

Ralph Mitchell, Juanita Popenoe, and Marco Toapanta. Audrey Norman and Darrin Parmenter represented the Local Arrangements Committee. Mike Neff of ASHS also attended.

Minutes of the April BOD Meeting. Secretary **Jeff Brecht** presented the minutes of the April 20, 2006 Board of Directors meeting, which had been distributed, revised based on BOD comments and redistributed prior to this meeting. **Brecht** made a motion that the revised minutes be accepted, **Ritenour** seconded the motion and it was approved.

Treasurer's report. **Brecht** reported on the Society's finances for the first quarter of 2007 and gave a preview of the 2006 year-end report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting. He pointed out that membership dues income was very low as of March because most members are still renewing their membership at the same time that they register for the Annual Meeting. Updated membership and meeting registration numbers from **Meeting Coordinator Tracy Shawn** were to be presented at the Business Meeting. **Zekri** made a motion that the report be accepted, **Castle** seconded the motion and it was approved.

Editor's report. Editor **Ed Etxeberria** described the procedure for support from ASHS in preparing the Proceedings, which will include conducting almost all of the clerical work that was previously overwhelming the Editor. **ASHS Executive Director Mike Neff** indicated that ASHS is ready to move forward. **Etxeberria** described the paper submission and editorial process. **Brecht** asked about doing 'clean-up' of the manuscripts first rather than after editing. **Etxeberria** indicated that he had requested that so that papers look good when they are sent for review. **Etxeberria** mentioned that this ends the relationship between FSHS and E.O. Painter. Painter only prints – it does not do the things that ASHS will be doing. Papers will be submitted electronically to fshsproc@fshs.org.

Marketing Coordinator's report. **Marketing Coordinator Mark Ritenour** reported that he plans to send the first announcement of the Annual Meeting to non FSHS entities earlier next year, then later he will send an announcement with program details from the VPs. He indicated that the programs and abstracts had been posted to FSHS website as soon as available.

Program Coordinator's (Annual Meeting) report. **Program Coordinator Eric Simonne** distributed copies of the Program; He reported on the numbers of papers to be presented in each session and noted that there were 10 student papers. **Simonne** thanked all the VPs and others who have helped with the program. He provided instruction to the VPs on conducting their sessions, including the arrangements for student projectionists.

Local Arrangements report. Co-chairs **Audrey Norman & Darrin Parmenter** reported that the displays were already installed. They also reported that a Mounts Botanical Garden tour would be offered on Monday 1–4 pm.

Meeting Sponsorships. **McClure** reported that two additional silver sponsors had been added after the program was printed. An amount of \$9,800 was donated in total.

Student Program. **Student Best Paper Committee Chair Jose Reyes** reported that five papers had met the submission deadline and were entered. **Reyes, George Fitzpatrick, and Gene Albrigo** will judge the papers and presentations. **Reyes** requested a clarification of the Board's decision to discontinue Section Best Paper honorariums. **Burns** explained that the feeling of the Board was that the honorariums were not going to be missed by the winners and that the possibility of receiving an honorarium was not significantly influencing anyone's decision to submit a paper.

Nominations. **Burns** explained the process for nominations to fill BOD positions, which is delineated in the By-Laws: the Nominations Committee includes two members of each section and is charged with putting together a slate of nominees to be presented to the membership. Traditionally, the VP-Elect nominees are determined by the individual sections and the names communicated to the Nominations Committee. **Burns** then listed the slate of nominees that the committee had put together to that point in time. A discussion followed that clarified the nominating procedure.

Administrative report. **Neff** indicated that things are going well

from the standpoint of the ASHS staff. Upgrades to ASHS services include Shopping Cart upgrades. Accounting is now being outsourced. There were 202 pre-registered for the Annual Meeting as of Friday (173 of those registered online). There were 193 FSHS members registered as of Friday.

Unfinished Business

By-Laws updates. **Brecht** reminded the Board that it had previously approved the creation of a new BOD position of Marketing Coordinator, which would need to be voted on by the membership at this meeting. He distributed a draft of the By-Laws change, which was discussed and some changes agreed upon. **McClure** directed **Brecht** and **Ritenour** to incorporate those changes and prepare copies for distribution at the Business Meeting. **Brecht** explained that if the change is approved, **Ritenour** will be included in the slate of nominees to be elected at this meeting.

New Business

Business Meeting agenda; **Brecht** distributed a draft of the agenda for the Business Meeting; after it was reviewed, he was asked to add a Webmaster report to the agenda. **Castle** suggested that the Chair should lead a discussion during the Business Meeting on the state of the Society and where the Society is going. **McClure** agreed to lead the discussion during the New Business portion of the Business Meeting.

