

EIGHTIETH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE FLORIDA  
ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 1996-97 Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President David Hall at 5:40 p.m., August 5, 1997, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Daytona Beach, Florida. There were 44 members in attendance. Approval of minutes from the 1996 business meeting held at the Sheraton Sand Key, published in the *Florida Entomologist* 80(1): 105- 111, was motioned by Russ Mizell, seconded by Abe White, and unanimously accepted. Final reports from standing committees of the Society were presented. Outgoing President Hall handed the gavel over to incoming President Joe Funderburk. The first 1997-98 Executive Committee meeting was tentatively scheduled to be held September 11, at 10:00 a.m. in Gainesville. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

JANUARY 1, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996

INCOME:

Operating Income	
Membership Dues	8,675.00
Subscriptions	7,632.00
Annual Meeting	10,725.00
Miscellaneous	221.64
Total Operating Income	27,253.64
Other Income - Interest Income	3,041.54
Total Income	30,295.18

EXPENSES

Business Manager Salary	11,693.24
Editor Salary	1,876.95
Other Labor	795.68
Office Expenses	290.99
Postage	354.80
Grants/Scholarships	2,500.00
Journal Printing	1,435.25
Newsletter Expenses	105.98
Editing	1,554.59
Miscellaneous	48.35
Dues and Subscriptions	112.50
Bank Charges	312.38
Student Activities	700.00
Refunds	175.00
Licenses and Permits	61.25
Honors and Awards	302.65
Annual Meeting	0,492.17
Total Expenses	32,811.78
NET INCOME	2,516.60

TERESA DUCHENE, BUSINESS MANAGER

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS

A total of 629 pages were published in Volume 79 (1996) including: Two Symposia with a total of 15 papers, 45 research reports, 16 scientific notes, 7 book reviews, one In Memoriam, the First Pioneer Lecture Award, the Minutes of the 1995 Annual Meeting and Articles of Incorporation and Revised Bylaws of the Florida Entomological Society.

RICHARD BARANOWSKI (CHAIRMAN)

REPORT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

During 1997, the Public Relations Committee began a new procedure of outreach to non-FES members. We were able to submit an announcement of the meeting so that the Bulletin of the Entomological Society of America could list it. This was accomplished just in time to get an announcement in the final issue before the meeting. Also, we constructed a quarter-page ad for the *American Entomologist*. This also was finalized just in time for the issue that shipped about three weeks ahead of the meeting. Apparently, there was positive response, as Dr. Funderburk received additional inquiries from non-members outside of Florida seeking additional information on the 1997 program. Our plans for 1998 include early development of information release through these two conduits, and to announce the FES website address when it becomes available.

NANCY EPSKY, HEATHER DILLON, RICHARD J. BRENNER (CHAIRMAN)

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The annual program for the Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society consisted of 85 oral papers including 48 symposia papers, 12 student competition papers, and 25 submitted papers. Additionally, there were 8 poster papers, a termite workshop and the Pioneer Lecture (E. F. Knipling and A. Baumhover). Symposia topics at the meeting were: Behavioral Ecology; Systematics; *Diaprepes abbreviatus*; urban entomology; and IPM-compatible insecticides. The Presidential Address was given by David Hall. Six full-page advertisements were included in the final printed program, generating \$660 to cover costs of printing and mailing.

J. FUNDERBURK (CHAIRMAN)

Local Arrangements

The Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Daytona Beach, FL. There were 158 registrants, 26 of whom were students. A total of 184 attended the banquet.

J. SIVINSKI (CHAIRMAN)

1999 Meeting Site / Caribbean Conference Committee

The site selection representatives for the Florida Entomological Society—Teresa DuChene (Business Manager), Lance Peterson (Vice-President)—visited the prospec-

tive 1999 meeting sites in Puerto Rico during June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> to inspect the three sites offering favorable facilities and room rates. The Caribe Hilton was selected as the site for the 1999 Caribbean Conference of the Florida Entomological Society. This hotel is located near the popular Condado shopping and dining area in San Juan and is close to the Old San Juan historical district. The hotel also has a fine beach, a 17-acre garden, two fresh water swimming pools, several restaurants and good meeting facilities. The meeting dates are set for July 25-19. The standard room rate will be \$115. The committee feels the site offers our membership the opportunity for another interesting and memorable Caribbean Conference. Information on the Caribe Hilton and on activities in Puerto Rico were made available to members at the 1998 Annual Meeting at Sanibel.

