

2016 Fall Newsletter

Call for Paper Titles and Award Nominations



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About the 2017 Annual Meeting

81st Annual Meeting
Mobile, AL
February 3-5, 2017

SRASHS will meet in conjunction with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientist (SAAS) in Mobile, AL. The Mobile Convention Center will be the main meeting location. Lodging will be available at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza and Battle House Hotels. For more pre-conference information will be posted at saasinc.org.

Schedule of Meetings

See Tentative Schedule at end of newsletter

Friday

- Working Group Meetings
- Administrators Meetings
- ACB Club Share and tour
- Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday

- Poster session set-up and viewing
- ACB judging contest
- Working Group Meetings
- Extension and Education Sections meetings.
- Edmund, Childers, Barham and Poster Judging competitions
- SAAS Board Meeting

Sunday

- Poster session and viewing
- ACB Business meeting and election of new officers
- Commodity Section meetings.
- Business Meeting
- Super Bowl Party if you hang around

SR-ASHS Web Site Address
srashs.org

ASHS Web Site Address
ashs.org

SAAS Web Site Address
saasinc.org

Early Bird Hotel Information

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel

64 South Water Street
Mobile, Alabama 36602 USA
251-438-4000

NOTE: All SRASHS meeting rooms are in the Riverview Plaza.

Battle House Renaissance Hotel

26 North Royal Street
Mobile, Alabama 36602
251-338-2000

Note: The two hotels are .21 miles apart (approx 6 minute walk).

Lodging Reservations:

Deadline: Friday, January 20, 2017 for both hotels.

Phone: 1-800-922-3298 and ask for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists group room block.

Online for the Riverview Plaza:

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Southern%20Agricultural%20Scientists%20Single%20/Double%20Rate%20\\$139.00%20%5Emobrv%60saasa%60139%60USD%60false%604%602/1/17%602/10/17%6001/20/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Southern%20Agricultural%20Scientists%20Single%20/Double%20Rate%20$139.00%20%5Emobrv%60saasa%60139%60USD%60false%604%602/1/17%602/10/17%6001/20/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

Online for the Battle House:

[http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Southern%20Association%20of%20Agricultural%20Scientists%20Single/Double%20Rate%20\\$139%5EMOB%60SAASAAA%60139%60USD%60false%602%602/1/17%602/8/17%601/20/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Southern%20Association%20of%20Agricultural%20Scientists%20Single/Double%20Rate%20$139%5EMOB%60SAASAAA%60139%60USD%60false%602%602/1/17%602/8/17%601/20/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

SAAS Rates for both hotels:

Single/Double: \$139/night
Triple/Quad: \$149/night for Deluxe Room
Group rates can be obtained for 2 days before and after the meeting based on availability.

Parking:

Riverview Plaza: self parking reduced to \$6/night (reg. \$14/night)

Both hotels: Valet parking \$17/night (regular \$19/\$20/night)

SAAS rate includes: Complimentary Internet in guest rooms, double Marriott Reward Points, complimentary wireless in lobby and public areas

Airport Shuttle

Hotels do not provide shuttle service.

- Alternate transportation: Mobile Bay Transportation; fee: \$25-40 (one way) to or from airport; reservation required
- Estimated taxi fare to or from airport: \$46 (one way)

Pre-Conference Newsletter

The Pre-Conference Newsletter will be emailed in early December. It will contain detailed information on meeting registration, lodging, transportation, local attractions, and the final program. Hard copies of the program will be distributed at the meetings.

Future Meetings Site

2018 Jacksonville, FL

Forms

Where to Get All Needed Forms

The Southern Region web site:

<http://srashs.org/Forms/forms.html>

- ACB Awards Nomination Forms
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award Nomination Award
- Member Awards Nomination Forms
- Submit Paper Titles & Instructions
- Abstract Preparation Instructions
- Instructions to Section Chairs
- Submit Directory Information
- Instructions to Judges

Southern Region Dues

ASHS Headquarters collects and manages dues for the Southern Region. It is recommended that you pay your dues with your yearly ASHS membership. If you are not a member of National ASHS, you can pay your dues through the ASHS Online Store at <https://ashs.site-ym.com/store/default.aspx?> or at the annual meetings. Dues are \$30. Notice: Dues must be paid to be elected to an office or to receive an award.

