
Monday Morning, 20 October, 2008

The 33rd Annual Meeting of the International Plant Propagators' Society-Southern Region of North America convened at 7:45 AM at the Omni Charlottesville Hotel, Charlottesville, Virginia with President Patricia Knight presiding.

PRESIDENT PATRICIA KNIGHT: President Knight welcomed everyone to Charlottesville, Virginia, for the 33rd Annual Meeting of the International Plant Propagators' Society-Southern Region of North America. She thanked Local Site Committee Chair, Tom Saunders, and his committee for the long hours in arranging the excellent tours, hotel, other planning activities, and all their attention to detail. She encouraged all students, new members and perspective new members to attend the 4th annual reception prior to the banquet and auction, so they could catch the uniqueness and spirit of the IPPS that makes it special "to seek and share." Knight also encouraged all members to make new members and attendees feel welcome to share with them and seek from them. She also thanked Program Chair and 1st Vice-President, Hugh Gramling, for the excellent program and slate of speakers he assembled.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN HUGH GRAMLING: Chairman Gramling welcomed all members, guests and students. He thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve them, and then reviewed the scheduled program. The Question Box was scheduled for Tuesday evening to be co-chaired by Dr. Christine Coker and Milton Schaeffer. He thanked Randy Coker for his audio and video efforts. Moderator Marion Packett then introduced the first speaker, Bruce Adams.