H. FRANK, J. KNAPP, J. PEÑA, A. WHITE (CHAIRMAN)

#### REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As of August 3, 1998, we have 367 regular, 72 student, 44 sustaining, and 182 subscription/institutional members. These numbers represented a 10% increase in regular memberships and a 36% increase in student memberships over 1996-97. The committee sent letters to department heads at all biology-oriented departments at all Florida colleges and universities inviting memberships. Half-page ads (free) were placed in the two state trade magazines (PCO and Advantage) associated with the pest control industry. Another free ad was scheduled to appear in "Wingbeats", the official newsletter of the Florida Mosquito Control Assn. A set of guidelines for the Membership Committee was compiled and turned into the Executive Committee.

CLAY SCHERER AND PHIL KOEHLER (CO-CHAIRMEN)

#### REPORT OF HONORS AND AWARDS

This year the Florida Entomological Society is proud to recognize and honor 29 individuals for their achievements and contributions to the discipline of entomology and to the Society.

##### Entomologist-of-the-Year

John L. Capinera

As Chairman of the Department of Entomology and Nematology, University of Florida, John L. Capinera has administrative responsibility for the research, teaching, and extension functions of 31 faculty and approximately 100 undergraduate and 75 graduate students in Gainesville. He also provides disciplinary support for 41 faculty at the research and education centers statewide and represents entomology to state agencies, commodity groups, and the general public. His visionary leadership has resulted in significant enhancement of the research, teaching, and extension functions of our large and complex department. Notably, John has been a leader in encouraging the use of technology (e.g., teaching on the World Wide Web and initiating development of a "Featured Creatures" Web site to serve as an information base on insects for extension and the citizens of Florida). He took faculty development leave to learn more about the extension function of the department. He has also established an industry advisory group to assist the department in being more responsive to the needs of the state. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, John has conducted important grant-funded research in the biological control of vegetable insects

and served as major advisor to seven graduate students during the last five years. For his leadership role in entomology throughout the State of Florida, the Florida Entomological Society proudly presents the Entomologist-of-the-Year Award for 1998 to John L. Capinera.

Achievement Award for Research

Dov Borovsky

Dov Borovsky has been studying the physiology of blood feeding by mosquitoes at the Florida Medical Entomology Lab at Vero Beach, Florida. He identified the hormone that regulated digestion in mosquitoes. He was able to clone this hormone and, with the help of William O. Dawson at the Citrus Research and Education Center at Lake Alfred, Florida, use tomato mosaic virus to produce the hormone. Further, he has been able to insert the hormone into *Clorella* algae, which allows not only for propagation but protection from degradation. The patents have been purchased and the product is under the early stages of commercial development. This is a nice instance of how fundamental research can translate into useable products, and likely will result in an entirely new class of insecticides. For these contributions to the science of entomology, the Florida Entomological Society proudly presents the 1998 Achievement Award for Research to Dov Borovsky.

Achievement Award for Extension

John L. Capinera

John L. Capinera took a sabbatical during 1997 to conduct working visits to many of the county extension offices and research and education centers throughout Florida. The purpose of his sabbatical was to gain firsthand knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the extension system in Florida, and to improve communication between county extension and the main campus. During his sabbatical he recognized that many county extension agents do not have entomological backgrounds, yet are frequently required to answer entomological questions. Therefore, he established a web page, "Featured Creatures" (GNV.IFAS.UFL.EDU/-INSECT/), for callers. He has continued his involvement with county extension and recently conducted a workshop for master gardeners on insect identification. His commitment and dedication to improving extension entomology greatly benefits the people of Florida. For these outstanding accomplishments, the Florida Entomological Society proudly presents John L. Capinera with the 1998 Achievement Award for Extension.

