

The First Fifty Years of the South Carolina Entomological Society¹

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ABSTRACT Historical information covering the first 50 years of the South Carolina Entomological Society is summarized in this article. The information was gathered from minutes of annual meetings, board of directors meetings, and from other sources in the historical files of the Society. The major event for the Society has been the annual meeting, which has included a varied program through the years. The Society has published annual meeting proceedings and newsletters infrequently through its 50-year history, and the desire to publish a professional research journal culminated in 1984 with the launching of the *Journal of Agricultural Entomology*, becoming the *Journal of Agricultural and Urban Entomology* in 1999. The Society has met jointly several times with other nearby state entomological societies, fostering scholarship and fellowship with other regional entomologists. Several awards have been presented at annual meetings to recognize students and professionals who have made exemplary contributions to the field of entomology. Other awards have been presented to individuals who delivered superior presentations at annual meetings. The Society has offered its members many opportunities to promote entomology in South Carolina.

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The first organized effort to form an entomological society in South Carolina occurred at a meeting on 17 December 1954 at the Jefferson Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina. The primary purpose of this meeting was to celebrate the Centennial of Professional Entomology. However, the idea of forming a society may be traced to an informal meeting of entomologists, meeting at the Jefferson Hotel in Columbia on 26 January 1951. Attendees at this meeting expressed a strong desire to meet on an annual basis (Farrar 1951). The meeting, held on 17 December 1954, resulted in the selection of James H. Cochran of Clemson and Frank T. Arnold, Jr. of Columbia to appoint a committee to write a constitution and bylaws for the proposed organization. They appointed Max M. Askey, Jr. (Chairman), W. J. Goodwin, Julian E. Keil, Vernon M. Kirk, and William C. Nettles to serve on the founding committee. After two meetings, the committee had formulated an original draft of a constitution and bylaws. An organizational meeting was called by committee chair Askey to be held at the Jefferson Hotel in Columbia

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Fig. 1. Attendees of South Carolina Entomological Society Organizational Meeting, Jefferson Hotel, Columbia, South Carolina, August 26, 1955. Key to group picture: Front Row: L. H. Moore, G. C. Fenklea, J. E. Payne, F. Reeves Gressette, T. E. Skelton and G. M. Anderson; Second Row: L. H. Senn, J. K. Reed, N. Allen, D. Duncan, C. S. Creighton, J. A. Berly; Third Row: W. H. Tiller, R. E. Howell, W. C. Johnson, R. L. Walker, A. R. Hopkins, J. L. McKee; Fourth Row: J. P. Fulmer, W. A. Tarplay, J. H. Cochran, F. T. Arnold, W. J. Reid, Jr., L. M. Sparks; Standing: W. C. Nettles, J. E. Keil, M. M. Askey, Jr., W. J. Goodwin, and Frances McAlister.

on 26 August 1955; about 30 South Carolina entomologists attended (Fig. 1). The proposed constitution and bylaws were discussed in detail, revised, and approved at the meeting. The first slate of officers elected at the meeting included James H. Cochran, President; Leon H. Moore, Vice President; Frank T. Arnold, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer; and David Dunavan, Historian. The new officers were instructed to proceed in having the Society duly incorporated in the State of South Carolina. On 25 November 1955, officers Cochran, Moore, and Arnold prepared and submitted a Declaration and Petition for Incorporation of the Society to the Secretary of State of South Carolina. On 9 December 1955, the Entomological Society of South Carolina was duly incorporated by the Secretary of State for South Carolina under the laws of the State and issued a Certificate of Incorporation No. 848. The Charter was presented to the Society at the next meeting (Reid 1958). Program committee chair Norman Allen announced the first meeting of the Society, to be held at the Hotel Columbia, Columbia, on 28–29 March 1956 (Dunavan 1956). The first formal meeting was duly held and the Society continued to meet annually for the next 50 years.

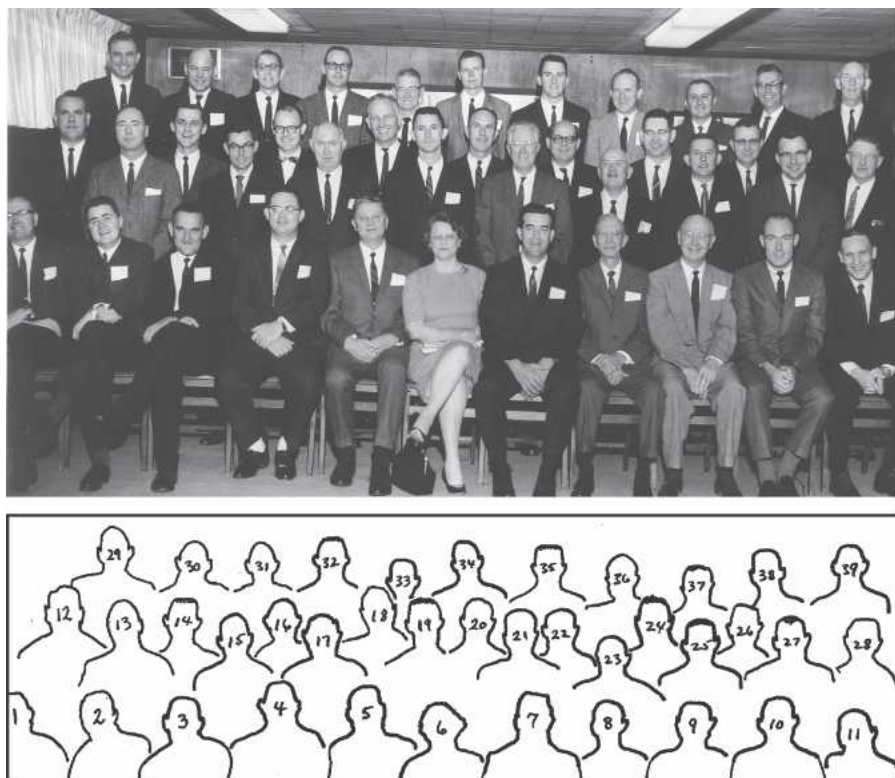


Fig. 2. Attendees of South Carolina Entomological Society's 10th Annual Meeting, Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, 1965. Key to group picture: 1. L. H. Senn, 2. W. Kinard, 3. C. Creighton, 4. T. R. Adkins, 5. L. R. Morgan, 6. F. McAlister, 7. H. Taft, 8. W. H. Tiller, 9. W. Burnside, 10. W. Johnson, 11. M. Blum, 12. M. Askey, 13. Q. Chapman, 14. R. C. Fox, 15. F. P. Cuthbert, 16. H. Agee, 17. J. H. Cochran, 18. A. Day, 19. S. Turnipseed, 20. J. Mahaney, 21. M. D. Farrar, 22. W. Wymer, 23. W. C. Nettles, 24. E. W. King, 25. V. M. Kirk, 26. W. Westmoreland, 27. D. Broersma, 28. C. S. Harris, 29. J. H. Pruitt, 30. M. Love, 31. J. Keil, 32. S. B. Hays, 33. N. Allen, 34. D. Bowen, 35. A. Ward, 36. J. K. Reed, 37. C. Allee, 38. S. Benedict, and 39. W. J. Reid, Jr.

