

Tennessee Entomological Society Annual Business Meeting

Tennessee State University, Otis Floyd Nursery Research Center – October 10th, 2023

Karen Vail, TES President presiding

Agenda

Committee Reports

Auditing – Clete Youmans

- Karla presented the budget and highlights
 - Explained new annual business costs
 - Commented on donation costs from Clete/BASF
 - suggest targeting \$1,800/yr income
- Clete Youmans commented on budget
 - recommended additional signatories to checking account

Awards – Pat Parkman

- Harry E. Williams – Logan West, 4-H
- Bruer - No science fair award
- Caron Award – not given
- Special Award – Paige Costello – National Essay Contest on Bees
- Undergrad – Molly Deinhart
- MS - 1st Wesley Rhinehart, 2nd Mitchell Adkins
- PhD – 1st Julian Cosner, 2nd Matthew Longmire

Constitution/Operating Procedures – Jason Oliver

- New Constitution presented
- Approved unanimously by membership – 1st S. Hamilton, 2nd F. Hale

Local Arrangements – Karla Adesso

- All went well
- Next year's location – maybe west TN

Membership – Frank Hale

- Praised everyone reaching out
- Request to invite other insect/entomology people directly

Nominations – Steve Murphree

- President-Elect (VP) – Leigh Boardman – 1st S. Hamilton/2nd K. Adesso
- Member-at-Large – Midhula Gireesh – 1st S. Hamilton/2nd K. Adesso

Program – Jennifer Tsuruda

- Great representation from different schools and topics

Proclamation – Read by Steve Hamilton

Publications/Editorial – Pete Obenauer

- 2022 Firefly almost done
- 2023 – Frank will help
- 2021 – add in 2021 program and that should be done, no abstracts available

Publicity – Karla Adesso

- Sent to ESA calendar
- Facebook posts
- Website
- Emails to member/attendee list

Predictions/Evaluations – Cindy Bilbrey

- SLF presentation and other pests

50th Anniversary Brainstorming Session Ideas

- Pesticide Points – can we get them in advance without final program?
- First day morning event – Insect Festival or topical Extension type training for fee/points
- Change meeting dates – Summer better? December?
- S. Hamilton suggests more outreach to biology department faculty
- Joint meeting with other state entomology societies or SEB
- Tours associated with meeting
- Other events
- TES newsletter/Announce award winners to mailing list
- Provide flyers to hang up in departments
- Photo competition
- Request donations/alumni membership from past students