

EDITED MINUTES OF THE 79TH ANNUAL MEETING,
FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The fourth and final 1995-96 Executive Committee meeting was held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort, near Clearwater, Florida. President Russ Mizell called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM, on August 5, 1996.

The 1995-96 Annual Business Meeting of the Society was called to order by President Mizell at 5:00 PM, Tuesday, August 6, 1996. A total of 51 Society members were present. Minutes of the 1995 Annual Business Meeting at the Cariari Hotel in San Jose, Costa Rica, were accepted as published in the Florida Entomologist 79(1): 83-89. Final reports from the various standing committees of the Society were presented herein. President Mizell passed the gavel to the new president, Everett Mitchell. No further business was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER
JANUARY 1, 1995 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996

INCOME:

Operating Income	
Membership Dues	15,267.50
Subscriptions	5,760.00
Annual Meeting	3,952.39
Miscellaneous	90.56
Entomology Directories	65.00
Promotional Materials (T-shirts, posters)	601.34
Contributions	50.00
Total Operating Income	25,786.79
Other Income Interest Income	3,499.68
Total Income	29,286.47

EXPENSES

Office Expenses	812.45
Postage	560.19
Contract Labor	12,730.80
Travel	262.95
Contributions	200.00
Grants/Scholarships	1,800.00
Journal Printing	2,767.38
Editing	1,050.07
Newsletter	169.51
Miscellaneous	156.48
Dues and Subscriptions	112.50
Depreciation	430.24

Bank Charges	181.50
Student Activities	1,680.00
Income Tax	363.49
Total Expenses	<u>23,277.56</u>
NET INCOME	<u>6,008.91</u>

A. C. KNAPP, BUSINESS MANAGER

Ann Knapp has resigned as Business Manager, but will be retained as a consultant to advise the new Business Manager until August 1997. The Executive Committee would like to thank Ann for her many years of service to the Society. The new Business Manager is Teresa DuChene of Lutz, Florida.

FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT
1994 AND 1995

The Fiscal Committee examined the record for 1994 and 1995 and found no irregularities in the transactions we examined. Having no training in this area and no procedure to follow, we found the experience somewhat frustrating.

After much discussion with Ann Knapp, the Fiscal Committee recommends the following:

1. That we have an accountant examine the financial records on a yearly basis or have an accountant develop a procedure for the committee to follow. The accountant who has prepared our taxes in the past, R. D. Respass, Newberry, Florida, is willing to audit our financial records on a yearly basis at a rate of \$35 per hour. He estimates that it would take 10 hours. The alternative is to have him outline a procedure for the committee to follow.
2. That we invest the funds in excess of one year's expenses (currently about \$45,000) in certificates of deposit of staggered maturities. Ann Knapp recommends one-third in a 3-month CD, one-third in a 6-month CD, and one-third in a 12-month CD, as interest rates may go up. The fiscal committee would then make recommendations for changes as the CDs mature. All investments of the society's funds should be without risk, even though this means lower interest rates.
3. That we seriously consider offering the membership the convenience of using MasterCard or Visa to pay dues and meeting registration. This would be especially helpful to members who do not live in the United States. Ann Knapp has provided information from several banks. Options were estimated based on all 475 members paying their dues by credit card, 100 meeting registrations, and a monthly service charge in lieu of purchasing the electronic authorization machine. There are also 200 additional subscriptions to the journal. This a total 775 transactions per year for a total of approximately \$25,000. Although initial costs are high, the cost becomes more reasonable if we buy the machine, and if (as is likely) half or fewer of the members use credit cards to pay their dues and meeting registration fees.
4. That, on the advice of Ann Knapp, we switch to First Union Bank, which has an interest-bearing checking account, similar to Merrill Lynch, and a savings account, which Merrill Lynch does not. We could also have our CDs there. We may get a better deal on Visa/MaterCard fees if we do all our banking with them. This bank has many branches throughout Florida.

Finally, we are sorry that Ann Knapp has decided to resign. The Committee is glad that she was still the Business Manager. But now that she is leaving, we suggest that the Executive Committee consider splitting the duties of receiving and disbursing funds. The person who deposits funds could send the deposit slip and a record of the source of the funds to the Business Manager, who would continue to do the rest of the Society's business.

S. WEBB, CHAIR

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A total of 77 oral presentations, including symposia and special reports on 'FES and the Internet', and 5 poster displays were scheduled for the 79th Annual Meeting. Three oral presentations were canceled; but replacements were secured for two slots for a net total of 76 oral presentations. A total of four symposia and one workshop also were scheduled.

Discussion: E. Thoms mentioned that FES should draw up guidelines for symposium organizers to specify how they may use the funds for symposium expenses.