Ritenour relayed a suggestion from Pete Stoffella that the Society should recognize Patron Members with certificates. The suggestion was well received and **McClure** charged **Brecht** with preparing the certificates.

Popenoe suggested that a citrus display replace the tropical fruit display next year because she was concerned that Jonathan Crane is getting worn out from putting the tropical fruit display together each year. There was some discussion but no action was taken.

Simonne posed a question about the relationship between authors being notified that their papers are accepted and registration for the meeting. **Etxeberria** explained that the VPs are supposed to accept/reject papers, which is done in conjunction with sending author agreements before the meeting. There was some discussion about the possibility that a person who submitted an abstract and registered for the meeting might no longer wish to attend the meeting if the submission was rejected. It was decided to treat such on a case-by-case basis if someone asked for a refund of the meeting registration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by **McClure** at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Brecht, Secretary

FLORIDA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Annual Business Meeting, PGA National Resort

MINUTES
June 5, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

The 120th Annual Business Meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society was called to order on June 5, 2007 by Chairwoman Jackie Burns at 8:30 a.m. at the PGA National Resort, Palm Beach Gardens. **Burns** requested that the members observe a moment of silence in honor of deceased members, Carl Campbell, Bill Whitman, Kent Cushman and others. **Burns** introduced the Outgoing President and new Chairman of the Board, **Peter McClure**, presented him with a gavel and turned conduct of the meeting over to him. **Chairman McClure** presented a plaque to outgoing Chairwoman **Burns** expressing the Society's appreciation for her service.

Minutes of the 2006 Annual Business Meeting. Secretary-Treasurer **Jeff Brecht** noted that the minutes of the 2006 Business Meeting were published in the Proceedings, which had been distributed to the membership of the Society. He asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the published minutes and there were none. A motion to approve the minutes as published was made by **Winsberg** and seconded by **Jackson**; the motion was approved.

Treasurer's report. **Brecht** thanked ASHS Executive Director **Mike Neff** and ASHS Administrative Assistant **Tracy Shawn** for their help in compiling the report. He reported that FSHS had assets totaling

\$136,093.09 at the end of 2006, of which almost three-quarters was in the form of CDs and the endowment. Total income for 2006 was \$69,328.19 versus \$57,338.26 in expenses. Thus, the Society finished the year with a net income of almost \$12,000 – about \$3,500 less than budgeted, but about \$2,000 more than last year and still definitely in the black.

Membership dues income in 2006, disappointingly, was down by \$1,250 from 2005 (\$12,200 versus \$10,950). Income from the 2006 Proceedings exceeded expenses by \$5,415. This is the second year that the Proceedings has been self-supporting – coinciding with the change to electronic Proceedings on CD and the restructuring of page charges. Before that, the Society was dipping into our reserves to cover half of the Proceedings cost, about \$15,000 each year.

The Society covered the expenses of the 2006 Annual Meeting with income exceeding expenses by \$471.43. Registration income was \$2,700 less than budgeted and Sponsor income (i.e., donations) was also \$2,700 less than budgeted, but these shortfalls were offset by hotel expenses that were \$2,840 less than budgeted, and about \$3,000 from Nonmember and Student registrations. Overall, our Society is on good financial footing and appears to have a healthy future. A motion to approve the report as presented was made by Winsberg and seconded by Jackson; the motion was approved.

Membership report. Brecht reported that total membership for 2006 was 269, broken down by category below. This compares to total membership in 2005 of 215.

2006 Members (1/1/2006–12/31/2006) = 269

220 Annual

4 Patron

4 International

17 Student

24 Honorary

Membership as of Sunday, June 3 was 193, about the same as this time last year. Brecht encouraged each member to make a special effort to ask our colleagues and neighbors who **should** be FSHS members if they **are** members and have **paid their dues**. A motion was made by Zekri to accept the report as presented; seconded by Lamberts, the motion was approved.

Editor's report. Editor Ed Etxeberria announced that the 2006 Proceedings is dedicated to Carl Campbell. Etxeberria announced that, from now on, papers published in the Proceedings will be included in Science Citation Index. He also announced that the new procedure of papers being handled by ASHS staff is in effect and that authors should submit their manuscripts to: fshsproc@fshs.org. Etxeberria presented a slide show on "A History of the FSHS Proceedings: The First 60 Years."

Society Website and e-Proceedings. Webmaster Mark Ritenour gave an update on www.fshs.org and e-Proceedings. Ritenour thanked ASHS Headquarters staff for their assistance in developing the interface between the FSHS website and ASHS Store for membership initiations and renewals and meeting registrations; he then pointed out the various features that are now on the FSHS website and announced the posting there of the latest Proceedings. Ritenour announced that the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) is hosting the FSHS e-Proceedings and donating staff time for the project; funding was acquired through the Citrus Production Research (i.e., "citrus box tax") grant program. Ritenour requested that members consider donating missing Proceedings to complete the Society's holdings and he indicated that he would post the needed years on the FSHS website.