Achievement Award for Industry

J. B. (Buster) Pratt

Buster has been instrumental over the last five years in assisting the citrus, sugarcane, ornamental and nursery industries fight one of the most important insect pests in the State of Florida, the weevil, *Diaprepes abbreviatus*. Stimulated by the site of citrus groves in central Florida that were dying out due to the weevil, Buster has led the State's fight against the weevil problem. Buster formed the growers' Diaprepes Task Force, a group endorsed by the State of Florida through the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture. Through the Task Force, Buster has devoted countless hours helping growers understand the Diaprepes problem and encouraging research entomologists to find solutions. He has worked hard to help University and Governmental administrators understand the economic importance of the weevil. During

1996, Buster and his Task Force campaigned for increased USDA funding toward research on the weevil problem and, as a result, the Federal House Appropriations Committee directed an additional \$400,000 annually toward finding a solution to the weevil problem. He has held numerous meetings, workshops, and field days to bring growers, researchers and administrators together to discuss this important pest. For his efforts and dedication in the fight against *Diaprepes abbreviatus*, the Florida Entomological Society proudly presents Buster Pratt with the 1998 Achievement Award for Industry.

Achievement Award for Team Research  
Marinus van de Vrie, James F. Price, and Gordon C. DeCou

Marinus van de Vrie, James F. Price, and Gordon C. DeCou were responsible for developing and implementing a biological control program for the management of spider mites on strawberries. The program is based upon scouting, timed releases of predaceous mites, and applications of selective pesticides. During the 1997-98 season, about 13% (800 acres) of the strawberry acreage was under biological control. Another 13% of the acreage was scouted but not under biological control. Without the efforts of this team, no strawberries would be scouted or under biological control. For their significant contributions to the advancement of IPM for strawberries, the Florida Entomological Society proudly presents Marinus van de Vrie, James F. Price, and Gordon C. DeCou with the 1998 Achievement Award for Team Research.

Achievement Award for Education (K-12)  
Vicki Crisp

Vicki Crisp was a participant in Dr. Donald W. Hall's 1996 NSF-sponsored summer science institute in insect field biology for middle school teachers. Vicki was transferred out of the traditional classroom setting by the Putnam County School Board to her current position as Project Coordinator for the Northeast Florida Educational Consortium. In this capacity, she trains teachers from 19 north Florida counties to teach environmental biology. She also conducts summer science workshops for K-12 children.

Vicki utilizes hands-on insect activities in many of her workshops with both teachers and children. Vicki has been extremely effective in the education of both science teachers and students of north Florida in entomology and environmental education. For her creativity and commitment to education, the Florida Entomological Society proudly presents Vicki Crisp with the 1998 Achievement Award for Education (K-12).

Achievement Award for Higher Education  
Paul M. Choate

Paul M. Choate has made major contributions toward the education of 100 undergraduate majors and many of the graduate students in the Department of Entomology and Nematology at the University of Florida. Although it is not part of his job description, he has voluntarily taken responsibility for teaching laboratory sections of both the Principles of Entomology and Insect Classification courses. This has required many hours in addition to his normal assigned responsibilities. He has worked hard to develop laboratory exercises that teach not only content (i.e., facts) but also challenge the students to think. For his dedication and excellent teaching contributions to the profession of entomology, the Florida Entomological Society proudly presents Paul M. Choate with the 1998 Achievement Award for Higher Education.

Presidential Recognition Award

Patrick Greany

The Florida Entomological Society recognizes Patrick Greany for leadership and devotion in the development of the Florida Entomological Society website.

Presidential Recognition Award

Thomas J. Walker

The Florida Entomological Society recognizes Thomas J. Walker for leadership and devotion in the publication of all issues of Florida Entomologist on the Internet.

Presidential Recognition Award

Ellen M. Thoms

The Florida Entomological Society recognizes Ellen M. Thoms for development of the Florida Entomological Society operating guidelines.