Call for Paper Titles – Sections

Deadlines: November 4 - Authors: email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
November 18 - Section Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

Submission of Paper Title and Presentation of Paper: One of the authors must be registered for the conference (SR-ASHS or one of the other societies and SAAS); authors do not have to be dues paying members of SR-ASHS.

Abstract Publication: In order to publish abstracts, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org).

If all authors have the same address, use the following format for Paper Titles:

Identification of the Compounds Contributing to Antioxidant Activity in Specialty Potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum* L.). Lavanya Reddivari* and J.C. Miller, Jr., Department of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-2133. (lavanya@neo.tamu.edu)

If authors have separate addresses, use the following format for Paper Titles:

Molecular Marker Analysis of a Segregating Blackberry Population. Eric T. Stafne^{1*}, John R. Clark¹, and Kim S. Lewers², ¹316 Plant Science, Department of Horticulture, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701, ²USDA-ARS Fruit Lab., 10300 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705. (estafne@uark.edu)

*indicates the presenting author; list corresponding author's email address at the end of the abstract.

Send Titles to Section Chairs

Education Section

Garry McDonald, Chair
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University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR 72701
gmcdonal@uark.edu

Postharvest/Biotechnology Section

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Athens, GA 30602
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Extension Section

Bodie Pennisi
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Griffin, GA 30281
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Vegetables Crops Section

Katie Jennings, Chair
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Raleigh, NC 27695
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Floriculture, Ornamentals and Turf Section

Allen Owings
LSU AgCenter Hammond Research Station
21549 Old Covington Highway
Hammond, LA 70403
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Poster Section

Leo Lombardini < Chair
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College Station, TX 77843-2133
l-lombardini@tamu.edu

Fruit Crops Section

Dario Chavez, Chair
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Call for Paper Titles – Student Paper Competitions

Deadlines: November 4 - Authors: email formatted titles as .doc or .rtf files to Section Chairs.
November 18 - Section Chairs: email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

Submission of Paper Title and Presentation of Paper: One of the authors must be registered for the conference (SR-ASHS or one of the other societies and SAAS); authors do not have to be dues paying members of SR-ASHS.

Abstract Publication: In order to publish abstracts, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org).

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Send Titles to the Section Chairs

Students may also present their paper or poster in the Commodity Section, if they submit the title to the appropriate Section Chair and there is an available time slot; they must notify the Chair that it is a second presentation. The abstract will only be published once with the competition papers.

Undergraduate Student Paper Competitions

J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

Chris Marble, Chair
2725 S. Binion Rd
University of Florida
Apopka, FL 32703
marblesc@ufl.edu

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Poster Competition

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards

Leo Lombardini < Chair
Dept. of Horticultural Sciences
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX 77843-2133
l-lombardini@tamu.edu

Graduate Student Paper Competition

Norman F. Childers M.S. Graduate Student Paper Competition

and
Warren S. Barham Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Competition

Tim Davis, Chair
Dept. of Horticultural Sciences
Texas A&M University
College Station, TX
77843-2133
t-davis5@tamu.edu

Working Group Sessions

The following Working Groups will meet at the annual meeting. Information about the sessions can be obtained by contacting the respective Working Group Chair. If you have agenda items, topics, papers titles, etc. that you would like to present, contact the respective Working Group Chair.

Registration: All participants in the Working Groups must register for the SR-ASHS meeting.

Abstract Titles Deadlines: December 16 –For titles and agenda to appear in the program, Working Group Chairs email to the Secretary-Treasurer a complete list of all titles, via email, properly formatted, and as one .doc or .rtf file.