Program Coordinator's report. Program Coordinator Eric Simonne reported that there were 217 FSHS members registered for the Annual Meeting and 17 Soil & Crop Science Society of Florida (SCSSF) members jointly meeting with FSHS. He reported that a total of 116 FSHS papers were presented, plus 28 papers presented in the SCSSF program, and not including those papers presented in the Extension In-Service Training on Biological Control. Simonne thanked Darren Parmenter and Audrey Norman for their efforts in Local Arrangements. He mentioned the invited speakers, the Keynote Speaker, Dan Cantliffe and Ted Winsberg and thanked them. Simonne noted a change in location of the Extension Luncheon. Members were reminded to thank the meeting Sponsors. Simonne also mentioned the CEU Program, thanking Alicia Whidden

for her efforts in coordinating that.

Student Best Paper Awards. Student Program Chair Jose Reyes thanked the committee members and praised the students for the quality of their papers. He was assisted by McClure and Burns in presenting the following awards.

1st Place (\$300 honorarium). Marcio E. Canto Pereira for the paper, "Ripening of 'Tainung 1' Papaya Fruit Delayed by 1-Methylcyclopropene." Marcio Eduardo Canto Pereira*, Horticultural Sciences, UF/IFAS; Djalma Barbosa dos Santos, Aline Simoes da Rocha Bispo, Silvia Barbosa dos Santos, Embrapa Cassava & Tropical Fruits, Cruz das Almas, BA, Brazil.

2nd Place (\$200 honorarium). Sharon Dea for the paper, "Visualization of Polyphenol Oxidase and Phenolics Distribution in Mesocarp of Fresh-Cut Mango (cv. Kent) During Storage." Sharon Dea*, Jeffrey K. Brecht, Horticultural Sciences, UF/IFAS, and Cecilia do Nascimento Nunes, Food Science and Human Nutrition, UF/IFAS.

3rd Place (\$100 honorarium). Pauline Kerbirou for the paper, "Aroma Volatiles in Tangerine Hybrids." Pauline Kerbirou*, Kevin Goodner, Anne Plotto, Elizabeth Baldwin, USDA/ARS Citrus & Subtropical Products Laboratory, Winter Haven, and Fred Gmitter, CREC, UF/IFAS.

Unfinished Business.

Marketing Coordinator position. Peter McClure reminded the members that an amendment to the By-Laws creating the Board of Directors position of Marketing Coordinator had been presented to the members during the 2006 Business meeting and published in the minutes of that meeting in the Proceedings and it was noted that copies of the proposed wording of the amendment were distributed at this meeting. He asked if there was any discussion and there was none. Winsberg made a motion, seconded by Castle, that the By-Laws be changed as follows:

ARTICLE IX

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the corporation: Chairman of the Board who is the immediate past president, President, five sectional Vice-Presidents, as more particularly hereinafter described, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Program Coordinator, **Marketing Coordinator** and two members at-large selected from industry and such other officers with such powers and duties not inconsistent with these By Laws as may be appointed and determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 2. Term of Office. The terms of the office for the Editor, Program Coordinator, Secretary, ~~and~~ Treasurer, **and Marketing Coordinator** shall be five (5) years on a staggered basis with no member serving more than two (2) terms in such offices. All other offices shall be for a term of one (1) year except the members at-large which serve alternative two year terms elected in alternate years.

Section 8. Duties of Officers.

A. Chairman of the Board. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Board to chair the board meetings; appoint all standing committees as prescribed by the board, and he or she shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him or her by the Board of Directors.

B. President. It shall be the duty of the President as a Chief Executive Officer to be the official head of the society and preside at the general session of the annual meeting. The President shall be directly responsible to the Board of Directors and may be removed from office for cause by an affirmative vote of a majority of the full Board of Directors. The President shall the power to sign all contracts and any other obligations on behalf of the corporation approved by the Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio member of all sections and committees except the nominating committee. He/she shall be authorized to sign checks on the corporation's bank account. In addition The President shall have and perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the Board of Directors.

C. Sectional Vice-Presidents. The sectional vice-presidents shall be members of the Board of Directors. The sections comprising the corporate body shall be: Citrus Section, Vegetable Section, Krome Memorial Institute (tropical and subtropical fruits), Ornamental, Garden & Landscape Section, and Handling and Processing Section. The Vice-

President of the citrus section shall assume the duties of the President in the temporary absence of the President. The Vice-Presidents of the various sections shall preside over the particular sections of which they are representatives at the annual meeting.

