

**Mississippi Entomological Association
Executive Committee Meeting
February 16, 2010**

Present:

Starkville:

Clarence Collison – Executive Vice President
Jack Reed – Ex-Secretary and Advisor
Chris Peterson – Membership and Rules Committee/Senior Journal Editor
Ryan Campbell – Student Involvement Committee

Stoneville:

Jeff Gore – President
Clint Allen – Vice President
Fred Musser – Treasurer
Angus Catchot – Director/Awards Committee
Gordon Andrews – Director
Chris Daves - Director
Melissa Siebert – Nominations
Meg Allen – Public Relations
Ryan Jackson – Research and Education Committee
Don Cook – Publications Committee

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as amended with Jack Reed no longer listed as the webmaster. Joe MacGown will serve as webmaster.

No committee reports were given at the meeting with 2 exceptions.

Fred Musser gave a treasurers report. The MEA did not break even at the Fall meeting. The MEA is going to need the money raised at the spring meeting to help the budget.

Chris Peterson gave an update on the Mid-South Entomologist. He stated that he is currently waiting for 2 copyright forms to be returned and the winter issue will be ready for publication. Chris also reported that he started a blog for the journal. The blog can be accessed at <http://www.midsouthentomologist.wordpress.com>. Two articles have been received for the summer edition and are in review.

The dates and general outline for the annual fall meeting were discussed. The dates for the meeting were set for Monday and Tuesday, October 25-26, 2010. The activities will begin with an Executive Committee meeting Monday (10/25) during the late morning/early afternoon time frame. The Executive Committee meeting will be followed by the roundtables. There will be a row crop roundtable again in 2010, but other roundtables were not discussed. The steak dinner/pickin and grinnin will be Monday night. The second day of the meeting (Tuesday, 10/26) will include a full program beginning with the student competition. Rather than having a keynote speaker, the idea of having a speaker during the awards luncheon was discussed but not finalized. Randy Luttrell was discussed as a possibility for the lunch speaker. The business meeting will be held immediately before or after the awards luncheon. Submitted papers will be presented Tuesday afternoon.

Chris Peterson brought up the point that only one third of the presenters from the fall meeting submitted abstracts to be included in the Mid-South Entomologist. There was discussion about how to improve the percentage of abstract submissions from the fall meeting. It was also suggested to remove the titles from the journal that did not submit abstracts so that there was not a listing of “abstract not on file”. Other suggestions were to require abstracts to be submitted at the time of title submission or at some point prior to the

meeting.

Angus proposed filming the presentations and putting a link online where they can be viewed.

A link was added to the MEA website to post insecticide efficacy data from Mississippi. Jack Reed and Joe MacGown were instrumental in getting this set up. However, no data/reports have been submitted to be posted on the website. There was discussion encouraging anyone that has relevant information to submit it for inclusion on the website.

Finally, a brief discussion was initiated about updating the MEA Guidebook. Jack Reed volunteered to do this as his final contribution to the MEA before he retires.

2010 MEA Officers and Committee Chairs

President: Jeff Gore

Executive Vice President: Clarence Collison

Vice President: Clint Allen

Secretary: Mike Caprio

Treasurer: Fred Musser

Directors:

Angus Catchot

John Riggins

Gordon Andrews

Chris Daves

Local Arrangements – Kathy Knighten

Awards – Angus Catchot

Nominations – Melissa Siebert

Public Relations – Meg Allen

Scholarship – Blake Layton

Hospitality – Rusty Mitchell

Membership and Rules – Chris Peterson

Research and Education – Ryan Jackson

Student Involvement – Ryan Campbell

Historical – Mike Williams/Gordon Snodgrass

Legislative – John Gordon Campbell

Publications – Don Cook