Presidential Recognition Award

Joseph E. Eger

The Florida Entomological Society recognizes Joseph E. Eger for development of the Florida Entomological Society operating guidelines.

Presidential Recognition Award

Clayton W. McCoy, Jr.

The Florida Entomological Society recognizes Clayton W. McCoy, Jr. for leadership and devotion in launching the Pioneer Lecture Award.

Recognition of the President

Joseph E. Funderburk

The Society recognizes our outgoing president, Joseph E. Funderburk, for outstanding dedicated service as President of the Florida Entomological Society for 1998, culminating in the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.

Certificates of Appreciation

*Moh Leng Kok-Yokomi* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and the profession of entomology as Special Awards Judge for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida.

*Ellen M. Thoms* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and the profession of entomology as Special Awards Judge for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida.

*Joseph E. Eger* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and the profession of entomology as Special Awards Judge for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida.

*Andrew K. Rasmussen* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and profession of entomology as Student Member of the Executive Committee.

*Christopher Tipping* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and profession of entomology as Student Member of the Executive Committee.

*Lois Wood* for outstanding service as Co-Editor of the Newsletter of the Florida Entomological Society.

*Nancy Epsky* for outstanding service as Co-Editor of the Newsletter of the Florida Entomological Society.

*Joseph L. Knapp* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and profession of entomology as Associate Editor of the Florida Entomologist.

*Sanford D. Porter* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and profession of entomology as Associate Editor of the Florida Entomologist.

*John M. Sivinski* for exemplary service as Chairman of the Program Committee for the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society.

*Lance G. Peterson* for exemplary service as Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society.

*Guangye Hu* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and the profession of entomology as Chairman of the Student Activities Committee.

*Jerome A. Hogsette* for outstanding service to the Society as Chairman of the Committee for Tax Exempt Status.

*Mary Jo Hayes* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and the profession of entomology as Secretary of Florida Entomological Society.

*John M. Petti* for outstanding service to the benefit of the Society and the profession of entomology as Secretary of the Florida Entomological Society.

*Joseph E. Funderburk* for his leadership in guiding the Florida Entomological Society "on-line."

#### Certificates of Achievement:

*Stephanie M. Dodson* of St. Michael Lutheran, Fort Myers, Florida for outstanding achievement as recipient of the 1998 Florida Entomological Society Special Award in the Junior Section of the 43<sup>rd</sup> State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida for her project *How to please the bees*. Stephanie's project also won Second Place in the Behavioral and Social Sciences category at the SSEFF. Stephanie received \$100 in cash and an invitation to the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society.

*Vicky P. Buckles* of Palatka High School, Palatka, Florida for outstanding achievement as recipient of the 1998 Florida Entomological Society Special Award in the Senior Section of the 43<sup>rd</sup> State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida for her project *Can the pattern of *Leucauge venusta* webs be used to indicate environmental contamination: phase III*. Vicky's project also won First Place in the Zoology category at the SSEFF. Vicky received \$100 in cash and an invitation to the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society.

F. A. JOHNSON, F. W. HOWARD, G. L. LEIBEE (CHAIRMAN).

#### REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of nominees for 1998-99 FES offices:

President:	John Sivinski
President-Elect:	Lance Peterson
Secretary:	John Petti
Vice-President:	Pat Greany
	Dan Wojcik

Executive Committee Member at Large:

Jim Carpenter

Julie Stavisky

There were a total of 47 ballots returned from FES members. John Sivinski was elected President, Lance Peterson was elected President-Elect, John Petti was elected Secretary, Pat Greany was elected Vice-President, and Julie Stavisky was elected Executive Committee Member at Large. The Nominating Committee expresses appreciation to all the candidates for their willingness to serve.

DAVID G. HALL, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 1:

WHEREAS the 81th Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society at Sundial Beach Resort, Sanibel Island, Florida, has enjoyed outstanding facilities and hospitality which immensely contributed to the success of the meeting,

AND WHEREAS Lance Peterson generously gave his time and effort to welcome the Society to the city of Sanibel Island, at the opening of our 81th Annual Meeting,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Society be instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to Stephanie Stevens, Manager of Catering and Conference Services, Sundial Beach Resort.

