**Tennessee Entomological Society Annual Business Meeting**

TWRA Region II building conference room, Ellington Agricultural Center campus, Nashville - October 6, 2017

President Greg Wiggins called the Annual Business meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. CDT.

President Wiggins thanked Amy Dismukes for moderating the Thursday afternoon Student Paper Competitions, Pat Parkman for serving as President-elect and Program Committee Chair, Clete Youmans for providing refreshments during the meeting courtesy of BASF, and all of the students who presented on Thursday for their excellent presentations.

Proclamation Committee chair David Cook added his complements to those of president Wiggins regarding the Student Paper Competitions. He then read the Tennessee Entomology Week Proclamation from the Governor’s Office.

**Committee and Officer Reports**:

**Auditing Committee**:

Committee Chair Clete Youmans reported that he and committee member Frank Hale had met with Treasurer Steve Powell on Friday morning, October 6, 2017, at which time they had audited the Treasurer’s books and had found them to be in good order.

**Treasurer**:

Treasurer Steve Powell distributed a report including the Total Assets (Checking and Cash) as of October 5, 2016 of $6403.44, Total Expenses since October 5, 2016 of $811.00 and Total Income since October 5, 2016 of $930.00. Total Assets (Checking and Cash) as of October 5, 2017 were $6522.44. Powell highlighted portions of the report and stated that the TES was in good financial condition.

President Wiggins proposed 1) that we hold the 2018 Annual Meeting at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and 2) that TES meetings alternate between Nashville and Knoxville in coming years. Wiggins asked if those present agreed with these proposals. There was general agreement although no vote was taken. The University of Tennessee Fall Break, traditional time of the TES meeting, is October 4-5, 2017.

**Awards Committee:**

Chair Kevin Moulton was absent but his proxy Pat Parkman gave the report. Parkman announced that Keaton Pennick will receive the Harry E. Williams 4-H award later this year. Parkman stated that the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Paper competition, with 5 papers and 10 papers presented respectively, had been particularly good at this meeting. Parkman indicated that there had been five judges and announced the undergraduate and graduate award winners. The first place winner of the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition was Amber Dunnaway of Tennessee State University. The second place winner was Sandra Bojic of Belmont University. The first place winner of the Graduate Student Paper Competition was Katherine Solo of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The second place winner was WanWan Liang of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The first place winners received checks from Treasurer Steve Powell for $150.00 and the second place winners received a check for $75.00. All winners also received an award certificate.

**Constitution/Operating Procedures Committee**:

Chair Karla Addesso was absent and no report was given.

**Insect Festival:**

Chair Jerome Grant was absent. Greg Wiggins indicated that an Insect Festival could possibly occur at the 2018 meeting at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and that more information would be provided after planning takes place.

**Local Arrangements:**

Frank Hale reported that 28-29 entomologists attended the Thursday evening dinner at Chili’s restaurant in Brentwood which was within walking distance of the Baymont Inn. Hale thanked Clete Youmans of BASF for paying for the student dinners at Chili’s.

**Membership Committee:**

Chair Steve Murphree reported that the committee’s focus in 2017 had been to make contact by email with entomologists at all academic institutions in the state who had not previously attended a TES meeting. Updates about the 2017 meeting through the program mailing were forwarded to this new email list in hopes of attracting more TES first-time attendees/members.

**Nominations Committee**:

Chair Amy Dismukes put forward the following candidates for election: David Cook had accepted the nomination for President-Elect for 2018. All other Board positions move forward except for one member-at-large position for which Dismukes herself agreed to serve.

Frank Hale made a motion to accept the officer candidates; the motion was seconded by Mike Studer and the motion carried.

Dismukes recommended chairs and members of TES committees and read these aloud. Steve Hamilton moved to accept the 2018 slate of committee chairs and members; Frank Hale seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Prediction/Evaluation Committee**:

Chair Steve Powell distributed a summary of invasive insect pest insect activity in the state as well as handouts specific to these pests, then commented on selected species such as the fact that no new counties were found to be infested with the emerald ash borer, a quarantined pest in 59 counties; and, the fact that considerably fewer gypsy moths had been collected than in past years. Powell also reported that some changes had been made to the Imported Fire Ant Quarantine; that the kudzu bug continued to spread throughout the state and that there had been no new county records for the Walnut Twig Beetle.

The handouts included a one-page summary, fact sheets and distribution maps as follows:

TES Predictions and Evaluations 2017

2017 Tennessee Imported Fire Ant Quarantine

Imported Fire Ant Areas in Tennessee – Quarantined Areas for Year 2017 (effective 5/01/2017)

USDA Pest Alert – Emerald Ash Borer (revised May 2015)

USDA Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project – Initial County EAB Detections in North America (September 6, 2017)

USDA Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project – EAB County Detections (September 6, 2017)

USDA Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project – Federal EAB Quarantine & Authorized Transit (September 6, 2017)

Tennessee Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine (effective September 9, 2016)

USDA/Forest Service Pest Alert – Thousand Cankers Disease (revised February 2013)

Tennessee Thousand Cankers Disease Quarantine and Buffer Regulated Areas (November 21, 2014)

USDA European Gypsy Moth (*Lymantria dispar*) North America Quarantine (through 2017)

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Tennessee Counties Infested with Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (April 21, 2017)

University of Tennessee Extension – Crapemyrtle Bark Scale

Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System – map for Crapemyrtle Bark Scale (through 2017)

Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System – map for Kudzu Bug (through 2017)

**Secretary**:

Secretary Steve Murphree indicated that recent TES meeting minutes are available on the TES website, gave directions for how to find these minutes and encouraged TES members to contact him with corrections and additions. No motion for acceptance of the minutes was called for.

**Historian**:

Historian Frank Hale made no report.

**Program Committee**:

Chair Pat Parkman was thanked by President Wiggins for organizing the program. No report was given.

**Publications/Editorial Committee**:

Chair Karla Addesso was absent. President Wiggins reported on Addesso’s progress with preparing and uploading the 2016 issue of *The Firefly*. Frank Hale asked that the way to access the Firefly from the TES website be described and president Wiggins did so.

**Publicity Committee**:

Chair Rebecca Trout Fryxell recommended that TES members go to the TES Facebook page and keep maintaining it beyond the annual meeting. We also have a #TennEntoSoc for Twitter where photos from the Student Paper Competition were uploaded on Thursday.

**Old/New Business**:

No items of old business or new business were brought before the members present.

Following the morning’s paper presentations, the TES meeting was adjourned by President Pat Parkman, after he was escorted to the podium by past TES presidents and Past-President Greg Wiggins passed the TES gavel to him, at 10:40 a.m. CDT. Parkman also thanked Past-President Wiggins for his distinguished service as the 2017 TES president and presented him with a plaque.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Murphree, Secretary