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## **MONDAY MORNING, 11 OCTOBER, 2010**

The 35th Annual Meeting of the International Plant Propagators' Society-Southern Region of North America convened at 7:45 \$am at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel with President Rick Crowder presiding.

## PRESIDENT RICK CROWDER

President Crowder welcomed everyone to Raleigh, North Carolina for the 35th Annual Meeting of the International Plant Propagators' Society-Southern Region of North America. He thanked Local Site Committee Chair, Tony Avent, and Co-chair Lanny Thomas, and their committee for the long hours in arranging the excellent tours, hotel, other planning activities and all their attention to detail. He thanked the Executive Committee and Bob Black's Sponsorship Committee, which raised around \$39,500 in donations. 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, Dr. Donna Fare, for the excellent program and slate of speakers she assembled.

## PROGRAM CHAIR DR. DONNA FARE

Program Chair Donna Fare welcomed all members, guests and students. She thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve them, and then reviewed the scheduled program, including the silent and live auction, new comer's reception and banquet. The Question Box was scheduled for Tuesday evening to be co-chaired by Dr. Cheryl Boyer and Brian Upchurch. Moderator Scott Langlois then introduced the first speaker, Dr. Sandy Reed.