Annual Meeting Programs

The annual meeting programs varied over the years from professional presentations to professional and student presentations to symposia with invited speakers (Figs. 2 and 3). The first annual meeting (1956) of the South Carolina Entomological Society, Inc., followed several organizational meetings and was the first meeting of entomologists in the state to have a fully planned program. President James H. Cochran, Head of the Department of Entomology and Zoology, Clemson College, called the meeting to order in the State Room of Hotel Columbia at 9:30

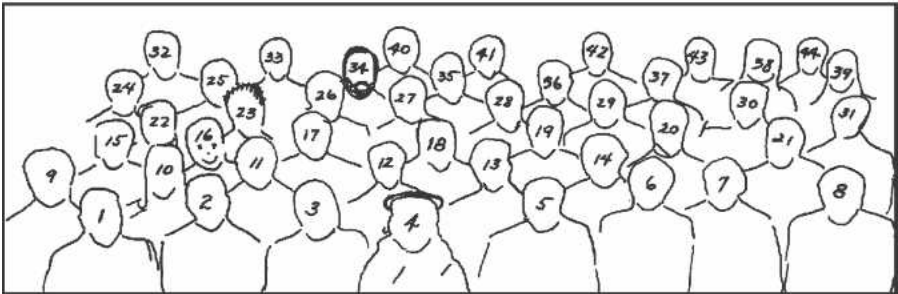


Fig. 3. Attendees of South Carolina Entomological Society's 20th Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Clemson, South Carolina, 1975. Key to group picture: 1. Lance Wallace, 2. C. A. Thomas, 3. John DuRant, 4. Frances McAlister, 5. Leo Ehnis, 6. Bill Kea, 7. Ed Quattlebaum, 8. Chas. Creighton, 9. Ben Kissam, 10. Gerry Wicker, 11. Jerry Burkett, 12. Albert Johnson, 13. Paul Horton, 14. Robert Moore, 15. Lawrence Hughes, 16. Gerry Carner, 17. David Montross, 18. "Lefty" Moore, 19. Quentin Chapman, 20. R. C. Fox, 21. Frank Eason, 22. Rodney Holloway, 23. S. G. Turnipseed, 24. Dan Brooks, 25. R. F. Nash, 26. Tommy Walker, 27. Gary Newman, 28. Toney Boozer, 29. T. R. Adkins, 30. Max Askey, 31. Bruce Ezell, 32. Mike Sullivan, 33. John Morse, 34. Von McCaskill, 35. E. W. King, 36. Alton Walker, 37. Julian Mikell, 38. Robert Herlong, 39. Frank Davis, 40. Augustine Day, 41. Bill Westmoreland, 42. Bill Lott, 43. L. H. Senn, and 44. Ray Noblet.

AM (Arnold 1956). President Cochran gave a presidential address based on the third objective of the Society's Constitution, which stated "[T]o bring about through concerted effort further improvements in the field of entomology throughout the State of South Carolina." He presented four main points: 1) entomology needs more workers and more money, 2) entomology students and workers need to be given better training in basic entomology and biology, 3) there is a great need for better and safer insecticides, and 4) entomologists need to sell their profession to the public. On the first day of the meeting, members toured the Public Health Laboratory at the State Hospital in Columbia, the Sandhill Experiment Station in Pontiac, and the State-Federal Livestock Sanitary Laboratories at the Sandhill Station. Three presentations were given on the second day of the meeting. John K. Reed, Associate Entomologist, South Carolina State Crop Pest Commission, Clemson, gave a talk on "South Carolina Pesticidal Testing Program." Reed outlined the steps the South Carolina Crop Commission follows in assuring the public that pesticides purchased in the state are legitimate. E. H. Smith, Associate Professor of Entomology, New York Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, New York State, gave a presentation titled "Promotion of Entomology" and C. R. Jordan, Extension Entomologist, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, spoke next on "Shall We Wait Another 100 Years?" During the business session, program Chair Norman Allen solicited from attendees their opinions on what type of program was appropriate for annual meetings. Members suggested a wide range of programs, which varied from informal programs having no paper presentations or demonstrations to formal programs having invited speakers and paper presentations. After much discussion, the members decided to delegate this responsibility to the program committee. A varied program continued for the next few years with professionals giving presentations, conducting workshops, or leading field and laboratory oratory tours.

The fifth annual meeting program in 1960 included a presentation by Hannah Holleman, a student in the Department of Zoology, Clemson College. She was the first graduate student to give a presentation at a Society meeting. The twenty-eighth meeting program in 1982 featured a themed symposium titled "Perspectives on Insect Control." This was the first Society meeting to include a symposium, which included three professional presentations. Waldemar Klassen, National Program Research Leader for IPM, USDA-ARS, Stoneville, Mississippi, presented a talk "Development of Coordinated Insect Control from the Single Farm to Regional Programs." Edward King, Jr., Director, Biological Control Laboratory, USDA-ARS, Stoneville, Mississippi, gave a talk on "Biological Methods for Managing Insect and Mite Pests," and Thomas M. Brown, Insecticide Toxicologist, Department of Entomology, Fisheries and Wildlife, Clemson University, presented a talk on "Benefits, Constraints and Prospects of Insecticide Use."

The thirtieth meeting program in 1984 included two symposia entitled "Naturalist's Symposium" and "Future Direction for *Heliothis* Research in South Carolina." The program of the thirty-third meeting in 1987 was the first to have sessions formally listed by specialty area. Two general sessions featured talks on crop protection, one general session featured talks on behavior and bionomics, and the other general session featured talks on medical, veterinary, and forensic entomology. A Lyme disease symposium was held the first afternoon of the thirty-sixth meeting on 8–9 November 1990. A naturalist symposium was held during the thirty-seventh annual meeting on 7–8 November 1991. Invited speaker Rudy

Mancke, Director of Science and Nature Programming, South Carolina, ETV, gave a talk on "The Dragonflies of South Carolina" to begin the Naturalist Symposium held during the second session. He also gave a presentation titled "To See a World" after the social hour and dinner.

M. B. Willey and Peter H. Adler gave a poster presentation at the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Society held on 5–6 November 1992. The poster, "Systematic Position of the Basilica Spider, *Mecynogea lemniscata* (Araneae: Araneidae)," marked the first poster presentation at a Society meeting.

A photo session was included in the thirty-ninth annual meeting program (1994) of the Society, which was held jointly with the Georgia Entomological Society. This marked the first photo session held at a Society meeting.

