

**RESEARCH CENTER ADMINISTRATORS SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
MOBILE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 2 – FEBRUARY 4, 2003**

**Sunday, February 2
Room 202-A, Mobile Convention Center**

2:30 RCAS Board Meeting
Presiding – Dr. Lyle Lomas, President

**Monday, February 3
Meetings in Room 202-A**

7:00 Registration
Dr. Paul Sebesta, RCAS Secretary
Superintendent, University of California
Desert Research & Extension Center
Mobile Convention Center, Upper Concourse

8:15 Opening Remarks & Announcements
Dr. Lyle Lomas, RCAS President
Kansas State University
Southeast Agricultural Research Center
Parsons, KS

8:30 Alabama Agriculture: An Overview of Research
and Future Direction
Dr. John Jensen, Dean, College of Agriculture
Director, Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station
Auburn University
Auburn University, AL

9:00 Remodeling the Model: Positioning Research Centers
of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station for
the Future
Dr. James S. Bannon, Director Outlying Units
Alabama Experiment Station
Auburn University
Auburn University, AL

9:30 Bio Terrorism – What are the Threats to American
Agriculture
Dr. Anthony Frazier, Alabama State Veterinarian
Alabama Department of Agriculture
Montgomery, AL

10:15 Break

10:30-11:30

11:30 Lunch

1:00 Keeping Research Centers Relevant in an Ever Changing
Agricultural Environment

Dr. Nancy Cox, Associate Dean for Research
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY

1:45 Evolving Relevant Research Centers Within Florida

Dr. Ed Hanlon, Professor and Center Director
SWFREC and EREC
University of Florida
Belle Glade, FL

2:30 Agricultural Research Centers in Georgia,
A Changed Model

Dr. David Bridges, Assistant Dean
University of Georgia
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Tifton Campus
Tifton, GA

3:00 Break

3:20 The Kearney Model – A Model that Works

Mr. Fred Swanson, Superintendent
Kearney Research and Extension Center
Parlier, CA

4:00 If You Don't Have an Oil Well, Get One

If You Don't Have an Industry, Create One

Dr. Paul Sebasta, Superintendent
Desert Research and Extension Center
El Centro, CA

4:45 Adjourn

Tuesday, February 4
Room 202-A, Mobile Convention Center

8:00 Private Resource Development for Applied Research Programs

Mr. William Sheets, Director Planned Giving
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY

8:30 A Leadership Development Program Worth the Effort

Ed Hanlon
University of Florida

9:00

9:45 Break

10:30 Business Session

11:30 Adjourn

12:00 Tour Buses Depart from Adams Mark Hotel

(Box lunch will be provided)

Tour Stops Include (need to call John Olive)