Abstract Publication: In order to publish abstracts presented in the Working Group Sessions, one of the authors must be registered for the SRASHS conference, the title must appear in the Conference Program, and the paper/poster must be presented at the conference by one of the authors. No-shows will not be published. Abstracts must be submitted as a .doc or .rtf file to the Working Group Chair by the date of the session. For format, see the Abstract Preparation Form on the Southern Region Web Site (srashs.org). The group of abstracts is submitted by the Working Group Chair to the Chair of the most appropriate Commodity Section; the abstracts will be published as a block under a sub-heading of the Section.

Send Agenda items, paper titles, etc. to the Working Group Chairs

Horticulture Administrators

Janet Cole, Chair
Department of Horticulture & Landscape
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358 Agricultural Hall
Stillwater, OK 74078
janet.cole@okstate.edu

Pecan Research & Extension Forum

Lenny Wells
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4604 Research Way
Tifton, GA 31793
lwells@uga.edu

Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers

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Coastal REC
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Poplarville, MS 39470
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Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee

Blair Buckley, Chair
LSU AgCenter
Red River Research Station
262 Research Station Drive
Bossier City, LA 71112
bbuckley@agctr.lsu.edu

Watermelon Research Group

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U.S. Vegetable Laboratory
2700 Savannah Hwy
Charleston, SC 29414
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National Cowpea Improvement Association

Blair Buckley, Chair
LSU AgCenter
Red River Research Station
262 Research Station Drive
Bossier City, LA 71112
bbuckley@agctr.lsu.edu

National Sweet Potato Collaborators

Kenneth Pecota
212 Kilgore Hall
Horticulture Dept
NC State University
Raleigh, NC 27695-7609
ken_pecota@ncsu.edu

Call for Nominations for Student Awards

Student Paper and Poster Awards

Submit to Chair: Submit paper titles to the respective Chairs in Call for Student Paper Competition Titles

ACB Club and Club Member Awards

Requirements: See below for each award

Submit to Advisor: Mail or e-mail Nominations to the ACB Faculty Advisor listed below.

Nomination Forms: Download award forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org

Deadlines: November 4 - Nomination packet submitted to the ACB Faculty Advisor
December 16 - ACB Faculty Advisor submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

Student Oral & Poster Awards

(Submit titles to Chairs)

J.B. Edmond

Undergraduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by undergraduate students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$300, \$200 and \$100 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is funded by the J.B. Edmond Undergraduate Student Paper Endowment.

Norman F. Childers

M.S. Graduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by M.S. students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Norman F. Childers Endowment.

Warren S. Barham

Ph.D. Graduate Student Paper Awards

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners reporting original research by Ph.D. students. The awards are certificates and checks for \$500, \$300, and \$200 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. The award is sponsored by Warren S. Barham Endowment.

National Cowpea Improvement Association Poster Awards

One award is given for the best undergraduate student poster and one for the best graduate student poster. The awards are certificates and \$100 for undergraduate and graduate poster.

Norman F. Childers' Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Award is given to the outstanding graduate student in the southern region. The award is \$1,000 funded by the Childers Endowment.

Send nominations to:

Tim Davis, Chair
Dept. of Horticultural Sciences

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

77843-2133

t-davis5@tamu.edu

Association of Collegiate Branch Awards

Outstanding Club Award

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ACB Clubs (active dues paid clubs) based on the club's activity record for the previous academic year. The awards are certificates and checks for \$150, \$100 and \$50 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

Hammett Memorial Award for Outstanding Association of Collegiate Branch Member

The award is given to the student judged to be the Outstanding ACB Club Member. The award consists of a plaque.

J. Benton Storey Undergraduate Student Horticulture Judging Contest

Awards are given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place clubs and individuals in each commodity category. Only one team per ACB club or department may compete for awards. The ACB club must have current dues paid, and all student competitors must be registered for the current meeting. Individual students may judge as space allows. Clubs sign-up to compete at the meeting. If possible, clubs that plan on competing should notify the ACB Faculty Advisor prior to the meeting. The award consists of certificates.

