

## **Annual Business Meeting**

February 7, 2006, Orlando, Florida

Research Center Administrators Society  
Business Meeting  
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Wyndham Hotels and Resorts  
Orlando, FL

The regular business meeting was called to order by Robert Dunker at 11:30 AM.

### Financial Report

Allen Nipper presented the financial report. Mike Phillips, in the absence of Denny Thompson, provided an update on the income for the 2006 Orlando meeting.

### Meeting Sites for 2009 and 2010 (SAAS)

Robert Dunker presented the sites being discussed for the upcoming SAAS meetings. Four sites are being considered for the 2009 meeting. They include Lexington, KY; Birmingham, AL; Mobile, AL; and New Orleans, LA. Plans are underway to return to Orlando, FL for 2010.

### Proceedings

Debbie Robertson stated that North Carolina will print five copies per state (total of 150) and a CD will be provided for each state.

### Awards

Dr. John Hodges indicated that Dr. Dave Langton will be recognized for receiving the RCAS distinguished service award.

### Site Selection for RCAS

The winter 2007 meeting will be held in south Texas and Paul Sebesta is the local arrangements contact person. The fall 2006 meeting will be held in Parsons, KS and Lyle Lomas is the local arrangements contact person. The fall meeting will be on September 24-26 where the Best Western-Parsons is the host hotel (620-423-0303). There will be 50 rooms held for this meeting at a rate of \$63 plus tax. A continental breakfast is included in the room rate. Cities to consider flying into for the fall 2006 meeting include Tulsa, OK; Kansas City, MO; Wichita, KS; Springfield, MO; and Joplin, MO. The business meeting will be held Sunday afternoon. The tour will be on Monday and Tuesday. The tour Monday will include a visit to the SE Center, Cessna Airplane Co., and the K-State Pecan Field. Tour stops on Tuesday will include the SW Center at Mt. Vernon, Mo; Heritage Feeders near Parsons, Regional Stockyards near Joplin, and the spouses will tour Freshest Moments. The tour will conclude on Tuesday evening.

### Website Update

Paul Sebesta indicated that RCAS has its own logo and url. Anyone is to contact Paul if any problems associated with the website arise. Individuals experiencing problems should check into the browser they are using. Paul indicated that the membership directory is near completion and all fees have been paid for the construction and maintenance of the website to date. Any information to be posted to the website should go to Paul. It was suggested that a counter be placed on the website in order to track the number of hits we're getting. Paul stated that we will be looking into the capability of a member password in the future in order to access sensitive documents, voting, etc.

### Finance Committee

The finance committee will be looking into by-laws associated with membership dues. The non-profit status paperwork will be submitted soon.

## RCAS Historian

Brent Westerman has volunteered to be the historian for RCAS. He will develop a written record of the society and will serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

## Winter 2007 meeting

Paul Sebesta is the local arrangements chair and is looking into the possibility of the last week of January and the first week of February, 2007 and dates to consider. Locations being considered are McAllen, TX and South Padre Island, TX. Tour stops being considered include a Border Patrol Station, ARS facility at Weslaco and Kingsville, a sugar mill, and an agricultural research facility in Mexico. The group will likely cross the border for a food function. Paul indicated we should check into border crossing requirements prior to the meeting (driver's license, visa, passport, etc.) as new restrictions may be in place. Airports to consider for this meeting include Harlingen, TX and McAllen, TX.

## Membership Committee

Pete Schultz made a motion that all registrants for any RCAS meeting in the future should be waived for former RCAS members who are retired. Paul Nyren seconded the motion.

## Credit Card Registration

Allen Nipper indicated that the finance committee is checking into the possibility of registering with a travel card (VISA or Mastercard). Allen indicated that an extra fee for setup and card use will be incurred and that we might consider pursuing a university group to do this for us, realizing an added cost will be likely.

## Nominations

Paul Sebesta made a motion that the following officers be considered for the upcoming year:

Randall Rawls, President  
Mike Phillips, Vice President  
Ray Cartee, Secretary  
Denny Thompson, Executive Business Manager

George Grenade made a motion that Paul Sebesta serve as the Communications Officer and Larry Earnest seconded the motion. Randall Rawls made a motion that Dennis Onks serve as the Proceedings Editor for the coming year and Allen Nipper seconded the motion. John Hodges recommended that all officers be approved as stated and Allen Nipper seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Robert Dunker thanked the group for their support of his term and turned the gavel over to Randall Rawls, incoming RCAS President.

Randall Rawls presented Robert Dunker with a plaque to recognize him for his hard work and dedication as President to RCAS.

A motion was made by Paul Nyren to adjourn and seconded by Pete Schultz.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
J. Mike Phillips  
RCAS Secretary