

Botanical Society of America
Council Meeting

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Sunday, July 27, 2003, 1-5 PM

Present: Scott Russell (President), Judy Jernstedt (Past President), Linda Graham (President Elect), Allison Snow (President Elect Elect), Secretary (Jenny Richards), Treasurer (Joe Armstrong), Program Director (Jeff Osborn), Karl Niklas (Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of Botany), Marsh Sundberg (Editor, Plant Science Bulletin), Bill Dahl (Executive Director and Webmaster), Martha Cook (Phycological), Nancy Dengler (Publications), Paula DePriest (Bryological and Lichenological), Pamela Diggle (Developmental and Structural), Pat Gensel (AIBS), Tim Gerber (Teaching), Don Hauber (Membership and Appraisal), Warren Hauk (Pteridological), Jack Horner (Financial Advisory), Suzanne Koptur (Ecology), Jim Lawrey (Bryological and Lichenological), Susana Magallon (Tropical Biology), Henri Maurice (Physiological), Jim Mickle (Southeastern and Council Representative), Steve Novak (Genetics), Kathleen Pigg (Paleobotanical), Karen Renzaglia (Pteridological), David Spooner (Economic Botany), Johanne Strogan (Meetings Manager)

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions (Scott Russell) :** Scott called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. He noted that the Council reports were on the web at <http://www.botany.org/bsa/membership/council2003/council.shtml>. He added that this had been a busy year. The Society changed the By-laws, so that committee chairs, as well as section members, are now part of Council. Scott then asked everyone to introduce themselves. After introductions, Scott noted that the move of much of the council meeting reporting to written reports available on the web meant that we could focus more of our discussion on business.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 2002 Council Meeting:** Karl Niklas moved approval of the minutes; Judy Jernstedt seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 3. Reports**
 - A. President (Scott Russell):** Scott reported that the Society had moved the business office to St. Louis, hired an Executive Director, and done a lot of stuff on the web site. Members now have access to JSTOR. Scott thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve. He had no action items to bring forward.
 - B. Past President (Judy Jernstedt):** Judy said that her only action item was the corresponding members, which would be dealt with later.
 - C. President Elect (Linda Graham) :** Linda said that she had been busy in her capacity as chair of the Committee on Committees. A list of new committee members was in her web report. In addition to those listed, she had recently added David Lee to the Education

Committee, Russell Chapman to the Financial Advisory Committee, and Kathy Kron to the Karling Award Committee. With the help of Bill Dahl and Jeff Osborn she would be meeting the new Chairs at this conference, and had planned special meetings with the Membership and Education Committees.

D. Secretary (Jenny Richards): Jenny provided Council members with information on where to deliver award winner names, etc., prior to Wednesday's banquet.

E. Treasurer (Joe Armstrong)*: Joe said that the budget was distributed, as well as being on the web. The Society is doing o.k. this year. Revenues have come close to or exceeded expenditures. We have assets of \$2 million +. The fiscal speed bump was the collapse of the subscription agency FAXON-DIVINE; institutions lost money, and we lost their subscriptions. We did o.k. in revenues despite this because of our new pricing scheme for the *American Journal of Botany*. Joe anticipated getting subscribers back next year. He reported that membership revenue did pretty well this year. Costs for web development were higher, but other things lower. He mentioned that in the proposed budget, where there is a "0", this often meant something was shifted to another category. He is getting materials posted so that sections can check on their funds anytime they want, but this is still in development. He reminded sections that we have put the new section allocation rules into effect. Joe then asked for questions. Scott Russell inquired whether the fiscal year was Oct.1-Sept 31. Joe responded that yes, it was, so we still have the fourth quarter to come. He anticipated ending the fiscal year without any problems.

F. Program Director (Jeff Osborn)*: Jeff reported that the meeting was happening. He said that registration materials were available in the conference center. The highlights were that he had worked with Johanne Strogan, Meetings Manager, to make the meeting happen. Bill Dahl had been an integral part of conference planning. The statistics to date were that attendance numbers were down--around 550 for the total conference. Jeff attributed this to the economy and the war in Iraq/terrorist alerts. The Education/Outreach Forum yesterday had a nice program with 15 sessions that included one organized by Susan Milius on media links. Bruce Alberts from the National Academy gave the keynote address. Jeff said that the Planning Committee will have discussions but would probably make this an annual event. He noted that a couple of sections had officer representation at the Forum, and he charged Council members to go back to their sections and talk about the Forum in order to get more input. Jeff reminded members that E. O. Wilson would give the Plenary Address, followed by a book signing concurrent with the Society Mixer. He reported that the electronic abstracts now have programmatic details, etc., so registrants can search by program details, as well as by names. He anticipated making additional changes, such as having authors be able to upload information after their talk.