The fortieth meeting program included the first high school student presentations that included student, Karen E. Mabry, from Union High School and three students, Meredith Mitchell, Alicia Syrett, and Marcus Washington, from the South Carolina Governors School for Science and Mathematics, Hartsville. Several later meeting programs included presentations by students from high schools and the South Carolina Governors School.

During the final business session of the forty-sixth annual meeting, held on 3 November 2000, the question of providing computer projection equipment for Power Point® presentations was discussed extensively. The call for papers for that meeting specified only 2 × 2 inch slide format. A motion was made which was approved to officially sanction both types of presentations at the next annual meeting and to revise the call-for-papers form accordingly.

A symposium titled "Natural History of the Sandhills" was held during the third general session of the forty-eighth annual meeting (2002) of the Society. Invited speaker Rudy Mancke, now of the School of the Environment, University of South Carolina, Columbia, gave a talk on "The Sandhills Then and Now." Other invited speakers and their respective topics included W. Grooms, The Nature Conservancy, South Carolina Chapter, Columbia, "A Layman's Overview of the Cultural and Agricultural History of the Sandhills;" Patrick D. McMillan, Department of Biological Sciences, Clemson University, Clemson, "A Brief Synopsis of the Vegetation and Ecology of the Fall-line Sandhills;" J. Glover, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, "The Aquatic Macroinvertebrates of Streams and Rivers in the Sandhills of South Carolina;" Donald G. Manley, Department of Entomology, Clemson University, Clemson, "Velvet Ants of the Sandhills;" J. Ciegler, West Columbia, "Coleoptera from Ultraviolet Light Traps in the Sandhills of South Carolina;" and Alfred G. Wheeler, Department of Entomology, Clemson University, Clemson, "An African Grass in the Carolina Sandhills: Colonization of an Exotic Plant by Little-known, Rarely-Collected Herbivores."

On 7–8 October 2004, the Society met at the Sandhill Research and Education Center, Columbia, to celebrate the fiftieth meeting of the Society. Fifty-two entomologists, guests or invited speakers attended the 2004 meeting (Fig. 4), which was presided over by President Paul M. Horton. A special anniversary session entitled "A Look Back at 50 Years" was held at the beginning of the meeting to commemorate the history of the Society. Three charter members, Louie H. Senn, Thomas E. Skelton, and Mac Sparks, were present at the meeting. Skelton, retired entomologist and 1983 president of the Society, began the session with a talk on "The Early Years of the Society." J. Benjamin Kissam, retired extension en-

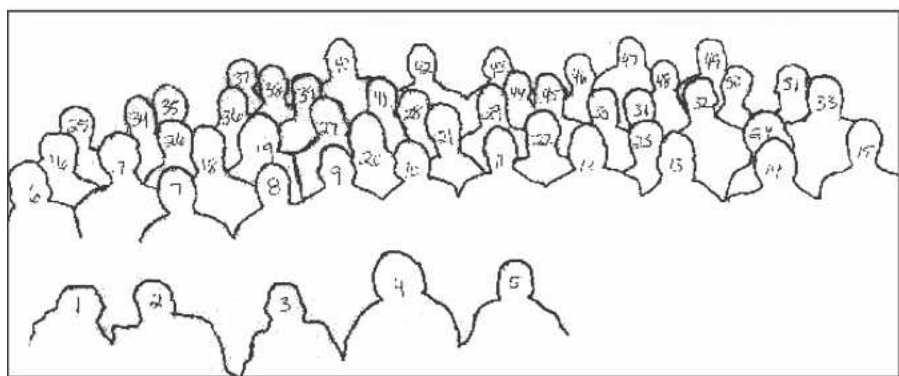


Fig. 4. Attendees of South Carolina Entomological Society's 50th Annual Meeting, Sandhill Research and Education Center, Columbia, South Carolina, 7–8 October 2004. Key to group picture: 1. Lynn Smith, 2. Mohamed F. R. Khan, 3. Paula Mitchell, 4. Barbara Padgett, 5. Gerry Carner, 6. Mac Sparks, 7. Idham Harahap, 8. Merle Shepard, 9. Mike Jackson, 10. John Reed, 11. Roger Francis, 12. Dick Baughman, 13. Randy Griffin, 14. Tom Skelton, 15. Margaret Nakakande, 16. Mac Horton, 17. Peter Adler, 18. Sam-Kyu Kim, 19. Layla Burgess, 20. Bruce Ezell, 21. Richard Porcher, 22. Morgan McClure, 23. Rolando Lopez-Guitierrez, 24. Nancy Osler, 25. Al Wheeler, 26. Joe Culin, 27. Ben Kissam, 28. Don Manley, 29. Randy McWhorter, 30. Tim Davis, 31. Yai Kusumah, 32. Eric Benson, 33. Louie Senn, 34. Bill Nettles, 35. Gloria McCutcheon, 36. Mark Schaffer, 37. Hugh Conway, 38. Chad Smith, 39. James Korecki, 40. Phil Harpootlian, 41. Powell Smith, 42. Mike Hood, 43. Sam Turnipseed, 44. Mark Nelder, 45. Patrick McMillan, 46. Jay Chapin, 47. L. A. Williams, 48. Albert Johnson, 49. Dwight Williams, 50. Ben Powell, and 51. Ruly Anwar.

tomologist and 1991 president of the Society, gave a talk on "Extension Entomology thru the Years." Kissam also read a presentation entitled "Teaching Entomology in the State," which was submitted by Sidney B. Hays, 1972 president of the Society, who was unable to attend the meeting. Senn, retired entomologist and 1977 president of the Society, gave a presentation on "Regulatory Entomology in the State." Vice President and 2004 program committee Chair W. Michael Hood ended the session with a slide presentation on "The Fifty Year History of the Society."

Publications

The Society had various publications during the first 50-year history, including newsletters, brochures, proceedings of annual meetings, and a professional journal. At the fourth meeting of the Society held 11–12 March 1959, publications committee Chair Edward W. King reported his committee's discussion on establishment of a journal for the Society, saying "a journal should be scientifically respectable and reliable." Discussion followed with "prominent entomologists giving varying opinions." There were some favorable opinions given but the general opinion was against the establishment of a journal published by a single state society. A combination state-based journal was suggested, possibly with Georgia. However, Theodore R. Adkins, Jr. reported that in discussions during his visit to a recent Georgia Entomological Society meeting there was opposition to such a combination journal. Someone noted that a South Carolina Entomological Society questionnaire indicated little support or publishable material for a journal. Leon H. Moore noted that he would support a publication similar to the Georgia Entomologist. James H. Cochran stated that the journal should be a solid publication that will provide good publicity for the Society (Thornburg 1960). No further discussion was recorded on this topic in the minutes of the first day of this meeting. During the final business meeting of the second day of the 1959 meeting, publications committee Chair King solicited direction from the group for his committee concerning the status of a journal and newsletter. He noted four possibilities: 1) continue journal plans, 2) abandon journal plans and start a newsletter, 3) attempt both, or 4) abandon both. After much discussion, Vernon M. Kirk moved that plans for a journal be abandoned, which was seconded by W. H. Burnside. The members present voted and the motion failed to pass. By an informal show of hands, a newsletter was favored over the journal.