Resolution No. 2:

WHEREAS Lance Peterson and the Local Arrangements Committee have provided excellent organization and facilities for the 81th Annual Meeting of the Society,

AND WHEREAS John Sivinski and the Program Committee have prepared a well-balanced, high quality program for the Society's meeting,

AND WHEREAS the speakers who presented papers, both invited and submitted, shared their outstanding work and ideas with our Society,

AND WHEREAS excellent and timely symposia and workshops were organized by R. Brenner, H. Browning, J. Carpenter, L. Davis, J. Eger, Jr., P. Greany, and J. Sivinski,

AND WHEREAS the committee on Student Activities encouraged excellent student participation in, and contributions to, our Annual Meeting,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Society expresses its deepest appreciation to these individuals.

Resolution No. 3:

WHEREAS President Joe Funderburk and other members of the Executive Committee have provided our Society with dedicated leadership and invaluable service,

AND WHEREAS Teresa DuChene has done an outstanding job as Business Manager,

AND WHEREAS Richard Baranowski and the Associate Editors of Florida Entomologist have done an exceptional job in maintaining the highest standards for the Society's journal,

AND WHEREAS Lois Wood and Nancy Epsky have excelled in the production of the informative and timely newsletter for the Society,

AND WHEREAS Pat Greany, Richard Mankin and Tom Walker graciously spent so much of their time designing and implementing the Society's new Internet Web Page,

AND WHEREAS members of other committees and individuals have generously contributed their time and efforts to the Society this past year,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Society commends these individuals and expresses its appreciation for their service to the Society and to the Science of Entomology.

Resolution No. 4.

WHEREAS members of the industry continue to provide much needed financial support to the Society by way of Sustaining Memberships, advertising in the program, support for the journal and numerous other Society functions,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Society hereby expresses its appreciation to these groups.

R. SPRENKEL, R. DUNCAN (CHAIRMAN)

REPORT OF FISCAL COMMITTEE

The Fiscal Committee met on April 29 and July 6, 1998 in Gainesville to examine the financial records of the Society for the 1997 fiscal year. The records were found to be in order. We do recommend, however, that documentation for all disbursements be on file, especially for reimbursements of the travel expenses of symposium speakers. The committee suggests that all those being reimbursed should submit original receipts to the Business Manager before receiving a check. The committee thanks the Business Manager, Teresa DuChene, for her cooperation, excellent record-keeping, and sound advice.

ROB MEAGHER, JOHN ALTOM, SUSAN WEBB (CHAIRMAN)

REPORT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Travel grants of \$187 each to attend the 1997 Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting in Nashville were awarded to: Denise Johanowicz, Dina Richman, Alonso Suazo-Calix, Juan A. Villanueva-Jimenez, Yasmin J. Cardoza and Tim McCoy. Fifteen applications were received for 1998 Florida Entomological Society Annual Meeting travel grants. The committee found that all travel grant requests were valid and recommended that each student be awarded \$100. The awardees were: Juan Alvarez (cancelled), Divina Amalin, Deanna Branscome, Jerry Gahlhoff, Hazel Levy, Timothy McCoy, Wendy Meyer, Thomas Powell, Andrew Rasmussen, Dina Richman, Lois Swoboda (cancelled), Chris Tipping, Marco Toapanta (cancelled), Barbara Vasquez and Yong Zeng.

Fourteen applications were received for 10 minigrants. The committee chose 10 winners and awarded \$100 each to: Deanna Branscome, Marco Toapanta, Paul Tinerella, Juan Alvarez, Divina Amalin, Jerry Gahlhoff, Chris Tipping, Timothy McCoy, Yong Zeng and Heather Dillon.

Twelve applications were received for the three \$500 scholarships. The committee chose three winners despite great difficulty in picking only three from so many well-qualified and deserving applicants. Those receiving scholarships were: Juan Manuel Alvarez, Wendy L. Meyer and Chris Tipping.