Jeff noted that next year the meeting would be in Snowbird, a resort venue, from July 31-Aug. 5. He said that the call for symposia, workshops, discussion sessions, etc. had already gone out in the spring mailing; for sections the overall deadline was Sept. 15 or Oct. 15. He said people might want to think about cross-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary symposia, such as the Economic Botany one this year. Jeff reported that in 2005 the meetings would be in Austin TX, which had a nice venue and reasonable prices, plus we had local representatives; the dates for this meeting are Aug. 13-19 to avoid overlap with the Ecological Society of

America and the American Society of Plant Biologists. Jeff said the Society is going to work to avoid such conflicts. 2006 is the Botanical Society of America's centennial year, and he is planning programmatic inputs from this. He wants historical symposia—the seminal works, history, emeritus talks. Jeff asked the sections to think about how to link up with this theme. He mentioned that Bill Dahl, Johanne Strogan and he had a conference summit to work on long-term planning. He also said that we are starting to talk with the American Society of Plant Biologists about a joint meeting in 2007. Jeff added that we want to do same with the Ecological Society of America. At the planning summit they also identified other societies that we have invited to meet with us more regularly. Bill Dahl said that we will have more discussions with the American Society of Plant Taxonomy, American Fern Society and American Bryological and Lichenological Society. Jeff said that we want to keep communication open and foster good will.

Jeff went on to report that last year we were awarded a National Science Foundation Undergraduate Mentoring in Environmental Biology grant with Karen Renzaglia and Jeff Osborn as PIs. Karen Renzaglia said that the grant allowed mentors to bring some great kids to the meetings. She added that they need more applicants, and she encouraged people to consider serving as mentors. She noted that there was a meeting at 5 PM tonight to partner UMEB participants with mentors.

Judy Jernstedt said that if people had suggestions for where they would like to have meetings, they should come forward. The requirements are for a pleasant place with airports, reasonable costs, and people to be local representatives. She added that there is plan to have a survey about meeting details—travel, convention centers vs. campuses, etc. Jeff Osborn said that the preliminary survey was on the Internet Café site, but within the next ½ year, the Society will send the survey to members of the BSA, ASPT, AFS, and/or ABLS. Don Hauber asked why the exhibitors were down. Jeff Osborn replied that he thought it was competition with American Society of Plant Biologists and the state of the economy. He planned to do comparisons on cost with other societies. He hoped that Bill Dahl would help in recruiting and retaining exhibitors. Don Hauber said that we need to put this as a priority. Karl Niklas added that exhibitors' presence also correlated with attendance, so we had to get this up. Judy Jernstedt remarked that it was also nice to interact with exhibitors. Jeff Osborn said that we offered free coffee in the exhibit hall this year.

Jim Lawrey asked if Jeff knew about meeting in 2006. Jeff Osborn replied that he needed to talk to Jim about the ABLS rotation. Jim Lawrey replied that it is three years. Steve Novak reminded people that 2005 is the International Congress in Vienna. Jeff Osborn said that although the Congress was earlier in the summer, it would affect attendance.

H. Editor, American Journal of Botany (Karl Niklas): Karl said that he had hard copies of his report available, as well as having it on the web. He mentioned that 2 items were not posted: the backlog graph and the list of authors who have accepted the invitation to participate in our special issue on the Tree of Life. Allison Snow asked if there were copies. Karl Niklas said that Jeff Palmer, Doug Soltis, Mark Chase and Karl Niklas, acting as the special edition editorial board, discussed who could represent various parts of the tree of life. They want manuscripts by Jan. 1, and the manuscripts will be on the fast track for review and editing. He hopes to have the issue out in July 2004. He mentioned that the Executive Committee should think about printing extra copies for sale. The special edition will be a hefty volume of 18 manuscripts with an average length of 10 pp. There may be 2

more manuscripts. Karl asked people to think about suggestions for the cover illustration; this is something sections could consider. The special edition will be one of the 12 annual issues. Karl reported that the Journal backlog is below 90 manuscripts right now. He said that if it goes up to 100 because of the special issue, the Journal will be able to handle it. Scott Russell noted that the *American Journal of Botany* special issue was possible because of Karl Niklas's effort, supported by the Executive Committee and the Council, to trim the backlog.

I. Editor, *Plant Science Bulletin* (Marsh Sundberg): Marsh said that his report was on the web. He requested suggestions for articles of interest or topics that people wanted considered. He also said that if a section was involved in co-sponsoring another meeting, members should let the *Plant Science Bulletin* know, so it could be announced in the Bulletin. Judy Jernstedt added that it might also be nice to have a report of how such sectional meetings went.

J. Webmaster (Bill Dahl): Scott Russell said that he had handed off directorship of the web pages to Bill Dahl. Bill said that it had been good to work on the web. He thanked everyone for their patience and said to let the Business Office know about mistakes and problems. He also thanked Scott Russell for his support. Bill noted that on the site now, all of the images link back to botanical statements. Marsh Sundberg has done work on adding captions to the teaching collection. Statistics on usage are on the web. Bill said that the site seems to be doing well—June alone had 400,000 hits. He wants to develop the education component especially. The carnivorous plants page has the highest hits; this page now leads people into other parts of the website. The site has nice images—the Business Office had used covers of the *American Journal of Botany* for its main images. Bill said that they now want to move out and support sections with images, so more of the website can be used as an educational tool. He thought that the Society would also like to use it as a tool—e.g. for voting and for information going out by mail. He wants to move to a system where we can vote on line and then use fast post for non-web members. He is looking for issues to develop, especially educational images sites. He noted that *Careers in Botany* needs to be updated, and, once again, carnivorous plants are really popular.