During the business session of the 1960 meeting, publications committee Chair King gave his committee's report, which was followed by a motion made by Richard C. Fox that the Society should publish an annual proceedings of the meeting, including presentation abstracts and other pertinent information. The motion passed to take this route (McAlister 1960). King edited the proceedings of the 1960 meeting, which included the text of remarks by speakers. The Proceedings were the result of several years' effort by the publications committee to provide the members some form of publication (King 1960).

At a preliminary business session held during the sixth annual meeting in 1961, publications committee Chair King distributed mimeographed copies of Volume I, No. 1 of Proceedings of the South Carolina Entomological Society, which was the Society's first publication. Chair King reported during the 1963 final business meeting that he had prepared a brochure designed to introduce the

field of entomology to South Carolina high school students and their advisors. The brochure was approved and the members voted to proceed with printing copies at a cost not to exceed \$250. The brochure was included on pages 7–9 of the Proceedings of the Society, 1963, Vol. III, No. 1. Apparently meeting proceedings were published through the 1969 meeting, after which the executive committee met on 10 December 1969 and voted to discontinue the publication of the proceedings of the Society's annual meeting.

During the final business session of the 1970 meeting, publications committee Chair Thomas E. Skelton noted that his committee had reconsidered the possibility and feasibility of publishing an annual meeting proceedings. He added that during the December 1969 board of directors meeting, President Samuel G. Turnipseed directed his committee to have published in a recognized journal the talk given by Wesley W. Gregory titled "History of Entomology in South Carolina" at the 1969 annual meeting. Chair Skelton reported that correspondence had been received recently from the Executive Secretary of the Entomological Society of America, stating that he had agreed to publish Gregory's talk (Gregory 1970) in the June 1970 issue of the Bulletin of the Entomological Society of America (Skelton & Kissam 1970).

During the final business session of the 1971 meeting, publications committee Chair Julian E. Keil recommended that the Society should have a publication and further noted that abstracts of papers presented at annual meetings should be published. Chair Keil made a motion that was approved that the Society have a publication. Chair Keil recommended that the executive committee should appraise the situation and make the final decision on the type of publication based on the Society's finances. The executive committee met on 6 December 1971 and approved a motion by former publications committee Chair Skelton to enlarge the annual meeting program to include abstracts of each presentation. During the final business session of the 1972 meeting, publications committee Chair Adkins reported that the board of directors had requested that abstracts of each paper be printed in the meeting program, which would result in much less expense to the Society than printing a separate meeting proceedings. Each presentation title and author was followed by a brief abstract in the 1972 meeting program.

During the final business session of the 1973 annual meeting held on 14 February, publications committee Chair Wm. Bruce Ezell, Jr., reported that his committee recommended that the Society should contact members of the North Carolina Entomological Society to investigate the possibility of a joint publication. He also reported that his committee recommended that the Society publish a newsletter. J. Benjamin Kissam made a motion that was approved that the Society president be responsible for preparing a quarterly newsletter. The first Society newsletter was published in July 1973 by President Theodore R. Adkins. The purpose of the newsletter was to inform the membership of Society activities and other information related to the field of Entomology. The first newsletter featured an article on Rocky Mountain spotted fever because an increasing number of cases had been reported recently in South Carolina and surrounding states. Several agriculture-related business updates were listed in the newsletter, giving new office openings, personnel changes, and new product status. Personal news items were included that gave updates on current and past members of the Department of Entomology and Economic Zoology, Clemson University. A brief summary of the Society's last annual meeting was given because many members were

unable to attend the meeting, which had to be rescheduled because of inclement weather. Society newsletters were published on a regular basis until 1983 (Kissam 1994).

In the final business session of the 1975 annual meeting, publications committee Chair Raymond Noblet reported that his committee had questioned many Society members and the general opinion was that because the newsletter had recently been established, this was not a good time to start a journal. He noted that the membership supported the idea of beginning a journal in the future and that consideration be given to a possible joint publication with the North Carolina Entomological Society. An undated memorandum addressed to the Society was located in the historical records. The memo "proposed that the South and North Carolina Entomological Societies jointly publish a refereed journal of general entomology" and the memo included some suggested journal names including *The Carolina Entomologist*, *MidAtlantic Journal of Entomology*, *Journal of Carolina Entomology*, and *Carolina Journal of Entomology*.

On 6 August 1975, Adkins and Noblet sent to all Society members a memorandum stating that they had assumed the responsibility of compiling the quarterly newsletter. The *Society Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 1, published in November 1975, featured an article that announced the initiation of the Pesticide Applicator Certification Program in South Carolina. The program was designed to ensure that users have the competence to handle restricted-use pesticides without causing danger to themselves, the public, or the environment. The Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service was charged with responsibility for the certification training program and the Plant Pest Regulatory service was responsible for examinations and licensing.

A *South Carolina Entomological Society Newsletter*, Vol. X, No.1, was published in February 1982. The newsletter announced the upcoming Society meeting to be held 25–26 February 1982 in Columbia. An article titled "A Journal Sponsored by the South Carolina Entomological Society?" encouraged members to attend the meeting and be prepared to discuss the proposed journal during a block of time set aside on the first day of the meeting. As of 16 February, 47 members had returned a questionnaire that solicited their opinion of the proposed journal. Of the questionnaires returned, only three members were not in favor of the Society publishing a journal. Twenty-eight respondents indicated they would consider publishing in the proposed journal and 37 said they would be willing to serve on the editorial board. The article listed several items for members to give serious thought before the upcoming meeting. Adkins moderated a special session entitled "Discussion on the Proposal to Publish a Scientific Journal" during the first day of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Society held on 25–26 February 1982. No detailed minutes were found in the historian's files for this meeting.

A *Society Newsletter* was published in September 1982, Vol. X, No. 2. The newsletter began with an announcement of the next Society meeting to be held on 11–12 November 1982, which would be the second meeting in 1982. The board of directors decided to change the meeting time from spring to fall in an attempt to avoid the last big early spring snow storms.