Send Nominations to ACB Faculty Advisor

Jay Spiers, ACB Advisor

101 Funchess Hall

Dept. of Horticulture

Auburn Univ.

Auburn, AL 36849

jds0017@auburn.edu

Call for Nominations for Member Awards

Requirements:	See below for each award.
Submit to Chair:	Mail or e-mail Nominations to Awards Chair listed below.
Nomination Form:	Download Nomination Forms from the Southern Region web site: srashs.org
Deadlines:	November 4 - Nominations submitted to Award Chairs December 16 - Award Chairs submits recipients to Secretary-Treasurer

J. Creighton Miller, Jr. Distinguished Educator Award

The award recognizes outstanding teaching.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) classroom teaching and advising for 10 or more years, with primary emphasis in undergraduate teaching; (3) substantial portion of effort in teaching regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Teaching Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award is endowed by Dr. Jeannie P. Miller, wife of Dr. Miller. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Teaching Award.

Send nominations to:

Shad Nelson, Chair
Texas A&M University, Kingsville
700 Univ Blvd
Kleberg Ag 117, MSC 228
Kingsville, TX 78363
shad.nelson@tamuk.edu

Julian C. Miller, Sr. Distinguished Research Award

The award recognizes outstanding research.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) outstanding record in research on one or more horticultural crops and in one or more areas of horticultural research for a period of 10 or more years; (3) substantial portion of effort in research regardless of appointment; (4) nominations are limited to one per institution; and (5) not a previous recipient (or of L.M. Ware Research Award). The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award is endowed by Dr. J. Creighton Miller, Jr. in memory of his father. Formerly (pre-2006) the L.M. Ware Research Award.

Send nominations to:

Thomas Ranney, Chair
455 Research Dr.
Mountain Crops REC
Mills River, NC 28759
tom_ranney@ncsu.edu

Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing

The award is presented in recognition of the best published paper developed from doctoral research.

Requirements: (1) award recipient and/or primary advisor must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) submit reprint of paper published in any refereed journal, (3) paper published within calendar year of award due date and the previous calendar year; therefore for this cycle the paper must have been published in calendar year 2014 or 2015, (4) doctoral research must have been completed in horticulture at a university in the Southern Region; (5) one paper per senior author and submitted only once, The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200. The award was endowed by the late Dr. Alfred Krezdorn.

Send nominations to:

Jim Robbins, Chair
Univ of Arkansas
Cooperative Extension
2301 S University Ave
Little Rock, AR 72203
jrobbins@uaex.edu

Paul Smeal Leadership and Administration Award

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding leadership and administration, which contributes to the progress of professional horticulture.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) active administrator and leader as Department Chair or Head, or College or University administrator at a University in the Southern Region; or administrators of horticultural units, such as Universities, USDA stations, botanical gardens, arboreta, etc., with a minimum of 6 faculty equivalent positions in horticulture. (3) not a member of the selection committee.

Send nominations to:

Curt Rom
 316 Plant Science Bldg
 Dept. of Horticulture
 University of Arkansas
 Fayetteville, AR 72701
 crom@uark.edu

Henry M. Covington Extension Award

The award is in recognition of outstanding and valuable contributions to horticulture by an Extension Horticulturist.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) minimum 5 years' experience as an extension agent or specialist; (3) minimum 60% extension appointment; (4) not a member of the selection committee; (5) not a previous recipient or any other Region award this year. The award is endowed by the late Dr. Henry Covington and his wife. The award consists of a plaque and a check for \$200.

Send nominations to:

Lucy Bradley, Chair
 Box 7212
 2721 Sullivan Dr.
 North Carolina State Univ.
 Raleigh, NC 27695
 lucy_bradley@ncsu.edu

John E. Hutchison Extension Award for Young Professionals

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service by a young Extension Worker.