REPORT OF THE HONORS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

At its 79th Annual Meeting, the Florida Entomological Society recognized five individuals for achievements in entomology:

Annual Achievement Award for Teaching (K-12)

Laura P. Bridgewater

Annual Achievement Award for Teaching (Higher Education)

Bill Howard

Annual Achievement Award for Research

Ray Yokomi

Annual Achievement Award for Industry

Joe Eger

Entomologist-of-the-Year

Russ Mizell

Plaques were presented to Russ Mizell and Ellen Thoms for their dedicated service as past presidents of the Florida Entomological Society. Other individuals receiving plaques for service were Fred Petitt, Secretary of the Florida Entomological Society, Cliff Lofgren, Editor of the Florida Entomologist, and Ann Knapp, Business Manager of the Florida Entomological Society.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Stephen Bambara, Sudhir Narang and Geoffrey Zehnder, for service as Associate Editors of the Florida Entomologist. Joe Eger, Gary Liebee and Moh Ling Kok-Yokomi received certificates of appreciation for service on special committees.

R. K. SPRENKEL, CHAIR

REPORT OF THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The committee made a concerted effort this year to encourage student participation in the various FES student activities. We made a presentation to the University of

Florida Entomology Student Organization to outline FES scholarships, mini-grants, travel funds, and the student paper contest. Feedback from students indicated that they would like to be given the judging forms for the student paper contest to see where they need to improve. This will be done following this year's annual meeting. Students also asked for guidelines for scholarships. There are no current guidelines so the committee made an effort to develop them. The consensus of the committee was that a point system similar to that used in the student paper contest should not be used. Rather, a list of criteria used to judge scholarships was developed without attaching points to each of the criteria. A copy of this list is included with this report and should, in the future, serve as a guideline for students preparing scholarship applications.

Participation in student activities was excellent this year. Eleven students entered the student paper contest. There were 13 applicants for scholarships, 15 applicants for mini-grants, and five requests for student travel aid. Recipients of the three scholarships were: Wendy L. Meyer, Dini M. Miller, and Juan Villanueva-Jimenez. Students receiving mini-grants were: Julieta Brambila, Wayne T. Grush, Denise L. Johanowicz, Jaw-Ching Liu, Dini M. Miller, Andrew K. Rasmussen, Dina Richman, Marco A. Toapanta, Kevina Vulinec, and John Petti. Student travel funds in the amount of \$160.00 were awarded to each of the following: Julieta Brambila, Rejane Rocha de Moraes, Dina Richman, Tonya Van Hook, and Kevina Vulinec. The student paper contest awards went to: Robin Goodson, first place; Denise Johanowicz, second place; and Dini Miller, third place.

The committee would like to thank Dini Miller, president of ENSO, for organizing the meeting we had with students, and Phil Stansly and David Hall for assistance in judging the student paper contest.

CRITERIA EVALUATED FOR JUDGING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN CV:

- Refereed Publications
- Non-Refereed Publications
- Papers Presented at Entomology Meetings
- Papers Presented at Other Professional Meetings
- Symposia/Workshop Presentations
- Outreach Activities and Presentations
- Honors and Awards
- Grants
- Service in Professional Societies
- International Activities

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Grades (Transcripts)
- Letters of Recommendation for this Award
- Statement of Future Plans

J. EGER, CHAIR

REPORT OF THE SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee is pleased to report that we have two new members: Dr. Clair Erickson of Monsanto and Dr. J. Scott Ferguson of the Ciba Corporation.

The committee also sent out letters to over 50 FES members soliciting financial support for student travel and industry sponsored events for the annual meeting. A total of \$2200 was contributed by 18 members, \$800 for student travel and \$1400 for industry sponsored events. Student travel was sponsored by: A. Duda & Sons, Inc.; Ag Bio Enterprises, Inc.; All America Termite & Pest Control; DowElanco; E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.; Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association; Florida Sugar Cane League; Sandoz Crop Protection Corporation; Zellwin Farms Company; and Zeneca Inc. The FES Mixer was sponsored by: All America Termite & Pest Control; American Cyanamid Company; DowElanco; E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.; E.O. Painter Printing Company; Florahome Pest Control Inc.; Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association; Helena Chemical Company; McLaughlin Gormley King Company; Sandoz Crop Protection Corporation; Uniroyal Chemical; and Zeneca Inc. Many thanks to all the sponsors!

K. R. MUZYK, CHAIR

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Florida Entomological Society currently has 411 full members, 47 sustaining members, 55 student members, 10 emeritus members, and 9 honorary members. During 1996, the membership committee contacted about 70 members that were delinquent in paying dues. Of these members, about 20% renewed their membership. In addition, in 1996 there were 26 new full memberships and 18 student memberships.

P. KOEHLER, CHAIR

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

A total of 642 pages were published in Volume 78 (1995) including: Two symposiums with a total of 11 papers, 45 research reports, 22 scientific notes, 5 book reviews, one bibliography, one In Memorium, the Minutes of the 1994 Annual Meeting, and one erratum.

Seventy-one research reports and scientific notes were received for publication in 1995: 48 have been published, 10 rejected and 13 remain in the peer review process.

Thus far in 1996, 52 research reports and scientific notes have been received: 12 have been accepted for publication. Two papers in Spanish have been returned to the authors for English translation.

