
Society Section and Chapter News

Applied Ecology Section Newsletter

History and mission

The Applied Ecology Section of the Ecological Society of America is the second largest and the third oldest of the active sections within the Society. The Section was established in 1971 and has a twofold purpose:

- 1) To facilitate communication about applying ecological principles to solve practical environmental problems, and
- 2) To encourage liaisons with specialists in policy, administration, planning, health, agriculture and natural resource management who use ecological principles to resolve problems.

Call for nominations for Section officers for 2006–2007

The Applied Ecology Section is seeking candidates for the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Applied Ecology Section Officers serve a 2-year term. Final nominees will be selected by the Nominating Committee by 15 June 2006, and the election will be held by e-mail in July. Responsibilities of the Officers are according to the Section Bylaws.

Article 5. OFFICERS. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The Officers shall comprise the Section Executive Committee and may act on behalf of the section during intervals between annual meetings. Voting for Officers shall be by either mail or by email ballot distributed to members in odd numbered years. Officers shall serve for a term of two years and not be eligible for re-election. The Chair and Secretary assume office in the year the election is held, and the Vice-Chair assumes office the following year.

Article 6. CHAIR. The Chair shall preside at the business meetings of the Section, authorize expenditures of Section funds, and shall promote in every practical way the interests of the Section. The Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee, which shall prepare a slate of candidates for each office.

Article 7. VICE-CHAIR. The Vice-Chair shall be responsible for arranging the scientific program for all meetings of the Section, and shall assume the duties of the chair whenever that person is unable to act.

Article 8. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Section and an up-to-date membership and mailing list, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair.

Duties that may be assigned by the Chair can include: submits information to *ESA Bulletin* by 15 January, April, July, and October for publication in the next *ESA Bulletin*; takes minutes at the annual meetings; maintains and updates the web page; assists the Chair and Vice Chair with distributing information and other tasks as deemed by the Chair; assists with organizing and tallying votes for the Student Travel Award; counts ballots for elections.

Please send nominations, including a one-paragraph biosketch that describes your vision as an Officer of the Applied Ecology Section, by 15 May 2006 to the Nominations Chair:

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Student Travel Awards

The Applied Ecology Section will support students in their efforts to present their work at the 91st ESA

Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, 6-11 August 2006. The Section is now calling for nominations for scholarships, with individual awards up to \$750 depending on the funding available and number of qualified applicants. The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 May 2006. Instructions and details for the application process can be found at the Applied Ecology Section web page at <http://www.esa.org/applied/>

Last year's scholarship recipients were able to present their research at ESA's 90th Annual Meeting in Montréal. The amount of each award and the name and address of each student are listed below. Susan Tilley's award came from the Applied Ecology Section's long-range planning grant, which was awarded on 21 December 2004. The other awards came from the Section's overall funds.

- Susan Tilley – \$450, Department of Biology, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Elise Buisson – \$450, Université P. Cezanne
- Serge Eric Attignon – \$350, Laboratory of Applied Ecology, Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-calavy
- Barbara Pamela Graff – \$350, University of Buenos Aires

Long-Range Planning Grant

The Applied Ecology Section received a long-range planning grant from the ESA Governing Board to help implement ESA's Long Range Plan. The award was for \$1000, and was used for student scholarships, webmaster training, and the business mixer at the 2005 Annual Meeting. A written report on how the funds are used was presented to the Governing Board in Montréal, Canada.

Annual Meeting update

The Applied, Agroecology, Rangelands, and Long-Term Studies Sections held a joint mixer during the 90th ESA Annual Meeting in Montréal, Canada, on Wednesday, 10 August 2005. The Applied Ecology

Section held its business meeting on Tuesday, 9 August 2005 during the 90th ESA Annual Meeting. Attendees included: Marty Spetich, co-chair; Becky Kerns, vice-chair; Hal Balback, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Champaign, Illinois; Paula Armstrong, consultant, Canada; and Marty Matlock, Associate Professor of Ecological Engineering, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Marty and Becky gave a report on the history of the Section, and its mission; 2004 elections; 2005 Student Travel Awards; and the 2005 Long-Range Planning Grant.

A discussion was held on how future Section and Annual Meetings could be improved upon. Suggestions included: adding certification link to web site; increasing Section membership through increased visibility accomplished by adding key words to web site for search engines to help the public find the Section and by taking out ads in other newsletters (especially

just prior to membership renewal time); and adding other relevant information to the web site to illustrate the Section's relevance to potential section members.

Also discussed were future activities. Ideas included: sponsoring an organized oral session devoted to applied work; organizing a science consistency meeting; facilitating a certification workshop in cooperation with the Education Section; interacting with ecological engineering society to deal with definition of "Applied Ecology"; and student scholarships, regarding the possibility of outside financial sponsorship.

In planning for next year's meeting, some thoughts to improve on this year's Section meeting were discussed. Some of these ideas included: preparing a business meeting flyer to post at the meeting to publicize it, and not relying on the web site; scheduling the business meeting immediately after the mixer; and sending out an early announcement of the Section meeting.



Southeastern Chapter Newsletter

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2006 ASB Meeting

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists will be held 29–31 March 2006 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, hosted by the University of Tennessee.

Elsie Quarterman-Catherine Keever Award for best student poster

Our chapter sponsors this award. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible, and the student must be the sole or senior author on a poster clearly dealing with an ecological topic and representing a completed research project. Dr. Frank Gilliam, Department of Biological Sciences, Marshall University ⟨gilliam@marshall.edu⟩ is the chair of the award committee and is seeking volunteers to judge this year's nominees. Please contact Dr. Gilliam to volunteer to critique these posters.

Eugene P. Odum Award for best student paper

Our chapter also sponsors this award. Undergraduate and graduate students who are the sole or senior author on a paper presentation clearly dealing with an ecological topic and representing a completed research project are eligible for the award. Dr. Nicole Turrill Welch, Department of Biology, Middle Tennes-

see State University ⟨nwelch@mtsu.edu⟩ is the chair of the award committee. Judges are needed to critically review these paper presentations; contact Dr. Welch to volunteer.

SE-ESA Chapter luncheon

While complete details are not available at this time, the Chapter luncheon is shaping up to be a good one! Please check the ASB meeting web site and, when available, registration form, for further information.

2006 ESA Meeting

The 91st Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America will be held 6–11 August 2006, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Membership renewal and award support

Please remember to renew your membership in the Southeastern chapter when you renew your ESA membership. Your donations to the Quarterman-Keever Fund and the Eugene P. Odum Fund support the student awards mentioned above.

Keeping in touch

Check the Chapter Home page: ⟨<http://www.auburn.edu/seesa/>⟩ for updates and additional information. Join the Southeastern Chapter of ESA LISTSERVER. To join the listserver, send a message to ⟨majordomo@mail.auburn.edu⟩ with “subscribe scesa” in the body of the message. Please send news or announcements to ⟨scesa@mail.auburn.edu⟩ for distribution to the listserver, or to ⟨nwelch@mtsu.edu⟩ for inclusion in the next quarterly newsletter.

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