

Southern Division APS  
BYLAWS  
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1. **Dues.** Members and associate members will pay dues of \$20.00 per year and student members \$5.00 per year. Retired plant pathologists are considered honorary members and are exempt from payment of dues.
2. **Graduate Student Research Award.** The Southern Division, APS, will recognize outstanding research by graduate students by presenting a monetary gift. The certificate will indicate the name of the winner, date, and place of presentation, and will bear the inscription, "Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society Graduate Student Research Award." There will be a monetary gift for the first, second, and third place award winners.

Students competing for the award must (1) either be enrolled as a regular student in a graduate program in the Southern Division or have been an enrolled student in a graduate program in the Southern Division within six months of the abstract submission deadline; (2) be a member in good standing of the Southern Division at the time of the presentation; (3) be sole or senior author of the research; and (4) present the research at a meeting of the Southern Division, APS. The presentation must include research in plant pathology that has been performed while in pursuit of a degree at a college or university in the Southern Division.

The Secretary-Treasurer will send out details of procedures to be followed in submitting an abstract for consideration at the time he or she sends out the annual call for titles and abstracts for presentation at the Division meeting.

The judging committee for the award will consist of the Vice President (Chair), the Immediate Past President or their representative, and at least three (3) active Division members appointed by the Chair. No individual will sit as a judge of a paper by one of his or her own students. Selection of the winner will be based on (1) content (manner in which data were obtained); (2) originality of the research; and (3) presentation of results. Scoring rubric will be posted on the Southern Division webpage. The committee may present more than one award or decline to give an award if, in their judgment, none of the presentations are worthy. The program will be arranged so that all research award participants are scheduled prior to the last regular session. The award will be presented by the President of the Southern Division, or his or her representative at the annual meeting.

3. **Outstanding Plant Pathologist Award.** This honor is granted to a member of the Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society in recognition of distinguished contributions to Plant Pathology. Any member (1) who has made outstanding contributions to the science of Plant Pathology and (2) who is a member of the Southern Division and the parent society is eligible for nomination. The contribution may be in research, teaching, extension, or any other aspect of plant pathology in either academic or non-academic environment. This award will consist of a plaque and a monetary gift. The plaque will bear the name of the winner, date, and place of presentation and inscription "Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society Outstanding Plant Pathologist Award." The award

may be made annually. Any active member of the Southern Division may nominate a candidate. The nomination must be accompanied by (1) a vitae or resume and (2) a one-page statement giving name, position, affiliation, and critique that includes the nature, scope and relevance of the contributions that qualify the nominee for our consideration. Copies should be sent to the chairperson of the award committee.

The award committee shall consist of five members, one each representing teaching, Extension, research, industry-regulatory, and administration. Members will be appointed by the Southern Division President to serve 5-year terms. The person with the shortest term to serve will be chair. Each year the President will appoint a new member for 5 years from the same area (Extension, teaching, *etc.*) as the outgoing chair, thus forming a rotating committee. Members may be appointed by the President to complete the term of any vacated positions.

Nominations and supporting information must be received by members of the award committee at least one month prior to meeting of the Southern Division. Nominations will be considered for a period of three years from the year of initial submission. The persons nominating candidates will be given the opportunity to update nomination statements for candidates being reconsidered.

4. **Donald M. Ferrin Memorial Service Award.** This honor is granted to a member of the Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society in recognition of distinguished service to the American Phytopathological Society. Any Southern Division member who has served for the American Phytopathological Society at the national or divisional level and made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the society's mission is eligible for nomination. This award will consist of a plaque that will bear the name of the winner, date, and place of presentation and inscription "Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society Donald M. Ferrin Memorial Service Award." The award may be made annually. Any active member of the Southern Division may nominate a candidate. The nomination must be accompanied by (1) a vitae or resume and (2) a one-page statement giving name, position, affiliation, and critique that includes the nature, scope and relevance of the service to the American Phytopathological Society that qualify the nominee for our consideration. Copies should be sent to the chairperson of the award committee.

Nominations and supporting information must be received by members of the award committee at least one month prior to meeting of the Southern Division. Nominations will be considered for a period of three years from the year of initial submission. The persons nominating candidates will be given the opportunity to update nomination statements for candidates being reconsidered.

5. The program for all meetings will be arranged by the President-Elect and will consist of scientific and business sessions.
6. The Division Forum Representative of the Southern Division will assume office at the first meeting of the American Phytopathological Society following the election, at the time the new officers of APS assume office. Other officers of the Division will assume office at the

end of the first meeting of the Division following their election or appointment.

7. Incoming Student/Postdoctoral Representative(s) of the Southern Division will assume office at the end of the first meeting of the Division following their election or appointment.
8. The Committees of the Southern Division APS, are the (1) Archives Committee, (2) Local Arrangements Committee, (3) Membership Committee, (4) Finance Committee, (5) Student Award Committee, and (6) Awards Committee.
9. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting provided the amendment(s) are approved by the Executive Committee and receive a plurality of affirmative votes of members voting at a regularly scheduled business session. The By-Laws may also be amended by mail or online ballot provided the amendment(s) receive approval by the Executive Committee and a plurality of favorable votes among those cast on a ballot sent to all members eligible to vote.