

President-Elect Report – June 2024

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I attended all the required meetings as a board member and other meetings as a member of the Executive Committee and meetings with presidents (past and current) and the Executive Director on updates and discussion of various BSA business and ad hoc emerging issues. In addition, I also participated in email discussions of certain BSA business that did not require a meeting. I chaired the BSA Committee on Committees to fill in the vacant positions of committees. The COC members reviewed applications in the last week of February, ranked applicants for acceptable, unacceptable, or alternative committees. I assembled feedback from committee members and held a meeting on 03/04/2024 to discuss and determine acceptable applicants for committees they applied and made suggestions of alternative committees for some applicants who are acceptable to serve but not qualified for the committee applied or the committees applied for are filled. At the COC meeting, a few committees that were not filled (mainly the Development, Financial Advisory, and Graduate Student Research Award committees) were identified and members made several nominations to fill in those vacancies. See the Committee on Committees report for more details. I also prepared for the President-Elect's special lecture at Botany 2024.