

**2023-2024 Bryological and Lichenological Section Report to BSA Council**  
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Society (ABLS) President and Jessica Budke, B&L Section Program Director and ABLS  
President-Elect

**2023 Activities:**

**B&L Section Presentations:**

- B&L Section had two sessions with a total of 13 papers, and 9 posters.

**Other support:**

- ABLS financially supported the Symposium “One World Many Kingdoms: Conservation of Bryophyte and Lichen Biodiversity”. Several other Symposia and Colloquia were supported in name only.
- ABLS supported a dinner, where student members of ABLS were invited to participate without cost, in an effort to increase participation. This event has been very popular with students.

**ABLS Awards:**

- The 2023 A. J. Sharp Award for Best Student Presentation at the Conference in Lichenology or Bryology was awarded to Blair Young. Runner up Carly Russell. All of the student presentations were fantastic - congratulations to all.
- Two \$500 student travel awards were given by ABLS to cover registration and transportation costs to Botany 2023.
- Student Field Research Awards (\$1000 per student) These awards are paid for with donations by ABLS members specifically for this purpose.
  - Anderson & Crum Bryology: Katherine Gale and Daniel Tucker
  - Culberson & Hale Lichenology: Andrea Goss and Katrina Cruickshanks
- Sullivant Award for best bryology paper in *The Bryologist* (\$1000)
  - Marta Nieto-Lugilde, Sean Robinson, Blanka Agüero, Aaron Duffy, Karn Imwattana, Kristian Hassel, Kjell Ivar Flatberg, Hans K. Stenøien, Anna V. Shkurko, Vladimir E. Fedosov, and A. Jonathan Shaw. Morphological-molecular incongruence in *Sphagnum majus* ssp. *majus* and ssp. *norvegicum*.
- Tuckermann Award for best lichenology paper in *The Bryologist* (\$1000)
  - Paul Diederich, Ana M. Millanes, Javier Etayo, Pieter P. G. van den Boom and Mats Wedin. Finding the needle in the haystack: a revision of *Crittendenia*, a surprisingly diverse lichenicolous genus of Agaricostilbomycetes, Pucciniomycotina.

**B&L Section Field trips:**

- The B&L Section sponsored one ½ day field trip and one 3-day trip.
- We also had Open Herbarium hours at the Boise State Herbarium.

**2024 planning:**

- The ABLS membership will meet separately from BOTANY in 2024 at a stand-alone conference in southern Ohio.
- The B&L Section at BOTANY 2024 will have one session with a total of 11 papers, and 2 posters.
- B&L Section will not organize or fund any Symposia or Colloquia at BOTANY 2024.

**Section Funds:**

- B&L section funds in March 2024 were \$4,593.

**ABLS Funding:**

- ABLS will provide travel awards to students attending the stand-alone conference in Ohio.

**Awards:**

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  - Anderson & Crum Bryology: Luis Hurtado and Skadi Kylander
  - Culberson & Hale Lichenology: Carly Russell and Danielle Ward
- ABLS will present the A.J. Sharp Award (\$1000) to the best student paper at the stand-alone meeting in Ohio.
- ABLS will announce the best papers for 2024 in bryology (Sullivant Award) and lichenology (Tuckerman Award) during the general business meeting at the stand-alone ABLS conference.

**2025 Planning**

ABLS will meet with BOTANY again in 2025 in Tucson, Arizona.