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Welcome to New Officers: We elected two new officers for the 2004-2006 term. Congratulations to James Luken, who was elected chair, and will replace Paul in August, and to Nicole Turrill Welch, who was elected secretary/treasurer.

Spring 2004 Chapter Meeting in Memphis: The minutes of our business meeting and luncheon in Memphis, held at the meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) in Memphis, are posted on our website. The ESA Southeast Chapter co-hosted a symposium, "Invasive Plant Awareness and Research: Priority Status", coordinated by Pat Parr and Jack Ranney.

2004 Odum Award. We presented the 2004 Eugene P. Odum award to two recipients: Nicole M. Hughes of Appalachian State University for her paper "Functional role of anthocyanins in high light winter leaves of the evergreen herb, *Galax urceolata*" co-authored with Howard S. Neufeld and Christopher Winne of Savannah River Ecology Laboratory for his paper "Daily activity patterns of whiptail lizards (Squamata: Teiidae: *Aspidoscelis*): a proximate response to environmental conditions or an endogenous rhythm? co-authored with Michael Keck.

Membership Renewal and Award Support: Please remember to renew your membership in the SE chapter when you renew your ESA membership. Your donations to the Eugene P. Odum Fund support the best student paper award and those to the Quarterman-Keever Fund support the best poster award. Thanks to your donations, and two generous contributions by Bill Martin and Joe Winstead at the business meeting, we have reached our goal of \$10,000 for the Odum fund. Brooks-Cole Publishers has also expressed interest in contributing to the fund.

We voted on and passed a proposed bylaws amendment to establish the Quarterman-Keever award for the best student poster at our April 2004 meeting. Apparently, the growth of the new fund will need to be quite rapid in order for ESA to maintain it. A new committee was formed to oversee the Quarterman-Keever award consisting of Howie Neufeld (chair), Andy Ash, and Cliff Hupp.

Upcoming Meetings and Symposia

ESA 2004 Meeting: The annual meeting of ESA will be in Portland, Oregon August 1-6. The Chapter will have a brown bag lunch meeting on Tuesday August 3.

ASB 2005 Meeting: ASB will meet April 13-16, 2005 in northern Alabama. Proposals for symposia at this meeting will be due in early September 2004. The ASB standing committees request members for a list of committees. Please see Claudia Jolls if you are interested.

ESA 2005 Meeting: In 2005, ESA will meet with INTECOL in Montreal, Canada August 7-12. Proposals for symposia at this meeting will also be due in early September 2004.

SEAFWA 2004: The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources invites you to the 58th Annual Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference, Hilton Head, SC, October 30 – November 3, 2004. www.scdnr.state.sc.us/seafwa

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Respectfully,
Yetta Jager, Newsletter Editor