

Mississippi Entomological Association Meeting
Oct 26, 2009
Teleconference

Present:

Ryan Jackson, Jeff Gore, Melissa Siebert, Chris Daves, Don Cook, Chris Petersen, Clarence Collison, Rusty Mitchell, Mike Caprio, Angus Catchot, Kristine Edwards, Blake Layton, Jack Reed, Clint Allen, Fred Musser and Gordon Andrews.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

Committee reports:

Treasurer: See attached report. \$2400 was received from the spring meeting.

Local arrangements: See attached report. Charlie Williams is catering the banquet for \$10 per plate. Charlie Williams is also catering the Steak Supper at the MAFES Conference center. The price is \$15.95 per plate. Hoover's Bakery of West Point will provide the break food. Bulldog Deli will provide the box lunch for the panels on Wednesday.

Sherry Parker and Kathy Knighten will handle registration.

Nominations: The following nominations were accepted:

President: Jeff Gore

Vice-President: Clint Allen

Secretary: Mike Caprio

Treasurer: Fred Musser

Executive Vice-President: Clarence Collison

Executive Directors:

John Riggins

Angus Catchot

Gordon Andrews

Chris Daves

Rules: No report.

Historical: See attached.

4-H: See attached.

Legislative: No report.

Publications: Three submissions are currently in review.

Student Involvement: A one time \$500 scholarship in remembrance of Brad Gibson was created.

Scholarship: 10 students applied for 7 available scholarships.

Research and Education: No report.

The reports were accepted by motion.

Old Business:

Joint meeting: Does the MEA require a concurrent session. It was pointed out that few MEA members attended the Crop College, so a concurrent session was not seen as important. A motion that we not request a concurrent session was passed.

New Business:

Web site: The MEA web site is our window to the world and it was suggested that a webmaster be appointed. This position is a skilled position and should not be rotated. Jack Reed agreed to help with the web page, and the rules committee was charged with writing up new rules. A motion to accept these changes was passed. A suggestion was made to update the guidebook.

Fall meeting: Next year an open invitation should be sent out (not just to students). The suggestion of reserving a block of rooms at a hotel was discussed but it was not felt that it was feasible.

Student Competition: Angus Catchot proposed increasing the prize money for the student competition winners. One suggestion was that the money solicited from sponsors could be increased by \$50 to help fund the increase.