Fourteen papers were judged for the Student Paper competition. The winners were: Dina Richman (3<sup>rd</sup> place), Barbara Vasquez (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Dini Miller (1<sup>st</sup> place).

Heather McAuslane had twin babies and was unable to judge the student award applications and paper competition. Robert Meagher was chosen as her substitute. Jorge Peña was not able to judge the paper presentations, and John Sivinski was chosen as his substitute.

H. MCAUSLANE, J. PEÑA, E. MCCORD, G. HU (CHAIRMAN).

REPORT OF LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The long range planning committee suggests that the following issues need to be addressed by the Executive Committee and where pertinent the Society at large.

1. The duties and function of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) should be examined and redefined as necessary. The committee suggests that the LRP be assigned the task of planning for the Caribbean Basin Meetings. This could be addressed in several ways: by having a regular LRP committee and having the ad hoc meeting committee members as automatic special members of LRP; or selecting as LRP committee members people interested in developing the off-shore meetings.
2. The FES should revisit the issue of being a Society and having a journal “for the Americas”. Are the present activities and ties to Entomologists in the Caribbean Basin and beyond appropriate and effective or should we change current practices and policies? We ask specifically if our journal publications are appropriately representing “the Americas” and if the Society is effectively fostering the entomology profession and practices off-shore? We observe that the threat of invasive species to Florida from Caribbean countries is one area where it is imperative that we interact with Caribbean scientists.
3. It has been suggested that the timeliness, quality and unusually reflective nature of the symposium presentations (relative to normal scientific discourse) warrant more formal publication in addition to the program title and abstracts. We suggest that the web site might be an appropriate venue for this and suggest that a standard web site subject area and form be developed for those presenters who would be willing to summarize their thoughts for extra-society consumption.

RUSS MIZELL, CHAIRMAN

REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Florida Entomological Society is scheduled to appear four times a year, usually during the months of February/March, May/June, August/September, and November/December, to coordinate reporting of Society business conducted at quarterly Executive Committee meetings. At the time this report was written, three Newsletters had been organized and distributed during 1998: the January issue (Volume 12, #4), March issue (Volume 13, #1), and June issue (Volume 13, #2). These were mailed out to members. The Newsletter now appears on the Internet on the Society’s Home Page ([www.flaentsoc.org](http://www.flaentsoc.org)). The aforementioned issues as well as March, June and September 1997 issues (Volume 12, #s 1, 2 and 3) are available as PDF files that can be downloaded. While the Newsletter serves as an important role in informing the general membership of the business and activities of the Society and its members, the practicality of sending hard copies (approximately 600) through the mail will need to be addressed in the near future. The editors foresee increases in

printing and mailing costs since the University of Florida is changing policies that will directly affect the IFAS print shop and mail room, facilities FES depends on for their respective services. Inclusion of certain items in the Newsletter, for example the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings, will also need to be discussed in light of the feasibility of posting such information on the Home Page.

NANCY EPSKY, LOIS WOOD (CO-CHAIRMEN)

#### Computer Resources

The Computer Resources Committee is pleased to announce the successful development of a new, comprehensive FES website that is essentially a "one-stop-shop" for information pertaining to most of the society's activities. This was accomplished with the cooperation and assistance of the FES Board, Dr. Tom Walker, the Newsletter Editors, and the Public Relations and Program Committees. A commercial website development firm, Colony One Online, was employed to do the actual HTML programming. The site can be found at [www.flaentsoc.org](http://www.flaentsoc.org). Dr. Richard Mankin has agreed to serve as the webmaster for the site. P. Greany, Chair

#### REPORT OF PIONEER LECTURE COMMITTEE

Dr. Wilmon Newell, former Plant Commissioner (1915), Dean of the College of Agriculture, Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station and the Agricultural Extension Division, was unanimously elected as the third Honoree for the Pioneer Lecture Awards Series.

Dr. Laurence Mound, former Deputy Keeper, Department of Entomology (Senior Principal Scientific Officer) (1975) was the choice of the Committee to give the Lecture.

