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MONDAY MORNING, 26 OCTOBER, 2009

The 34th Annual Meeting of the International Plant Propagators' Society Southern Region of North America convened at 7:45 AM at the Imperial Palace Casino Resort with President Hugh Gramling presiding.

PRESIDENT HUGH GRAMLING

President Gramling welcomed everyone to Biloxi, Mississippi, for the 34th Annual Meeting of the International Plant Propagators' Society Southern Region of North America. He thanked Local Site Committee Co-Chairs, Trisha Knight and Hiram Baldwin, and their committee for the long hours in arranging the excellent tours, hotel, other planning activities, and all their attention to detail. He encouraged all members to make new members and attendees feel welcome — share with them and seek from them. He also thanked Program Chair and 1st Vice-President, Rick Crowder, for the excellent program and slate of speakers he assembled.

LOCAL SITE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR, PATRICIA KNIGHT

Co-Chair Knight welcomed all to Biloxi and asked her local site committee to stand and be recognized. She thanked the committee for all of their efforts and the wonderful opportunity to work with them. She reviewed the auction, banquet, question box, and nursery tours.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR EELCO TINGA

International Director Tinga greeted the membership and remarked that he and Alternate Director, Ted Bilderback, had an excellent International Meeting in Ireland this past September 2009. He was to report on the meeting and news from the International during Wednesday's Annual Business meeting.

PROGRAM CHAIR RICK CROWDER

Chairman Crowder 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 Stewart Chandler and Donna Heaton. He thanked Randy Coker for his audio and video efforts. Moderator Elliott Hallum then introduced the first speaker, Jim Robbins.