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### (1) CHANGE IN BRANCH MAILINGS

In a major cost-saving effort, the Branch Executive Committee agreed at its June planning meeting to go to an all electronic mailing format. The Branch will save nearly \$2,500 annually by doing away with the escalating costs associated with paper, printing, handling, and postage. All Eastern Branch members on this Listserve will receive e-mail announcements when information is posted on our web site ( <http://www.ento.vt.edu/EBESA/esaeb.html> ) on upcoming meetings, call for papers, or any other Branch business. Please let Bill Gimpel (Listserves Master) know when you change your e-mail address. If you notice that your colleagues are getting notices and you are not, tell us!! Contact Bill at: [GimpelWF@mda.state.md.us](mailto:GimpelWF@mda.state.md.us) .

### (2) CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Membership Committee (Doug Pfeiffer, Chair, and Nic Ellis) needs help with work on the Branch Listserve. We need folks to call and/or write those with incorrect e-mail addresses so we can get correct addresses. Please volunteer. Contact Nic at: [nhe101@psu.edu](mailto:nhe101@psu.edu) .

The Insect Outreach Committee (Faith Kuehn, Chair, and Betty Faber) is looking for entomologists who enjoy working with kids. Do you have an activity or exhibit that you can bring to the Branch meeting in Harrisburg on Sunday March 16, 2003? How about some live insects? Or would you prefer to just staff a booth? Contact Faith at: [faith@dda.state.de.us](mailto:faith@dda.state.de.us) . The Insect Outreach will be held at the Whitaker Science Center in Harrisburg, adjacent to the Harrisburg Hilton, our meeting headquarters.

### (3) CALL FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The Screening for ESA Awards Committee (Sridhar Polavarapu, Chair, and Don Webber) is calling for nominations. See the attachment below. Deadline is November 15. We have put lists of past award winners on our web site to make it easier for you to make nominations. Check it out at: <http://www.ento.vt.edu/EBESA/EBHistory.html> . Contact Sridhar at: [polavarapu@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:polavarapu@aesop.rutgers.edu) .

### (4) MARCH '03 MEETING IN HARRISBURG

The Program Committee (Faith Kuehn and Ames Herbert, Co-Chairs) are making progress on our joint meeting with the Potomac Division of the American Phytopathological Society to be held March 16 -18, 2003 in Harrisburg PA. Our theme will concern addressing new challenges in a rapidly changing world. We will have a special student award for a paper that covers both entomology and plant pathology.

Contact: [faith@dda.state.de.us](mailto:faith@dda.state.de.us) Or [herbert@vt.edu](mailto:herbert@vt.edu) .

(5) BRANCH SCHEDULE & DEADLINES

- 9/15/02      The following will be posted on the Branch web site:  
                 Call for Ten Minute Papers and Posters  
                 Call for nominations for Branch President-elect and Treasurer  
                 Call for L.O. Howard Award
- 10/22/02     Deadline for submitting nominations for Branch officers
- 10/31/02     Deadline for submitting TMP's & poster titles.
- 11/15/02     Deadline for submitting L. O. Howard and ESA Recognition Award  
                 nominations
- Dec '02      The following will be posted on the Branch web site:  
                 Hotel registration info  
                 Meeting registration form  
                 Ballot for Branch Officers  
                 Proposed changes to Bylaws
- Jan '03      The Meeting Program will be posted on the Branch web site

(6) TIME TO VOTE!

ESA members in good standing should have gotten an announcement about voting for national officers on-line. I tried it, and got an e-mail back to the effect that it worked. You will need your member number. It is printed as the first 5 digits on the line above your name on the mailing label of any mail you get from ESA. You also get the number in your e-mails from HQ announcing on-line journal availability. If you still can't find it, notify ESA. You have until Aug. 31 to vote.

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