The ad-hoc committee assigned to study the feasibility of a journal and other related issues met on 25 March 1982. Committee member David R. Alverson prepared a summary of the recommended proposals resulting from the meeting. The title approved by the committee was the "Journal of Agricultural Entomol-

ogy." The editorial policy recommended the journal should be published quarterly by the Society and that subscription should be included with membership. A policy statement recommended, "the Journal of Agricultural Entomology publishes contributions on all aspects of original research concerning insects and other arthropods of agricultural importance. The journal is particularly dedicated to the timely publication of articles and notes pertaining to applied entomology, although it will accept suitable contributions of a fundamental nature related to agricultural entomology." The committee recommended the editorial board shall consist of eight nationally recognized scientists representing major disciplines associated with agricultural entomology. And further, the board shall represent research efforts by university, USDA, and industry scientists from all regions of the United States. Each member shall serve a 3-year term and serve in an advisory capacity to the journal through the editor-in chief. The editor-in-chief shall be compensated by a suitable honorarium and shall be expected to manage the flow of manuscripts, ensure adequate peer review, and chair the editorial board. The committee recommended the journal be distributed to members of the Society, entomology departments at all land grant institutions, USDA, and their respective libraries, and indexing services. The committee recommended that the original issue should consist of approximately 25 invited papers from nationally recognized scientists. These initial papers would establish the quality of manuscripts accepted for publication and introduce the journal as national in scope. Journal costs would be recovered through page charges, subscription rates, and advertising. Five pages of the Journal would be dedicated to advertising at scale rates and at reduced rates for recurrent ads. The committee planned to meet again prior to the next Society meeting in November 1982.

The ad hoc committee had a second meeting on 9 November 1982 and a summary of the meeting was published in a report dated 11 November 1982 and signed by Chair Adkins. The report contained much of the same information resulting from the earlier meeting that was published in the summary by Alverson. Additional recommendations resulting from this second meeting included the objectives of the publication: a) national recognition in agricultural circles, b) highest-quality possible, and c) speedy publication of worthy manuscripts. The committee recommended that the Society commit funds to underwrite the cost of half the first issue not to exceed \$2,000. After the first issue, each issue of the journal should be self-sustaining through page charges and advertising. The committee recommended that Adkins be appointed Journal Editor, John Reed as Associate Editor, William P. DuBose as Business Manager, and Thomas E. Skelton as Associate Business Manager. All committee recommendations were approved and the first issue of the *Journal of Agricultural Entomology* was published in 1984. Adkins served as Journal editor until July 1989.

The final presentation of the thirtieth meeting, held on 8–9 November 1984, was presented by Adkins entitled "The Trials and Tribulations of Producing a High Quality Scientific Journal." During a board of directors meeting held on 18 July 1988, Adkins reported that the January issue of the journal was printed and ready to be mailed. He noted that the rate of rejection of manuscripts was extremely high and although there were enough papers to fill future issues, the papers were in the hands of reviewers, which continued to be a problem (Bellinger 1988a).

The Executive Committee of the Society met at 10 AM, before the thirty-fourth meeting held 10–11 November 1988. The status of the Journal of Agricultural Entomology (JAE) was discussed by the committee. Barry Dover, JAE Business Editor, reported on the financial status of the journal. He reported the JAE was presently in arrears resulting from several outstanding debits for which payments would be forthcoming. He noted that the Journal was presently losing approximately \$700 per issue, giving a projected JAE loss of \$2600 for 1988. Publications Committee Chair Adkins reported that the JAE manuscript review process was taking too long and that there was a backlog of about 10 papers. Much discussion followed on how to best address JAE's problems. President Dubose recommended the Society raise dues, tighten the review process, and seek to make the JAE more widely known (Bellinger 1988b).

A newsletter was published in October 1991 by Society President J. Benjamin Kissam. The newsletter contained proposed revisions to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws, which were mainly a result of necessary changes to meet Internal Revenue requirements under Section 501 [c] Internal Revenue Code of 1954. John C. Morse chaired the Ad Hoc Constitution Revision Committee. The proposed revisions were to be presented at the next Society meeting to be held in November 1991 (Kissam 1991).

A note was posted on the thirty-ninth meeting program stating that the South Carolina Entomological Society wished to express appreciation to Catherine Walgenbach from Hendersonville, North Carolina, for serving as editor of the South Carolina JAE from September 1989 to January 1994. Bob Cartwright, Oklahoma State University, was appointed as the new editor, effective 1 January 1994 and served in that capacity till August 1995. Howard W. Fascemyer, Clemson University, was appointed editor to succeed Cartwright and served till November 1996. Julie L. Todd, Iowa State University, followed Fascemyer as editor and served till October 1998.

During the business session of the forty-fourth annual meeting, held 12–13 October 1998, Paula L. Mitchell asked for discussion about changing the name of the JAE to the *Journal of Agricultural and Urban Entomology* (JAUE). The issue was discussed and a motion was made and approved that the journal would be renamed beginning with the first issue of 1999. Journal topics would continue to include the types of papers that had always been published therein as well as urban entomology to include nursery, lawn, and structural entomology. Other business included the announcement that David K. Weaver, Montana State University, would replace Julie Todd as JAUE editor after publication of the October 1998 issue (Ellis 1998).

During the business session of the forty-sixth annual meeting, held at the Sands Ocean Club Resort in Myrtle Beach on 2–3 November 2000, new business included a discussion on the JAUE. The slow rate of manuscript processing and the late publication of journal issues were voiced as concerns. Donald Manley and Paula Mitchell noted that Editor Weaver had replaced two subject editors recently and that the new subject editors were now receiving and processing manuscripts in a timely manner. Journal production delays were caused, at least partially, by a change in printer.

During the preliminary business session of the forty-seventh annual meeting in 2001, JAUE Editor Weaver announced that his first term as editor would end in November and that he would like to be relieved of this position. President

Gloria S. McCutcheon announced that Thomas Shanower, USDA-ARS Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory, Sidney, Montana, was the new editor of JAUE. Shanower continued to serve as editor through August 2007. A goal was set to have Journal Volume 19 published by the end of 2002, which would put the JAUE back on schedule.

In the business session of the forty-ninth annual meeting in 2003, the Society's long range planning committee recommended the establishment of a special committee to review the needs of the JAUE in relation to the needs of the Society and to explain options for the Journal that would be less costly to the Society. Shanower noted in his editors report at the 2004 annual meeting that the journal still suffers from a low submission rate of quality articles. Executive Director Randy E. McWhorter reported that a society committee had been established to review the status of the JAUE, to look at the survivability of the JAUE, and to report back to the members at the 2005 annual meeting.

Joint Meetings

President Julian Mikell presided over a board of directors meeting on 7 November 1974 at the J. Marion Sims Building, Columbia. President Mikell read a letter that he had received from Harry Yates, President of the Georgia Entomological Society, proposing a joint meeting of the Georgia and South Carolina Entomological Societies on 17–19 March 1976, at the DeSota Hilton Hotel in Savannah, GA. A motion was made and approved that the Society accept the invitation. President Mikell appointed Wm. Bruce Ezell, Jr., to be chair of a special committee to work out the preliminary details for this joint meeting. On 6 August 1975, the executive committees of the South Carolina Entomological Society and the Georgia Entomological Society met at the DeSota Hilton Hotel in Savannah to plan the upcoming joint meeting (Adkins & Noblet 1975).

