**Tennessee Entomological Society**

**Board of Directors Meeting via a Zoom video conference**

**October 3, 2019**

**Board Members present:**

David Cook, President and Proclamations Committee Chair

Steve Murphree, Secretary (2017-2019) and Membership Committee Chair

Steve Powell, Treasurer (2016-2018) and Predictions/Evaluations Committee Chair

Karla Addesso, President-Elect, Program Committee Chair; Editor, Publications/Editorial Committee Chair and Constitution/Operating Procedures Committee Co-Chair

Pat Parkman, Past President, Nominations Committee Chair

Greg Wiggins, Past President and Nominations Committee member

Kaushalya Amarasekare, Local Arrangements Committee Chair

Frank Hale, Historian

Amy Dismukes, Insect Festival Committee Chair

President David Cook called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. CDT.

Annual Meeting – David Cook began the meeting by asking for an update on the number of student papers that had been submitted. Karla Addesso stated that she had only received two titles/abstracts of student papers. David Cook replied that student titles often do come in late and promised to send out another email blast to encourage more students to get their titles submitted.

Kaushalya Amarasekare asked how many people typically attend the Annual Meeting. Steve Powell replied with the range of 40-60. David Cook stated that he would like for Tennessee State University Agriculture professors to encourage their students to attend the TES Annual Meeting to see papers.

Kaushalya Amarasekare reported that the TSU Dean of Agriculture would give the welcome and requested that this be added to the Annual Meeting program.

David Cook reported that he will have 5 copies of the Tennessee Entomology Week proclamation and that he would give one copy to the TSU Dean of Agriculture. Cook also stated that he could give an extra copy of the proclamation as a door prize. Frank Hale and David Cook indicated that they would bring in some new books to give as door prizes and it was agreed that the ticket system used on the past would be utilized. Kaushalya Amarasekare asked whether round or rectangular tables would be preferred. Frank Hale indicated his preference for rectangular tables and David Cook said that if an overflow of participants attend, then round tables could be placed for them at the rear of the facility.

***David Cook promised to send out driving directions to the TSU facility*** where the Annual Meeting will take place and get these posted on the TES website.

Insect Festival

David Cook reported that, in place of the Insect Festival, Gene Armstrong of the Nashville Area Beekeepers Association would bring in to set up a large observation hive since we have a honey bee keynote speaker. Armstrong’s presentation will be followed by a taste evaluation of light vs dark honey followed by explanation of the flavors. Frank Hale inquired as to how long would Armstrong’s presentation would last. David Cook estimated 1 to 1.5 hours (10:00 – 11:30 am.) Lastly, David Cook stated that he would have the honey bee set up confirmed by Monday, October 7.

Keynote speaker – Karen Vail asked if there a biography for Dr. Russo that could be uploaded to the website and used for publicity. ***Karla Addesso replied that she would ask Dr. Russo for a biography and an abstract of her talk***.

Possible hotels - David Cook reported that he was working on a list of 5 nearby hotels (within 2 miles of the TSU facility). Frank Hale asked about a good place for the Thursday evening dinner. David Cook replied that there are restaurants in MetroCenter. Cook also said that dealing with traffic would be an issue. Kaushalya Amarasekare stated that it would also be TSU’s homecoming that weekend.

Amarasekare asked David Cook to bring 1-2 laptop computers to use during the Annual Meeting. She also asked about TES signage to place on the TSU main campus.

Others to invite – David Cook stated that, in addition to the TSU students on that Thursday a.m., we might invite area homeschoolers (Steve Murphree’s Home School Science Discoveries list). Steve ***Murphree said that he could use Doodle poll to see how many homeschool families would come***.

Additional Annual Meeting items – David Cook stated that, at minimum, we would want 12 papers for the Thursday afternoon program and that the meeting would adjourn no later than 6:00 pm. Pat Parkman asked if anyone had asked Cletus Youmans about refreshments. ***David Cook replied that would email Youmans later that day about the refreshments***. Kaushalya Amarasekare inquired about who would assemble the program. Karla Addesso said that she was working on the program and would acknowledge TSU and print 60-70 copies. David Cook said that he would like for TES members like Amy Dismukes, who is in a new position, to give a paper about her new work with nursery crops in McMinnville. Dismukes agreed and said that her paper could be the ‘hot topic’. David Cook also indicated that he would do a student participation presentation. Frank Hale said he planned to speak about laurel wilt and Steve Powell showed a map of the laurel wilt distribution to date.

Student awards - Karen Vail inquired about student awards. ***Pat Parkman stated that we would have a senior level Harry E. Williams award to present*** to Analynn Jones of Robertson County who will attend the meeting on Friday a.m. to receive her award (plaques have been ordered).

Steve Murphree asked for a volunteer to record minutes at the annual meeting on Friday, October 18. He also reported that he had been contacted by Stephen Frazier, who shared that he had been assisted by Harry E. Williams, who had reviewed a version of a book that was recently published, *How to Raise and Preserve Catalpa Worms*, and that he wanted to donate it to the University of Tennessee’s Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology’s library in remembrance of Dr. Williams.

T-shirts- Steve Murphree asked whether there would be TES t-shirts available for purchase at the Annual Meeting. ***Greg Wiggins said that he would bring some to the annual meeting***; . Kaushalya Amarasekare suggested that a new t-shirt design be created every 3 years.

David Cook adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

**Action Items: *highlighted above***

Respectfully submitted by Steve Murphree, TES Secretary