

66th Annual (Virtual) Meeting of the SCES

October 2, 2020

Executive Committee Meeting, Opening Meeting, and New Board Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

A virtual meeting of the executive committee of the South Carolina Entomological Society was held on October 2nd, 2020, at 8 am.

Committee Reports:

- Local Arrangements – n/a
- Membership – Chair not present
- Nominations – Chair Alvin Simmons reporting: Currently no nominees. Alvin asked Cynthia Tant to consider candidacy for Vice President. Cynthia agreed.
- Program – Chair Mike Ferro reporting: President Jess Hartshorn put the program together. Mike suggests a discussion of ideas for the society after the meeting.
 - Jeremy Green states that the incoming president has previously served as program chair (Vice President).
- Resolutions – Chair Cynthia Tant reporting: nothing to report.
- Editorial – Chair JC Chong reporting: A report from the Journal of Agricultural and Urban Entomology was prepared by JC Chong. It is provided as an addendum after these minutes.
- Treasurer’s Report – 20 people registered for the meeting; few membership payments made. Current balance: \$1460.48 USD in Paypal account; \$539.88 in registration and membership fees.
 - A reminder to pay membership fees will be mentioned at start of meeting. Regular membership is \$40 and \$20 for “hardship”.
 - Mike Ferro: Student membership is \$5. Faculty membership is \$40. Rollover memberships are available at 10 years.

Other Discussion:

- Jess suggests moving website to WordPress or weebly.
- Students will be encouraged to pay membership dues in order to be eligible to win an award.
- A reminder to pay membership dues will be sent.

Executive committee meeting was adjourned at 8:30 to begin the Opening Meeting.

Opening Meeting

President Jess Hartshorn commenced the 66th annual meeting of the SCES, welcoming all attendees.

Jess mentions membership dues and that all students should register and be a paid member to be eligible for awards and gives an overview of how the virtual meeting will operate.

Elections:

Vice President: Past President Alvin Simmons nominates Cynthia Tant as Vice President. No one has any questions. A formal vote by poll is created by Jess. With 96% reporting, Cynthia is elected unanimously as VP.

Paula will step in for Cochran award for Cynthia.

The Cochran award winner presentation will not occur this year.

Secretary: Alvin Simmons nominates Sharon Andreason to serve new term as secretary. Voting poll is initiated; Sharon is unanimously elected as secretary.

Keynote by Dr. Jess Hartshorn and other presentations commence.

Virtual Awards:

A virtual awards “luncheon” was held at 12:45 PM to honor award recipients.

Honors and Awards:

Winners of the 2020 paper and poster competition

Student Presentations:

Poster: Kelsea Young

Paper: Peng Zhang, Matt Brown, Annie Borlik

J.H. Cochran Memorial Scholarship

The J.H. Cochran Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jenna Crowder.

J.H. Cochran Excellence in Entomology Award

The J.H. Cochran Excellence in Entomology Award was awarded to Dr. Paula Levin Mitchell.

New Board Meeting with New Committees:

A virtual meeting of the board of the South Carolina Entomological Society was held at 2:15 PM.

SCES board members present include Mike Ferro, Jess Hartshorn, Cynthia Tant, Eric Benson, Brian Scholtens, Gerry Carner, and Sharon Andreason.

Call to order: President Mike Ferro

Following Items were Discussed

- Venue for next year's meeting was discussed and will remain to be in planned for coastal SC.
- Jess Hartshorn is the new nominations chair.
- The website is being updated; however, a new website will likely be built. Suggestion to work on website through David. Members are excited for a new website.
- Discussion about membership dues being \$20 or \$40; Mike suggests automatic renewal for memberships.
- A SCES listserv will be operated through Clemson.
- There is interest in updating the SCES logo to represent the major SC waterways, make topographic, and make beetle at high resolution; Sara is nominated to update. Eric Benson proposes to keep date in the logo.
- Mike Ferro wants to add history of the society by Mike Hood.
- Increasing social media presence and interest/involvement in the society is discussed.
- A new award is proposed: the Frances McAllister award. Members eligible for the award would be from underrepresented groups, including people of color, indigenous people, women, and first generation college students. Nominations would be similar to Cochran award. Cochran award funds may be used; More information is needed.

- The following ideas for the journal are discussed: Digitalization of old publications; Advertisement for more local research (many foreign publications are being submitted, so rejection is high).
- Interest in an ESA Linnean Competition is mentioned.

Officers:

Below is the listing and contact details for the 2021 SCES elected officers.

