**Tennessee Entomological Society Annual Business Meeting**

TSU Agricultural Research and Education Center, Nashville - October 18, 2019

President David Cook called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. CDT.

**Committee Reports**

Auditing: After examination, Chair Cletus Youmans and committee member Frank Hale reported that they had found the Society’s records to be in order.

Awards: No report. However, this year’s winner of the senior level Harry E. Williams Award, Analynn Jones of Robertson County, attended the Annual Meeting where she was awarded the plaque.

Constitution: No report. Co-Chair Karla Addesso mentioned that the Constitution may need revision.

Insect Festival: No report. There was discussion concerning the location of the Festival. David Cook reminded us that we had lost our old Nashville venue at the Ed Jones Auditorium due to long-term renovation. It was noted that in 2020 we would probably meet in Knoxville, where Jerome Grant is usually the organizer. At the current (2019) meeting we had a presentation and demonstration on honey bees and beekeeping, rather than host an Insect Festival.

Local Arrangements: No report. David Cook acknowledged Kaushalya Amarasekare, the 2019 Local Arrangements Chair, for her efforts in hosting the Annual Meeting on the TSU campus. A round of applause followed.

Membership: No report.

Nominations: No report given at the business meeting but an election of new or renewing officers took place (see below). A sign-up sheet for 2020 committee memberships was passed around during the meeting. Based upon the response, a list of proposed committee chairs and members was prepared by 2020 Nominations Chair Pat Parkman and appears at the end of these minutes.

Predictions/Evaluations: Chair Steve Powell gave a report, including handouts, on the status of arthropod pests in Tennessee. Highlights included: 1) the emerald ash borer is well established in east Tennessee, now found in 58 of 62 counties that are under quarantine; 2) gypsy moth populations increased in upper east Tennessee counties; 3) no change from 2018 in the spread of the imported fire ant and number of counties quarantined; 4) the Asian long-horned beetle has not been found in Tennessee yet, and has been eradicated from areas in New York state.

Program: Chair Karla Addesso mentioned that there were fewer student competition presentation this year, but there are usually less attendees when the meeting is held in Nashville. Steve Powell stated that we had 34 registered attendees at this meeting; but Frank Hale said he counted 43 in attendance.

Publications/Editorial: Chair Karla Addesso noted that the 2018 Firefly had been uploaded to the TES website.

Publicity: Chair Karen Vail said that she continues to maintain the TES website. Before the 2019 Annual Meeting she contacted Patty McDaniels, media coordinator for the UT Institute of Agriculture, who publicized the meeting, focusing on Laura Russo’s keynote address. It was noted that a TSU media person was in attendance for the beekeeping demonstration.

After committee reports, discussion began on the location for the 2020 Annual Meeting. Karla Addesso said that a new hotel is being built near the TSU Nursery Research Center in McMinnville, and the Center could be the site of the 2021 meeting. Karen Vail stated that the construction on the UT Agriculture Campus should not affect the 2020 meeting if it is held there. David Cook mentioned that we have better attendance in Knoxville, and the annual meeting site usually rotates between Knoxville and Nashville. After discussion, a motion was made by Pat Parkman that the 2020 meeting be held in Knoxville. Motion was seconded by Steve Hamilton. Motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations for new or continuing TES Board members to serve from 2020-2022 were made:

Secretary: Steve Murphree

Editor: Greg Wiggins

Member-at Large: Karen Vail

Steve Hamilton made a motion to accept, Mike Studer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned by David Cook at 11:25 a.m. CDT

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Parkman, Acting Secretary

**2020 Proposed Committee Assignments**

The 2020 Committee Assignments below were proposed by Past-President Pat Parkman.

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| **Auditing**  Clete Youmans, Chair  Frank Hale  **Awards**  Pat Parkman, Chair  Kaushalya Amarasekare  Karen Vail  **Constitution/Operating Procedures**  Karla Addesso, Co-Chair  Jason Oliver, Co-Chair  Greg Wiggins  **Insect Festival**  Amy Dismukes, Chair  Frank Hale  Jerome Grant  **Local Arrangements**  Pat Parkman, Chair  Laura Russo  **Membership**  Steve Murphree, Chair  Steve Hamilton  Steve Powell | **Nominations**  David Cook, Chair  Pat Parkman  **Predictions/Evaluations**  Steve Powell, Chair  Jason Oliver  Scott Stewart  **Proclamation**  David Cook, Chair  **Program**  Kaushalya Amarasekare, Chair  Karla Addesso  **Publications/Editorial**  Greg Wiggins, Chair  Steve Powell  **Publicity**  Karen Vail, Chair  Rebecca Trout Fryxell  Amy Dismukes |