

2017-2018 Historical Section Report to the Botanical Society of America Council
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2016-2017 Activities

- Contributed Papers Session: 3 papers
 - The session was well attended with ~40 attendee's
- Maura Flannery stepped down as Secretary/Treasurer
- Vacancy for the position of Secretary/Treasurer and Student Representative
- There was no historical section business meeting in 2017 because the Chair was unable to attend
 - Meeting for 2018 planned

2016-2017 Planning

- 1 Historical Section sponsored symposium scheduled for 2018 on Female Botanical Artists in the nineteenth and twentieth century.
- Pledged funding for three symposia in 2017 due to the historical aspect of the presentations
 - [Biology of Isoetales, a colloquium in honor of Dr. W. Carl Taylor](#) (\$100)
 - [Revolutionizing systematics: Herbaria in the Genomics Age](#) (\$100)
 - [Fossil plants at the intersection of evo-devo and phylogeny: celebrating the contributions of Gar W. Rothwell to biodiversity and evolution](#) (\$100)
- The evaluation form for the *Emanuel D. Rudolph* Award for the best student presentation of a historical nature will be reassessed and revised to fit with the HS presentation and poster parameters.
- Construction of list of all historians (all levels) working within the realm of history of botany
 - List shall be completed by the Fall 2018
 - The purpose is to develop more cross-pollination between the Historical Section and History and History of Science Departments to gain support for the HS.
- Potential workshop for 2019 with the Teaching Section about the pedagogy of teaching history of botany in the classroom.