The twenty-first meeting of the Society was held jointly with the Georgia Entomological Society on 17–19 March 1976 at the DeSota Hilton, Savannah, Georgia. This was the first meeting held jointly with another state society. R. Chalfant reported that there were 178 paid registrants, with 53 from South Carolina and 104 from Georgia, and 21 from both societies in attendance (Noblet 1976). The meeting marked the fortieth meeting of the Georgia Entomological Society.

On 21–23 March 1979, the twenty-fourth meeting of the Society was held jointly with the Georgia Entomological Society at the Quality Inn, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. One of the most interesting events of the meeting was the first annual 5,000-m "Bug Run" where 25 entomologists or their guests ran alongside the nature trails of Sea Pines Forest Preserve in team and individual competition. Sixty-five 10-min presentations were given in ten general sessions during the last 2 days of the meeting.

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Society was held jointly with the North Carolina Entomological Society at the Holiday Inn, Wilmington, North Carolina, on 12–14 March 1980, marking the first joint meeting of these two societies. A golf tournament and "3-Mile Bug Run" at Greenfield Lake were held on the first day of the meeting. Forty-eight 10-min presentations were given during four general sessions.

The thirty-first meeting of the Society was held jointly with the Georgia Entomological Society at the Savannah Sheraton Resort and Country Club, Savan-

nah, Georgia, on 24–26 March 1986. This marked the 50th meeting of the Georgia Entomological Society and was the third joint meeting of the two societies. An annual run and golf tournament were held prior to the beginning of the formal program. Sixty-five 12-min presentations were given during three concurrent sessions. A banquet luncheon and photo salon were held on the second day of the meeting.

The thirty-fourth meeting of the Society was held jointly with the North Carolina Entomological Society at the Landmark Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach, on 10–11 November 1988. This marked the second joint meeting of the two societies. A special event, a “5K Beach Fly Run,” was held before the opening session of the meeting. Twenty-eight 12-min presentations were given during three general sessions (Bellinger 1988b).

The thirty-ninth meeting of the Society was held in conjunction with the Georgia Entomological Society at the Sheraton Charleston Hotel, Charleston, on 23–25 March 1994. This marked the fourth joint meeting of the two societies. A golf tournament and a 5K run were held prior to the beginning of the formal program. Fifty-two 12-min presentations were given during five general sessions, and 12 poster presentations were displayed in one poster session.

The forty-seventh meeting of the Society was held jointly with the Georgia Entomological Society at the Best Western Lanier Center Hotel and the Georgia Mountains Center, Gainesville, Georgia on 4–6 April 2001. This was the sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Georgia Entomological Society and the fifth joint meeting with the South Carolina Entomological Society. A golf tournament and a “Fun Bug Run/Walk” were special events held the first day of the meeting. The first Georgia Entomological Society and South Carolina Entomological Society Linnaean games were held during the meeting where three teams competed, the University of Georgia bulldogs, the Georgia Southern University eagles, and the Clemson University tigers. Thirty-seven 10-min presentations were given during four general sessions and thirteen poster presentations were displayed during the meeting.

Awards

Scholastic awards. During a business session of the 1960 annual meeting, James H. Cochran made a motion, which was approved, that the incoming president appoint a committee to investigate the idea of presenting an award annually to an outstanding student in entomology (McAlister 1960). At the next annual meeting (1961), awards committee Chair Cochran made a motion during the business session that “1) the Society approve an award to be presented to a second semester junior or senior Entomology major in South Carolina; the award is to be based on scholastic attainment, leadership ability and interest in the profession of Entomology; the award is to be called the South Carolina Entomological Society Scholastic Award and consist of \$25 cash and an inscribed scroll; and 2) a committee be appointed and authorized to select the candidate for the South Carolina Entomological Society Scholastic Award.” The motion was seconded and passed (Kirk 1961). According to the minutes of the 1962 and 1963 meetings, awards committee Chair Cochran noted that no student qualified to receive the “Scholastic Award.” Chair Cochran made a motion that was approved at the 1963 meeting that the incoming president should appoint a committee to consider changing the award to a savings bond to be presented to a deserving high school

4-H or FFA student who showed significant interest in entomology. No record exists in the minutes of the selection of a high school student to receive this award. During the final business meeting of the 1969 meeting, Awards Committee Chair Cochran made a motion, which was approved, that Clemson University senior student Thomas M. Hill be awarded the \$50 savings bond as the biological sciences major with the best academic record.

Cochran awards. After the untimely death of James H. Cochran on 9 May 1969, the Society members voted by a mail-in ballot to establish the J. H. Cochran Memorial Scholarship Fund. At a board of directors meeting on 10 December 1969, Secretary/Treasurer Louie H. Senn noted that the award would be established as a cash award and that recipients of the award would be selected by a three-member committee consisting of the Head of the Department of Entomology & Economic Zoology at Clemson University as permanent chair, the Vice President of the South Carolina Entomological Society, and a third member to be appointed by the president of the Society. It was decided that the amount of the annual award would have to coincide with income. A motion was made and approved to discontinue the presentation of the \$50 bond after 1970. At the final business session of the 1970 annual meeting, awards committee Chair Edward W. King made a motion that was approved that the first J. H. Cochran Memorial Scholarship Award in the amount of \$200 be presented to David C. Arnold, an entomology student. Table 1 lists other annual J. H. Cochran Memorial Scholarship Award recipients, with the exception of a few years when records were not available in the Society's historical files. In the minutes of the 1973 annual meeting, awards committee Chair King reported that Norman A. Williams had received the J. H. Cochran Award, which is presented annually by the South Carolina Pest Control Association.

Presentation awards. During the first joint meeting with the Georgia Entomological Society on 17–19 March 1979, Edward W. King received the best professional presentation award for a talk on "Mathematical Morphology." At the same meeting, John C. French announced the best student paper was by R. L. Osburn and J. H. Oliver. At the second joint meeting of the two societies held on 21–23 March 1979, the O. I. Snapp Best NonStudent Paper Award was presented to Maxcy P. Nolan, Jr., who gave three talks, and the C. M. Beckham Best Student Paper Award was presented to J. M. Pound for his paper entitled, "Evidence of a Role for Juvenile Hormone in the Reproduction of Ticks."

An article in the Society Newsletter dated September 1982 announced the presentation of the 4H Entomology Award to high school student Randy Cummings from Dorchester County. The presentation was made by Society President Thomas E. Skelton at the annual 4H Banquet, which was held in Clemson on 29 July 1982. The awardee received a collection of moths prepared by Society member Donald G. Manley, a \$75 savings bond given by Mobay, Inc., and a check for \$75 given by the Society.

During a board of directors meeting on 18 January 1988, awards committee Chair Skelton noted that there would be separate Society awards for best student paper and best nonstudent paper for the upcoming meeting (Bellinger 1988a).