J. FUNDERBURK, J. LLOYD, N. LEPLA, J. SIVINSKI, D. HABECK, C. MCCOY, A. SELHIME, H. DENMARK (CHAIRMAN)

#### REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The principal activity of the committee during 1997-98 was to organize the entomology exhibit at the State Fair in Tampa, held February 5-16, 1998. Participants were Florida Department of Agriculture, University of Florida, U.S. Department of Agriculture - ARS, and the Florida Mosquito Control Association. The committee will solicit participation from USDA-APHIS next year because invasive organisms are such a timely topic. Also, planning has begun for a poster to replace the popular "Insects - Friend or Foe" poster, which is out of print. The theme will be Insects Unique to Florida. We could use some suggestions on insects to feature, accompanied by photographs and text as well as on ways to finance the new poster. A number of educational computer links were submitted for inclusion on the FES website.

W. DIXON, R. MANKIN, B. WOJECK, B. KELLY, L. CUTTS, J. STEWART, M. REEVES, D. HABECK, G. BUCKINGHAM, J. CAPINERA (CHAIRMAN)

#### REPORT OF OPERATING GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

The Operating Guidelines Committee completed the initial draft of the Florida Entomological Society Operating Guidelines. The document contains at least preliminary guidelines for almost all of the officers and committees currently operating in the Society. The committee would like to thank President Joe Funderburk and the other 1997-98 officers and committee chairs for their cooperation in assembling these guidelines. The final document contained 131 pages and 25 copies were produced for the incoming officers and committee chairs. The cost of producing these copies was \$292.23.

D. G. HALL, E. M. THOMS, (CO-CHAIR), J. E. EGER, JR. (CO-CHAIR)

REPORT OF SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

The committee met in Lake Alfred, FL and composed letters for solicitation of new sustaining members and renewal for existing members, for solicitation of monetary support for the FES Annual Mixer, and for support of student scholarships and grants. Over 70 companies or businesses were contacted. The current 43 sustaining memberships were listed in the 1998 program. A total of 14 sustaining members contributed to the FES Annual mixer and the number providing financial support for student scholarships was 9.

E. MCCORD, J. KNAPP, K. GRIFFITH (CHAIRMAN)

REPORT OF HISTORICAL AND NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

The Historical and Necrology Committee is an ad hoc committee of our Society but might be worthy of being a standing committee. Any FES member who has an interest in joining and working with this committee is welcome to become a member. The year 1996 was really the first year that this committee was up and running. The committee set up a historical photo display at the 1996 annual meeting on Sand Key in Clearwater. The display included photographs of several groups of FES officers during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> decades of the history of the society. More recent groupings of FES officers, honored members and the like were also displayed. Particularly showcased were Scholarship Program recipients, and other photos and memorabilia that illustrated FES outreach commitment efforts to expand the roles of minorities and women in FES, as well as in entomology in general. Future displays will be presented periodically and will be based on themes chosen the committee. Other future endeavors based on the FES archival photo collection could include such efforts as note card or memo pad production for sale to our members. With respect to necrology, we plan to designate a primary member, as well as a back-up member, responsible for receiving and keeping/developing records of FES members recently deceased. Either of two present members, Howard V. Weems or Susan Broda, would be responsible for reading the memorial list of names at the FES annual meetings. Anyone at this present meeting who is aware of FES members whose names were not read at the 1996 Annual Meeting at Daytona Beach, as well as others deceased more recently, please contact either of these two members during the meeting. We on the Committee thank everyone for their assistance in this matter. In conclusion, the Historical and Necrology Committee plans to meet as a group once annually the FES annual meetings. Contacts between the various committee members will be made via telephone or correspondence throughout the intervening year.

H. V. WEEMS, F. W. MEAD, S. BRODA-HYDORN (CHAIRMAN)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1997-98

September 11, 1997, Gainesville

December 4, 1997, Gainesville

May 7, 1998, Gainesville

August 3, 1998, Sanibel Island