.

Roy Morris, Candidate for Vice-President

Roy Morris received a BS in Entomology from the University of Georgia in 1986. He began working with Mobay Chemical Co. as a Sales Rep. in Lubbock, TX. He transferred to Florida in 1990. He has worked for Bayer Crop Sciences (Mobay, Miles, Bayer USA and now Bayer Crop Science) for 18 years. He was promoted to District Sales Manager in Bloomington, IL, returned to Florida as Field Development Rep. for 3 years, and, since 2000, has been a Technical Sales Specialist for the southern region. Outside interests are biology and systematics of Coleoptera, especially Cerambycidae and Scarabaeidae. He has published several papers on the biology and host range of these groups.

Forrest W. Howard, Candidate for Member-at-Large

Bill Howard is Associate Professor of Entomology at the University of Florida, IFAS, Fort Lauderdale Research & Education Center, where he teaches three courses in entomology, conducts research on insect pests of woody ornamental plants and palms, and provides extension services. He has been a member of the Florida Entomological Society since 1976. He was the first to serve as Associate Editor, Spanish Abstracts, of the Florida Entomologist (1981-83 and 1993-94), and serves as Associate Editor, Agricultural, Extension, and Regulatory Entomology, 1999-present. He was a member of the Awards Committee, 1997-1999, Chairman, Americas Committee, 1984, and Member, Caribbean Conference Committee, 1988. He is senior author of a book, *Insects on Palms*, published in 2001 by CABI Publications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **FES membership database** is going to be removed from the website. This is slated to happen in October. See discussion in the FES Executive Committee minutes under "Computer Resources".

The FES Newsletter will be issued in a hard copy form and an electronic form for the rest of the year 2004. Starting with the first issue of **Volume 20, February/March 2005, the newsletter will appear electronically, only.**

Revisions to the **Operating Guidelines** are posted on the website for members' review and information.

CALLFORMEMBERSANDEVENTS

In the Newsletter, we would occasionally like to include information about FES members. Please refer to the requested items for each category and let your colleagues know what you have been up to lately. This information should be sent to Lois Wood or Eileen Buss.

1. Invitational talks, keynote speeches, etc...: Speaker, organization, meeting, date, location and title of talk.
2. Honors & Awards: Recipient, title of award, given for and given by.
3. International Activities: Person, date, activity and funding source.
4. Grants/Contracts: Principal investigator(s), project title, funding source and project description.
5. Major Publications (Books, Monographs, Chapters): Authors, title and citation.
6. National or Branch Offices: Person, office held, organization and dates.
7. Moving up: Person on the move, old position, new position, location, date of change and responsibilities.
8. Visiting Entomologists: Visitor(s), visiting from, dates, purpose of visit, host and location.
9. On Leave: Person, new location, dates and activity.
10. Community Activities: Person, project description, organization, location and dates.

The registration form for the Annual Meeting appears on the back of this page. Please note that the pre-registration deadline is **Tuesday, July 6th**. For more details about the Annual Meeting, keep checking the FES website at www.flaentsoc.org for updates.

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See registration form as posted on the website

**FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY
2004 ELECTION BALLOT**

Vice-President

_____ Geraldine Cashion

_____ Roy Morris

Member-At-Large

_____ William Howard

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PLEASE VOTE for one individual for each office and return the ballot by June 18, 2004 to:

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