Four Associate Editors have resigned, or will resign, before the end of 1996. They are Drs. Greg Wheeler, S. K. Narang, Steve Bambara and Geoffrey Zehnder. Four new Associate Editors have been appointed. They are Drs. John Capinera, Charlie Morris, Guy Hallman and Alan Bartlett.

Publication costs for the *Florida Entomologist* have not increased over the past 4 years. An overview of data supplied by the E. O. Painter Printing Company indicates that income from page charges has exceeded publication costs in all except one issue.

This is my last year as Editor of the *Florida Entomologist*. It has been an interesting and challenging 4 years, and I have enjoyed my association with Associate Editors and authors alike.

Discussion: C. Lofgren pointed out that this is the 79th Volume of the Florida Entomologist and that is a record of which the Society can be very proud.

D. Hall moved and E. Thoms seconded the motion that FES appoint Richard Baranowski as Editor. Motion carried.

C. LOFGREN, EDITOR

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Forty-eight ballots were received and counted by Ellen Thoms. There was a tie for Vice President. It was determined that Joe Funderburk will be Vice President for 1997 and John Sivinski for 1998. Harold Browning and Brett Highland were nominated for Member-At-Large. H. Browning won. Mary Jo Hayes was elected secretary.

E. THOMS, CHAIR

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Society participated in the State Fair with an exhibit entitled "Insect Encounters". It was a huge success with over 100,000 visitors to the exhibit. An undertaking of this kind will require more volunteers if it is to be a success next year.

FES sends judges to the Annual State Science and Engineering Fair to choose a senior section and junior section student with outstanding projects in entomology. The award includes \$100, a certificate, and a chance to attend our annual meeting. This year's winners are:

Justin Lee Coffee, Indian Harbor Beach: "Using Poisonous Plants as Safer, Effective, and More Cost Efficient Pesticides"

Casey R. Spindler, Hollywood: "A Study of Bio-Rational, User-Friendly Pesticides on Crickets"

M. J. HAYES, CHAIR

REPORT OF THE CARIBBEAN DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

The committee maintains a computerized database of entomologists in the Caribbean region. An alphabetical directory, prepared from the database, was published on paper by FES in 1994. Since then, the database has been maintained by incorporating mailed-in additions and corrections, and by building an alphabetical list of acronyms.

Two correspondents have suggested a second printed edition of the directory in which entries (names of entomologists) would be listed by country instead of alphabetically regardless of country. The committee will follow directions from FES in this matter.

The committee points out that the computerized database is thoroughly searchable electronically for many kinds of information, so that there are very many possibilities for arrangement of a printed edition. The committee believes that the best approach will be to place the directory on the World Wide Web, linked to the forthcoming FES home page. However, it seems that software still is not available to take advantage of the searchability of the information. In other words, placement of the directory on the World Wide Web should be delayed until software can be obtained to make customized searches to provide listings. For example: (1) all entomologists resident in Caracas, (2) all entomologists interested in sugarcane entomology, (3) all members of sociedad Venezolana de Entomologia, (4) all entomologists employed by Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, (5) the telephone and fax numbers of Costa Rica 18 Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad, etc.

J. H. FRANK, CHAIR

REPORT OF THE 1997 MEETING SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society will be held from August 4-7, 1997, at the Adams Mark Hotel in Daytona Beach, Florida.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY,
1995-96

H. A. Denmark
W. G. Eden
E. Gerberg
L. A. Hetrick
L. C. Kuitert
F. Mead
A. J. Rogers
A. G. Selhime
H. V. Weems

NECROLOGY

George B. Craig Jr.
Carl E. Stegmaier
George C. Steyskal
Daniel O. Wolfenbarger

S. BRODA-HYDORN, CHAIR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
1995-1996

09 November 1995, Gainesville
11 January 1996, Lake Alfred
21 March 1996, Gainesville
23 May 1996, Lake Alfred
05 August 1996, Clearwater Beach

These minutes of the 79th Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society were reviewed by the 1996-97 Executive Committee in January 1997.

FRED PETITT, SECRETARY

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE 79TH ANNUAL
FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING,
AUGUST 1996

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Fig. 1. Ray Yokomi (left) receives the Annual Achievement Award for Research from Richard Sprenkel (right) and President Everett Mitchell.

Fig. 2. The Annual Achievement Award for Teaching is presented to Bill Howard.

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Fig. 3. Joe Eger was honored with the Annual Achievement Award for Industry.
Fig. 4. Joe Eger (far left) and Everett Mitchell (far right) with Student Paper Contest award winners Denise Johanowicz (second from left; Second Place), Robin Goodson (First Place), and Dini Miller (Third Place).



Fig. 5. Dini Miller receives a Florida Entomological Society Scholarship presented by Everett Mitchell and Joe Eger.

Fig. 6. President Everett Mitchell presents a Dedicated Service Award to Cliff Lofgren who served the Society as Editor of the *Florida Entomologist* from 1993 to 1996.

Fig. 7. Ann Knapp receives a Dedicated Service Award for serving the Society as Business Manager from 1983 to 1996.