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FRIDAY MORNING, 16 OCTOBER 2001

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the International Plant Propagators' Society Southern Region of North America convened at 7:45 AM at the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel, Houston, Texas with President Eelco Tinga, Jr. presiding.

PRESIDENT EELCO TINGA JR.: President Tinga welcomed everyone to Houston, Texas, for the Twenty-sixth Annual I.P.P.S. Southern Region of North America meeting. Tinga complemented Program Chairman Stewart Chandler for the outstanding program and speakers he assembled for the meeting. He also praised Local Site Chairman Bill Barr and his committee for all of their long hours in arranging the tours, hotel, and other planning activities. Tinga then called on Local Site Chairman Bill Barr.

LOCAL SITE CHAIRMAN BILL DAUGHTRY: Chairman Barr welcomed everyone to Houston. He remarked that he and his Local Site Committee Chairman Bill Daughtry have worked diligently in preparation of this meeting and were pleased to be hosting the I.P.P.S.-Southern Region of North America. He reviewed why the meeting was being held for the first time on a Thursday through Sunday, rather than the usual Sunday through Wednesday. He then reviewed the planned tour activities for Thursday, Friday, and Sunday.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN STEWART CHANDLER: Chairman Chandler welcomed everyone to Houston for the 26th Annual Meeting of the I.P.P.S.-Southern Region of North America. Chandler then thanked Bill Barr and his Local Site Committee for the exciting, well-hosted nursery tours. He urged everyone to write questions for the Question Box. He then invited Randy Jacobs to talk about his program for next year in 2002 Hunt Valley, Maryland, which will be joint meeting with the Eastern Region, North America. Jacobs asked for the memberships' input for next year's meeting. He remarked that this program is the members program and is based on the comments, suggestions, and ideas received from the general membership. Chandler then introduced Alan Shapiro to moderate the first morning session.