D. Secretary. Secretary shall record all records of the meetings of the Board of Directors and shall be responsible except as may otherwise be designated by the By Laws for recording and keeping proceedings of the annual meeting. The Secretary shall likewise issue and mail out statements of dues to the membership, notices of meetings, and perform such other duties as are designated by the Board of Directors.

E. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds paid into the corporation and shall issue and countersign all vouchers paying bills or accounts against the corporation. The Treasurer shall be placed under bond in an amount determined by the Board of Directors, premium which shall be paid by the corporation. Current financial records shall be kept at all times and reports on the financial status of the corporation shall be submitted at all meetings of the Board of Directors and membership with copies to be provided for the President's file. The books of the corporation shall be delivered to his/her successor immediately following the termination of the office and election of a new Treasurer.

F. Editor and Program Coordinator. The Editor and Program Coordinator shall perform such duties as may be prescribed and authorized by the Board of Directors.

G. Marketing Coordinator. The Marketing Coordinator is the chair of the Publicity Committee and is responsible for implementing the Society's marketing plan. The Marketing Coordinator oversees management of the Society's website.

GH. Reports of Officers. All officers shall perform the duties prescribed and assigned to them by the President from time to time and as outlined herein and delivered to their successor all official material not later than thirty (30) days following the election and installation of their successors.

HI. Compensation. Officers of the corporation shall receive no compensation for their services.

The motion was approved by the membership.

New Business

Nominations for 2007. Nomination Committee Chair Elizabeth Baldwin presented the slate of nominations recommended by the committee:

President—Jim Syvertsen

Marketing Coordinator—Mark Ritenour

Member-at-Large—Fritz Roka

Vice President-elect (Citrus)—Chris Oswalt

Vice President-elect (Handling and Processing)—Cecilia Nunes

Vice President-elect (Krome)—Tomas Ayala Silva

Vice President (Ornamental & Garden and Landscape)

—Henrique Mayer

Vice President-elect (Vegetables)—Gene McAvoy

A motion to close discussion was made by Cantliffe and seconded by Castle; the motion was approved. There being no further discussion, McClure called acceptance of the presented slate of candidates by acclamation, which was done.

Cost-saving actions. Jackie Burns reported on several actions taken by the Board of Directors during the preceding year to bring the

expenditures of the Society in line with what the Board determined was appropriate from a fiscal standpoint for an organization of our kind and membership. Specifically, the Board discontinued the practice of providing complimentary hotel rooms to Board members at the Annual Meeting; it was decided that Annual Meeting special event charges would no longer be subsidized, but rather be priced at actual cost; the Council Memorial Tomato Research Award was discontinued since it was originally intended to be awarded only so long as the endowment remained to support it. Finally, Burns indicated that the Board recommends to the membership that Best Paper Award honorariums be discontinued. This change in procedure will require a By-Law amendment deleting mention of honorariums for the authors of Best Papers, with such notice to be given by publication of the minutes of this meeting.

Discussion on the state of FSHS. Chairman McClure initiated a discussion of the state of the Society including the subject of how spending that may have been appropriate for a society of 1500 may not be appropriate for a society of 300 members. There was a question by Castle about Patron member numbers; Albrigo indicated that Patron membership was intended to support increased student membership. Winsberg asked if chemical company employees are being targeted as potential Society members; McClure said that we are competing for people in those positions with industry meetings like Citrus Mutual. A suggestion was made to target growers as potential Society members; McClure agreed and reminded the members that papers presented at the Annual Meeting do not have to be hard core science. Roe suggested that it should be stated in the paper instructions that industry members do not have to follow a scientific format when presenting or writing papers. Knight reminded the members that the society started as a grower society. Castle urged members to invite growers to attend the Annual Meeting and present papers. Amador suggested identifying companies that benefit from the science presented at Annual Meetings for support of the Society; Ettxeberria indicated that is possible to transcribe presentations made by industry members; McAvoy reiterated that existing members have to invite growers. Jackson stated that the Sectional Vice Presidents are the ones that must be encouraged to invite industry members. Lamberts suggested that there are other scientific associations with which we could conduct joint meetings. Reyes asked how this discussion will get put into practice; Syvertsen indicated that one way in which these ideas will be addressed is that he is already starting to re-new the newsletter.

Recognition of 2006 Officers, Sponsors, Patron Members, and Award Winners. Peter McClure thanked Jackie Burns for helping him through the past year; he also thanked Ed Ettxeberria for doing more than anyone knew to prepare the Proceedings. McClure congratulated all the award winners. He then thanked all of the other Board of Director members for their efforts, the Sponsors and Patron members for their support, and the ASHS staff for their assistance, especially with preparations for the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made that the Business Meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey K. Brecht, Secretary

2008 – 121st Annual Meeting:
June 1–3 at the Marriott North Ft. Lauderdale