Excellence in Entomology Award. The Executive Committee of the Society met at Clemson University on 21 August 1990. A lengthy discussion was held on the proposal that the Society establish a professional entomologist award. Many questions were asked concerning such an award, such as how would the

Table 1. Recipients of the J. H. Cochran Memorial Scholarship Award.

1970	David Arnold	1988	Kevin Hoffman
1971	H. S. Moore	1989	Charles N. Watson
1972	Keith Griffith	1990	Marianne B. Willey
1973	Roy Sutton	1991	Stuart R. Reitz
1974	Frank Davis	1992	
1975	Frank Davis	1993	Michael A. Floyd
1976	Wayne A. Gardner	1994	
1977	Gayle F. Holman	1995	Jeffery K. Tomberlin
1978	Jay W. Chapin	1996	Jennifer A. Zettler
1979	Ed Quattlebaum	1997	Kristen van den Meiracker
1980	Glenn Lee	1998	Mohammed Kahn
1981		1999	Will K. Reeves
1982	Robert Kelley	2000	Michelle Colacicco
1983	Jerome Grant	2001	J. Powell Smith
1984	Steven W. Hamilton	2002	Janet L. Kintz-Early
1985		2003	Ozlem Kalkar
1986	Eric Benson	2004	Eric Paysen
1987	Mike Chambers	2005	Donald A. Oswalt

award be funded, and what would be the Society's tax status relative to such an award? Society President John C. Morse announced that he would appoint an ad hoc committee made up of Thomas E. Skelton, J. Benjamin Kissam, and Robert G. Bellinger to investigate the various financial issues identified by the executive committee. A memorandum was addressed by Skelton, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Financial Planning, to Society President Morse dated 24 September 1990. The Committee recommended: 1) that funds from the general fund be placed in short term certificates of deposit or be transferred to the Cochran Fund to enable the Society to give a Professional Entomologist Award as discussed below, 2) that the President appoint a committee to develop procedures for recognizing members who provide exemplary contribution or service to the profession of entomology, 3) that funds from the general fund be transferred to the Cochran Fund to help support this award and, 4) that the name of the Cochran Fund be changed from the J. H. Cochran Memorial Scholarship Fund to the J. H. Cochran Memorial Fund. An additional unsolicited recommendation was given in the memorandum that the Society limit the amount of funds given each year either to a percent of the earnings or to a percent of the total fund amount (Skelton 1990). During the business session of the thirty-sixth annual meeting on 8–9 November 1990, the Society voted to establish an Award for Excellence in Entomology to recognize deserving individuals in our discipline. Kissam provided much of the concept and momentum for establishment of the Award for Excellence in Entomology, and led the Society in a major fund raising effort to generate funds to support the award.

The first J. H. Cochran Award for Excellence in Entomology was given to Sidney B. Hays at the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Society, held at the Sheraton Charleston Hotel, Charleston, on 25 March 1993. Thomas E. Skelton

received the second triannual J. H. Cochran Award for Excellence in Entomology at the forty-second annual meeting of the Society held at the Madren Center, Clemson University, on 13 November 1996. During the forty-fifth annual meeting of the Society, held at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center, Florence, on 16–17 November 1999, Peter H. Adler received the third triannual J. H. Cochran Award for Excellence in Entomology. J. A. Reinert and Alfred G. Wheeler were selected to receive the triannual J. H. Cochran Award for Excellence in Entomology at the forty-eighth annual Society meeting on 11 October 2002 at the Holiday Inn, Columbia, and John C. Morse was selected to receive the award at the fifty-first annual meeting.

Special Projects

Selection of insignia. During the final business session of the 1959 meeting, a motion was made and approved that the incoming executive committee should investigate the creation of an insignia for the Society. Three possible Society insignias were submitted by Vernon M. Kirk who presented them to the members present at the final business session of the 1960 meeting. Discussion followed, with members endorsing their preference for each insignia. A vote was held and a large majority of members voted in favor of a single insignia. President William J. Reid suggested that Kirk and Theodore R. Adkins further investigate the lettering on the selected insignia design and report back to the board of directors for motion at next year's meeting (Fig. 5). During the 1961 annual meeting, Secretary Kirk reported on the status of the Society's insignia and noted that 20 of the 25 tie tacks bearing the insignia had been sold.

Affiliation with ESA. James H. Cochran made a motion during a business session at the 1961 meeting, which was approved, that the incoming president petition for affiliation of the Society with the Entomological Society of America (ESA). On 28 February 1962, a letter was addressed to Cochran from R. H. Nelson, Executive Secretary ESA, stating that the Governing Board of ESA had approved the affiliation of the South Carolina Entomological Society with ESA at the 1961 annual meeting in Miami, Florida.

Registry of professional entomologists. During the final business session of the 1969 meeting, legislative committee Chair Frank T. Arnold, Jr. gave his committee's report in the form of a "pep talk" saying that entomology had passed into a new phase or crossroads and we should, "upgrade and look up to entomology as a profession." He made a motion, which was approved, that the Society should decide whether it wants to certify entomological professionals, and that the president be given the necessary authority to proceed with the proposal. After the meeting, a memorandum was mailed to all Society members, addressing the issue of the Society in seeking professional status as entomologists. The mail ballots were returned, which indicated a favorable vote count for the Society moving forward in establishing professional status as entomologists. During a business session of the 1971 annual meeting, legislative committee chair Theodore R. Adkins suggested that the society proceed slowly on the decision of establishing a state registry of professional entomologists to appraise how the registry works at the national level. At the 1972 annual meeting, Adkins presented a paper on "The American Registry of Certified Entomologists—A Progress Report." He reported that ESA maintains the American Registry of



Fig. 5. South Carolina Entomological Society Insignia.

Certified Entomologists. He noted that the ESA Professional Training, Standards, and Status Committee is studying the procedures for having the Registry recognized by law in all states.

Selection of state insect. In a letter dated 25 September 1975, Society President Wm. Bruce Ezell, Jr. wrote a letter to Edward B. King, Department of Entomology and Economic Zoology, Clemson University, asking for his assistance in a project of the Society, the adoption of a South Carolina state insect. Ezell requested that King provide an illustration of the ladybeetle *Adalia bipunctata* (L.) (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae) for state publicity, because the insect appears on the Society Seal and the Society would like to promote the beetle as the state insect. In a letter dated 19 April 1976, Ezell received a letter from Senator T. D. Wise, Charleston and Georgetown Counties, Senatorial District No. 16, informing him that a House Bill existed that provides that the honey bee shall be the official insect of the state. He noted that the bill had been favorably reported from the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and that there had been only one objection to the bill by Representative W. McLeod. He advised Ezell to contact members of the Charleston House Delegation to have them amend the bill to the Society's desires. In a letter dated 28 June 1975 to Louie H. Senn, Ezell forwarded copies of requested materials regarding the Society's previous effort to establish *Adalia bipunctata* (L.) as the state insect. In the materials was a letter dated 2 July 1975, addressed to Ezell from Vernon M. Kirk, who had apparently been asked to give some background information on the selection of *Adalia bipunctata* (L.) for the society's emblem (Kirk 1975). Kirk responded:

"As for the emblem of the SCES, Inc., I chose the species *Adalia bipunctata* (L.) for several reasons. It is a beneficial insect (lady beetle) that feeds on many kinds of plant lice and other pest insects, it is widespread both in South Carolina and in the United States, it is

probably known and recognized by more people than most other insects, and it has a design that is easily adapted to reproduction on an emblem. Because I am primarily interested in Coleoptera, I suppose it is logical that I chose a beetle, even after considering species from other orders. The species is distinctive, therefore not to be confused with other species.”