President: Mike Ferro, Clemson University, Plant and Environmental Sciences Department, 307 Long Hall, 230 Parkway Dr., Clemson, SC 29634; phone: 864-656-3105; email: mferro@clemson.edu

VP/President Elect: Cynthia Tant, Winthrop University, Biology Department, Rock Hill, SC 29733; 803-323-2111; tantc@winthrop.edu

Past President: Jessica Hartshorn, Clemson University, Department of Forestry and Environmental Conservation, 264 Lehotsky, Jersey Ln, Clemson, SC 29631; phone: 864-656-4861; email: jhartsh@clemson.edu

Secretary: Sharon Andreason, USDA-ARS U.S. Vegetable Laboratory, 2700 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29414; phone: 843-402-5320; email: sharon.andreason@usda.gov

Treasurer: Brian Scholtens, College of Charleston, Biology Department, 58 Coming St. Rm. 214, Charleston, SC 29424; phone 843-953-8081; email scholtensb@cofc.edu

Historian: Gerry Carner, Clemson University, 318 Long Hall, Clemson, SC 29634; phone 864-656-5040; email gcarner@clemson.edu

2021 Committee Chairs:

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Membership: David Jenkins, SC Forestry Commission, 5500 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC, 29212; djenkins@scfc.gov

Nominations: Jess Hartshorn, Forestry and Environmental Conservation, 272F Lehotsky, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634; jhartsh@clemson.edu

Program: Mike Ferro, Clemson University Arthropod Museum, 309 Long Hall, Clemson

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Resolutions: Cynthia Tant, Biology Department, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC, 29733;
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The board plans to meet again by Christmas.

The meeting was adjourned by the board.

Respectfully prepared by:
Sharon Andreason, 2021

Addendum:

**A report from
Journal of Agricultural and Urban Entomology (JAUE)**

2 October 2020

Editorial Board

The Editorial Board includes the Editor, JC Chong, and Subject Editors: Ron Cherry (UF), Jeremy Greene (CU), Xiping Hu (Auburn), Fangneng Huang (LSU), Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris (USDA-ARS), and Nick Seiter (Univ. IL). JC Chong thanks all subject editors for their continuing service to JAUE.

JC Chong has revised the Instructions for Authors and Publication Policy, with the addition of a Publishing Ethic and Plagiarism Policy. The revised policy will be posted on BioOne and SCES website by the beginning of 2021.

Submission and publication status

Volume 35 (2019), with 5 particles totaling 69 pages, has been published on BioOne. Volume 36 (2020) currently has 11 articles (114 pages). Currently, 4 manuscripts are in review, and 8 manuscripts have been returned to authors for revision after preliminary review.

Statistics of the submitted manuscripts are as followed:

Manuscripts received in 2019:

	Number of manuscripts	Percentage
Received	25	100%
Not accepted before peer review Reason: 1) Outside of scope of JAUE; N = 2 2) Poor experimental design; N = 1 3) Insufficient data; N = 3 4) Withdrawn, N = 4 5) Plagiarism; N = 3 6) Extremely poor writing, N = 1	14	56% (of received)
Forwarded to peer review	11	44% (of received)

Withdrawn after peer review	1	4% (of received) 9% (of reviewed)
Still in review	1	4% (of received) 9% (of reviewed)
Rejected after peer review Reason: 1) Insufficient or preliminary data; N = 1	1	4% (of received) 9% (of reviewed)
Accepted Published in Volume 35 (2019); N = 1 Published in Volume 36 (2020); N = 7	8	32% (of received) 72.7% (of reviewed)

Manuscripts received in 2020:

	Number of manuscripts	Percentage
Received (as of 2 October 2020)	26	100%
In preliminary review	0	0% (of received)
Not accepted before peer review Reason: 1) Outside of scope of JAUE; N = 1 2) Poor experimental design; N = 8 3) Plagiarism; N = 0 4) Poor writing; N = 4 5) Insufficient data; N = 1	14	53.8% (of received)
Waiting for authors to revise after preliminary review	5	19.2% (of received)
Forwarded to peer review	7	26.9% (of received)
In active review	3	11.5% (of received) 43% (of reviewed)
Rejected after peer review	1	3.8% (of received) 14% (of reviewed)
Accepted Published in Volume 36 (2020); N = 3	3	11.5% (of received) 43% (of reviewed)

Manuscripts received 2009-2020:

Year	Number of manuscripts received	Number of manuscripts published	Rejection rate (%)	Impact factor
2009	16	11	29.4	
2010	24	14	41.7	
2011	17	11	35.3	
2012	26	13	50.0	
2013	17	7	58.8	
2014	28	9	67.9	0.17
2015	16	7	56.3	0.19
2016	22	10	54.5	0.33
2017	27	11	59.3	0.84
2018	23	6	73.9	0.70

2019	25	8	72.7	TBD
2020*	26	3	TBD	TBD

*Not a complete year. Up to the date of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

JC Chong
Editor, JAUE