

## 2024 BSA Paleobotanical Section Report

### **Report from the Chair – Mike Dunn**

Our contributed Section talks include 50 talks, 19 of which are student talks for the Cookson and Moseley awards, and 12 posters. The total number of talks is up from 28 last year. Next year's BSA conference is expected to be smaller as the NAPC overlaps and the American Bryological and Lichenology Society are going to have their own conference. Additionally, there is an IBC and IOPC conference next year.

#### Moment of Silence

Sergio Archangelsky

Nathalie Nagalingum

### **Report from the Secretary – Patty Ryberg**

Currently have 303 members down from 359 last year.

Membership:

312 Members

34 (306) Affiliate Members

#### Associate Membership

Associate members:(7)

Sergio Archangelsky (since 1979) Passed 7/10/22

Mary Dettman (since 1986)

Dianne Edwards (since 1995)

Peter Endress(since 1983)

Jean Galtier (since 2006)

Sun, Ge (since 2008)

Harfumi Nishida(since 2018)

Brigitte Meyer-Berthaud (since 2018)

Nominations for new candidates are to be sent to the S/T. A short application of support is required for the nomination. There is no longer any limit on the number of Associate memberships that can be awarded. The nomination period is September 2023-March 2024

### **Report of the Bibliography of North American Paleobotany – Andy Simpson**

The 2022 Bibliography is now published. An erratum of addresses has also been published. All materials and information are ready to be handed over to the new Bibliographer.

### **Report on Field Trip – Mike Dunn**

Twenty-four people attended the field trip. It was the first and only off roading trip approved by the BSA. There was a great deal of student interest, even students outside the section. Future field trips should think about logistics to allow for more participation.

### **Report on Meetings – open to the floor**

*Past Meetings:*

1. MPC – Gainesville, FL – 30 people attended with Saturday talks, poster presentations and a field trip.

*Upcoming Meetings:*

1. GSA – Oct. 15–18, 2023 – Pittsburgh, PA  
1 paleo- field trip available  
<https://community.geosociety.org/gsa2023/home>
2. 41<sup>st</sup> MPC – Apr. 12–14, 2024 – Chicago, IL  
<https://www.herrerapaleolab.org/mpc-2024>
3. 4. 11<sup>th</sup> IOPC – May 27 – 31, 2024 – Prague, Czech Republic  
<https://www.prague2020.cz/news.php>
4. BSA 2024 – June 15 – 19, 2024 – Grand Rapids MI  
<http://2024.botanyconference.org/>
5. 12<sup>th</sup> NACP – June 17–21, 2024 – Ann Arbor, MI  
<https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/napc2024/>
6. 20<sup>th</sup> IBC – July 21 – 27, 2024 – Madrid, Spain  
<https://ibcmadrid2024.com/>

**Old Business**

1. Symposia/Colloquia/International Guest

*The section would like everyone to think about topics for symposia and colloquia for future Botany meetings. Additionally, in the past the section supported bringing an international guest to the meeting and should be something to start up again.*

2. Website/Affiliate Members – The S/T will put together a survey to see what the section wants in a website.

**New Business – open to the floor**

1. New PS Bibliographer – Thanks to Andy Simpson for excellent work on the bibliographies for the last few years.

**Caroline Stromberg elected**

2. Need to elect incoming Secretary/Treasurer

**Patty Ryberg re-elected**

3. Vote to approve the Becker Student Field Work Award. Document available from the S/T upon request.

**Approved**

4. Provide funds for student travel to NACP

Tad and Rick Dillhoff waived the funds set aside for them to attend the meeting this year in Boise. Those funds in the amount of \$2000 will be used to provide 4 competitive student travel awards to NACP 2024.

**Approved**

5. Remy, Remy, Winslow available for student travel to IOPC in Prague, 2024.

The section approved 10 \$1500 awards for students to attend IOPC in 2024.

**Approved**

6. Opinion on conference platform changes.

Many have expressed the disappointment on the performance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor. The S/T volunteered to request individual feedback and provide the section's collated thoughts to the conference executives.

## **AWARDS**

2023 – Cichan Award

**Ana Andruchow Colombo**: Placing the Voltziales: A study of the origin and evolution of modern conifers

**Michael D'Antonio**: Reconstruction and systematics of conflictive late Paleozoic plants using tomography and microphotography on Mazon Creek nodules and coal balls.

Cichan Committee: Kathleen Pigg, Anne-Laure Decombeix

2023 – Cookson Award

**Jeronimo Morales Toledo**: Reexamination of *Arthmiocarpus Hesperus* from the Late Cretaceous of South Dakota: Expanding the fossil record of bisexual climates in Araceae.

Cookson committee: Nina Baghai-Riding, Elena Stiles, Patty Ryberg

2023 – Mosley Award

**Madison Lalica**: California Polytechnic University, Humboldt, For the Presentation: Probing the origin and evolution of periderm: what can extant plants and the fossil record tell us? Co-author: Mihai Tomescu

Mosley committee: Pam Diggle, Lena Hileman, Kelly Matsunaga

2023 – Contributions to Paleobotany Award

**Ruth Stockey** – nominated by Selena Smith & Brian

Thanks to Mike & Patty for running the business meeting.

Thanks to all the moderators of the section sessions: Sarah Allen, Hong Yang, Gar Rothwell, Selena Smith, Nathan Jud, Steven Manchester, Patty Ryberg

Chair for 2024 Botany in Grand Rapids, MI will be Fabiany Herrera

The meeting ended at 6:16 P.M. MST.