

SERA-IEG-14 Business Meeting Minutes  
25 September, 2007  
Raleigh, NC

Twenty one attendees (listing follows) met at 1:00 p.m. at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Dr. Sara Spayd (North Carolina State University). Sara offered greetings on behalf of Dr. Justin Morris, Extension Administrative Advisor to the Group, and Dr. Douglas Archer, Administrative Advisor to the Group; both were regrettably unable to attend. The Group was encouraged to keep active and maintain their cooperative efforts, given the importance of these Extension and research efforts to the Southern Region.

The first order of business was to determine where to meet in 2008. Following a discussion on recent meeting locations and possible alternatives, it was decided to contact Dr. Justin Morris (University of Arkansas) and try to schedule the meeting there. The date of the meeting would be determined by the host. A secretary for the group was not voted on at the meeting, but Dr. Tony V. Johnston (Middle Tennessee State University) volunteered to serve in this capacity for the 2008 meeting after the conclusion of the meeting.

Dr. Bob Bates was honored as the recipient of the 2007 Nesbitt Award in honor of his extensive research and extension work on Muscadine grapes in Florida and the entire southeast.

Significant time was spent discussing the 2007 late spring frost. This frost event significantly impacted grape production throughout the Region, with severity increasing from south to north. It was noted that in the southern reaches of Georgia and Mississippi, Muscadine vines rapidly regenerated vegetative growth and blossoms, and harvests in pockets of the Carolinas, southern Georgia and Mississippi, and most of Florida were expected to be at or near normal levels. Areas outside of these were projected to have minimal to nonexistent crops this year.

State reports were delivered by members present, and a state report from Georgia was distributed. Upon conclusion of these presentations, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Spayd at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony V. Johnston, Ph.D.  
Secretary

## 2007 SERA-14 Attendance

1. Tony Johnston Middle Tennessee State University
2. Eric Stafne Oklahoma State University
3. Connie Fisk NC State University
4. Sara Spayd NC State University
5. Donn Johnson University of Arkansas
6. Ed Hellman Texas A&M/Texas Tech University
7. Bob Bates University of Florida
8. Stephen Stringer USDA-ARS
9. Andy Allen Institute for Continental Climate Viticulture and  
Enology, University of Missouri
10. William McGlynn Oklahoma State University
11. David Lockwood University of Tennessee
12. Lisa Hopkins NC State University
13. Trevor Phister NC State University
14. Hannah Burrack NC State University
15. Nate Phillips Middle Tennessee State University
16. Jody Martin Clemson University
17. Jiang Lu Florida A&M University
18. Turner Sutton NC State University
19. Jim Burton NC State University
20. Ken Sorensen NC State University
21. Dan Carroll NC State University