During the 1976 joint meeting with the Georgia Entomological Society, President Ezell discussed the importance and advantages of having a state insect and the type of campaign needed to get one adopted. King unveiled a painting of a Two-Spotted Lady Beetle to be used in the campaign for the state insect. Gerald R. Carner recommended that the Society promote the Two-Spotted Lady Beetle as the state insect and solicit needed support for passage through the state legislature. A suggestion was made that the Legislative Committee prepare a short synopsis of the two-spotted lady beetle to be used with the painting to gain adoption of a state insect. At the same meeting, Adkins reported for publications committee Chair John C. Morse that a membership certificate had been designed that was 5 × 7 inches, with the lettering in black, the beetle in orange, and the outline of the state shaded green. A motion was made, which was approved that the Society accept the certificate as presented.

According to a letter dated 19 May 1976, addressed to President Ezell from Allen R. Carter, State Senator of Charleston and Georgetown Counties, the “Ladybug Bill” had been introduced to the South Carolina Senate.

During the awards banquet of the thirty-fourth meeting held on 10–11 November 1988, President William P DuBose reported on the Society’s efforts in support of the state insect. The Society’s choice for state insect ran contrary to that of the Dacusville Elementary School student body. The elementary school students successfully persisted in their lobbying efforts of the South Carolina Legislature and won, selecting the Carolina mantid as the South Carolina State Insect, over the Society’s choice, the lady beetle. However, the Society provided guidance in properly identifying the Carolina mantid, and provided wording in the state law to properly note the species and its scientific name, *Stagmomantis carolina* (Johannson) (Mantodea: Mantidae). President Dubose provided attendees copies of the bill.

Executive Director. During the preliminary business meeting of the forty-seventh annual meeting, held 4–6 April 2001, President Paula L. Mitchell announced that progress had been made in discussions with Randy E. McWhorter to serve as the Society’s first Executive Director. A nomination was made and unanimously approved that McWhorter be appointed as the Executive Director to be effective upon completion of his current term as Secretary, which expired in April 2001.

Summary

The Society has been operational now for more than 50 years, and the founding organizers of the Society would be pleased with the accomplishments of the organization over this period of time. The Society has been influenced heavily by Clemson University entomologists. The first President of the Society, James H. Cochran, was Head of the Department of Entomology at Clemson and at least 30 other presidents were Clemson University entomologists (Table 2). The annual

Table 2. Presidents of the South Carolina Entomological Society.

1956	James H. Cochran	1981	Raymond Noblet
1957	Leon (Lefty) H. Moore	1982	John A. DuRant
1958	Frank T. Arnold, Jr.	1983	Thomas E. Skelton
1959	John K. Reed	1984	Alfred R. Hopkins
1960	William J. Reid, Jr.	1985	Kenneth A. Peeples
1961	Norman Allen	1986	Clyde S. Gorsuch
1962	James N. Smith	1987	Jay W. Chapin
1963	William Carl Nettles	1988	William P. DuBose
1964	Wendell H. Tiller	1989	David R. Alverson
1965	Vernon M. Kirk	1990	John C. Morse
1966	Edward W. King	1991	J. Benjamin Kissam
1967	Julian E. Keil	1992	Steven H. Roach
1968	Charles S. Creighton	1993	John D. Hopkins
1969	Richard C. Fox	1994	B. Merle Shepard
1970	Samuel G. Turnipseed	1995	Randall P. Griffin
1971	Quinton L. Chapman	1996	Michael J. Sullivan
1972	Sidney B. Hays	1997	Mitchell E. Roof
1973	Max M. Askey, Jr.	1998	Peter H. Adler
1974	Theodore R. Adkins, Jr.	1999	Ron Burnette
1975	Julian Mikell	2000	Donald G. Manley
1976	William Bruce Ezell, Jr.	2001	Paula Levin Mitchell
1977	Louie H. Senn	2002	Gloria S. McCutcheon
1978	Augustine Day	2003	Alfred G. Wheeler
1979	Gerald R. Carner	2004	Paul M. (Mac) Horton
1980	Charles A. Thomas	2005	Wm. Michael Hood

meetings have been held at various meeting sites throughout South Carolina, but three sites have been favored over the 50-year history: Charleston (9), Clemson (11), and Florence (11) (Hood 2005).

According to annual meeting minutes, membership has varied over the 50-year history of the Society. A membership of 56 was reported for the second annual meeting held on 4 April 1957 (McAlister 1957). Other annual meeting minutes reported membership of 91 in 1963 (McAlister 1963), 168 in 1969 (Nash 1969), 144 in 1975 (Skelton 1975), 279 in 1988 (Zungoli 1988), 273 in 1995 (Mitchell 1995), 143 in 2001 (Shepard 2001), and 210 in 2004 (McWhorter 2004).

The Society has contributed in many ways to the advancement of Entomology in South Carolina. Many of the activities of the Society have been centered on the annual meetings. The program chairs have developed interesting and informative annual meetings that have resulted in professional development for Society members. The meeting program content has evolved over the years from mostly professional entomologist oral presentations during the early years to a combination of professional entomologist and student oral and poster presentations. The annual meetings have provided students, faculty, and others an opportunity to present oral and poster presentations on their research. Impressive symposia have been offered at many meetings on entomological and related scientific topics.

The J. H. Cochran Memorial Scholarship has been presented to a deserving student annually for the past 34 years. Students and nonstudents have been recognized for their outstanding oral and poster presentations for many years. The J. H. Cochran Award for Excellence in Entomology has recognized a nonstudent member triannually since 1993 for demonstrated excellence or outstanding contributions to entomology. The Society's journal, *Journal of Agricultural and Urban Entomology*, has been published for the past 23 years, offering entomologists an opportunity to publish their research in a refereed professional journal devoted to agricultural and urban entomological issues. Joint meetings with other nearby state societies, the Georgia Entomological Society (1976, 1979, 1986, 1994, 2001) and the North Carolina Entomological Society (1980, 1988), have offered the Society members an opportunity to share knowledge and gain professionally by meeting with other regional entomologists. Without a doubt, the Society has accomplished the founding members' intent of providing many opportunities during the past 50 years to promote the welfare of persons engaged in the profession of entomology in South Carolina.

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