Requirements: (1) active member in good standing in SR-ASHS for at least two years; (2) person must be 35 years or younger on December 31 in year of nomination **or** 5 or less years in continuous extension experience; (3) greater than 50 percent extension appointment in horticulture (city, county, area, or state). The award consists of a \$200 award and a plaque. The award is sponsored by the Texas Pecan Growers Association.

Send nominations to:

Cheryl Boyer, Chair
 Dept. of Horticulture and Natural Resources,
 K-State Research and Extension
 2021 Throckmorton Plant Sciences Center
 Manhattan, KS 66506
 crboyer@ksu.edu

Extension Communications Awards

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the understanding of horticultural subjects in written, video, audio and electronic form.

Requirements: (1) senior author must be active member in good standing in SR-ASHS; (2) one publication per author; (3) entry may be submitted by the author(s) themselves or by SR-ASHS members on behalf of the authors; (3) entry should have been prepared within the past two years; (4) submit three copies of the entry, and (5) a completed Extension Communication Entry Form. Copies of entries will not be returned, unless arrangements are made with the Chair. The award consists of a Blue Ribbon Certificate.

Send nominations to:

Tim Coolong, Chair
 2360 Rainwater Rd.
 Dept. of Hort., Tifton Campus
 Univ. of Georgia
 Tipton, GA 31793-5766
 tcoolong@uga.edu

2016-2017 Officers, Chairs and Committees
 (Term of office is from end of 2016 meeting through 2017 meeting)
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National Sweet Potato Collaborators	Ken Pecota	ken_pecota@ncsu.edu
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Member	Tim Davis	t-davis5@tamu.edu
Outstanding ACB Club & Club Member	Jay Spiers	jds0017@auburn.edu

Tentative Program 2017 Program at a Glance

Friday, February 3																						
Riverview Plaza Hotel	8:00			9:00			10:00			11:00		12:00		1:00		3:00		4:00		5:00		
Hotel Lobby	7:00 open												Registration									
Mobile Bay Ballroom I & II	Pecan Research & Extension Forum																					
Mobile Bay Ballroom III	Southern Blueberry/Small Fruit Workers																					
Admiral Suite													Horticulture Administrators				Executive Com.					
Bon Secour II													Watermelon Research Group									
Bon Secour I													National Sweetpotato Collaborators									
Schooner Suite	ACB Club Share and Networking						ACB Activities, Tour, Meal						ACB Mixer									
Saturday, February 4																						
Riverview Plaza Hotel	8:00			9:00			10:00			11:00		12:00		1:00		2:00		3:00		4:00		5:00
Ballrooms Center Foyer	7:00 open												Registration									
Ballrooms Center Foyer	Poster Session Set-Up						Poster Session Viewing, Authors at Posters & Judging															
Schooner Suite	Judging Contest Set-Up						J. Benton Storey Horticulture Judging Contest															
Bon Secour II													Watermelon Research Group									
Windjammer Suite	Vigna Crop Germplasm Committee						National Cowpea Improvement Association															
Bon Secour I													National Sweetpotato Collaborators									
Grand Bay Ballroom I	Extension Section				Education																	
Mobile Bay Ballroom I & II													Overflow Commodity Sessions									
Cipper	Edmond UG Paper Comp.				Childers M.S. Paper Competition				Barham Ph.D. Paper Comp.													
Sunday, February 5																						
Riverview Plaza Hotel	8:00			9:00			10:00			11:00		12:00		1:00		2:00		3:00		4:00		5:00
Ballrooms Center Foyer	7:00 open												Registration									
Ballrooms Center Foyer	Poster Session Viewing						Poster Take down															
Bon Secour I	ACB Business Meeting				Business Meeting/Awards Prog.																	
Mobile Bay Ballroom I & II	Vegetable Crops Section																					
Mobile Bay Ballroom III	Floriculture, Ornamentals & Turf Section																					
Grand Bay Ballroom I	Fruit Crops Section																					
Riverboat Suite	PostHarvest & Biotechnology Section																					