K. Business Office/Executive Director (Bill Dahl, Wanda Lovan): Bill gave thanks to Johanne Strogan and Wanda Lovan for their work this past year. He also thanked the Executive Committee for their support. He said that part of the focus in the Business Office was to get the tools to communicate with the membership, which meant getting the database updated. He thought that e-mail was now good, but he asked people to check their details on the web. Bill described new initiatives: the Society joined the HINARI program, which is run by the World Health Organization and takes scholarly journals to countries that can't afford them; the Society added the JSTOR archives as a benefit for the entire membership. Bill said that the Society's financial situation is pretty good and is being tracked. E-commerce use is good for renewal. He agreed that we had a financial hiccup with the bankruptcy of the subscription agency FAXON-DIVINE. One hundred and twenty-seven libraries were affected. The Society provided free on-line access to these libraries, and we adjusted our production to fit with the decline in subscriptions. Bill noted that individual membership drops as of Jan. 1, and then picks up through the year. We are now slightly

ahead of last year and will have a fall membership drive run by the Membership committee. The goal of the Business Office is to respond to members immediately. Bill said that if this doesn't happen, people should try again and it will. He reported that we are looking to move the review and submission process for the *American Journal of Botany* on-line. The program is from Allen Press and is called Allen Track. The Business Office assessed 3 programs and Allen Track came up best. Bill also reported that we are looking to renew the contract with Allen Press for 4 years. Karl Niklas said that the Allen Track program also supports author tracking of manuscripts, so members can know where in the publication process they are; the program is equivalent to Scholar One. Karl Niklas added that if the contract goes through, his office hopes to begin the learning curve immediately and Allen Track will go on-line Oct. 1, 2003. The Journal plans to accommodate all forms of submission, especially as people using electron microscopy may prefer hard copies. Scott Russell thanked Bill for his reports and especially thanked Johanne Strogan for filling in while the Business Office got up and going.

4. Reports of Committees, Sections, and Representatives

Reports available on the web at

<http://www.botany.org/bsa/membership/council2003/council.shtml>.

A. Standing Committees (Administrative)

- 1. Executive Committee (Scott Russell)**—Scott reported that the Executive Committee had a constant e-conversation throughout the year. They also had 2 meetings in St. Louis—1 in the fall for the Business Office inauguration and 1 in the spring. They met again last night to prepare for the Council meeting and to discuss other Society business.
- 2. Annual Meetings Program Committee (Jeff Osborn)**
- 3. Archives and History Committee (Ronald Stuckey)**
- 4. Committee on Committees (Linda Graham)**—Linda requested that the Council ratify the new Committee members and Chairs. Judy Jernstedt moved ratification; Jim Mickel seconded. The motion was approved.
- 5. Conservation Committee (Tom Ranker)**
- 6. Education Committee (Rob Reinsvold)**
- 7. Election Committee (Judy Jernstedt)**
- 8. Financial Advisory Committee (Jack Horner):** Jack said that the FAC recommendation would be considered later in the meeting. He added that as of last Friday, the endowment was nearing its peak income in year 2002; we may exceed this by the fall.

9. Membership and Appraisal Committee (Don Hauber): Don thanked Bill Dahl and Jeff Osborn and others who had been instrumental in kick-starting the committee. He noted that people don't think about the intangibles that come with membership—it's more than getting the Journal. We need a flier that points those out; then when we have people thinking about joining, we could give that to them. He said that the Society would hear more from this committee. Bill Dahl said that they had learned a lot from the spring membership drive—e.g., don't mail a PDF file, just send a link so people can download the information.

10. Publications Committee (Nancy Dengler): Nancy reported that the main issue for the committee this year was copyright assignment for articles in the *American Journal of Botany*, for some material in *Plant Science Bulletin*, and for some on the web. The committee discussed the issues and got legal help. The upshot was that we will now have authors sign copyright forms to the Society, but authors can still use PDFs on their web pages. Karl Niklas added that authors can use illustrations in their text if they don't use the format of the *American Journal of Botany*.

11. Webpage Committee (Bill Dahl)

B. Standing Committees (Awards and Prizes)

12. Corresponding Members Committee (Judy Jernstedt): Judy said that the recommendations of the committee require the acquiescence of the Council. The Society had 3 vacancies this year. The committee sought nominations and now recommended 3 distinguished botanists. She reminded the Council that Corresponding Members are elected for life and that there are only 50 individuals at any time. The committee recommended (1) Rolf Berg, who works on the dispersal of seeds and fruits and was nominated by Don Kaplan; (2) Enrico Coen, who works in plant developmental genetics and developed the ABC model in snapdragon—he was nominated by Pam Diggle; and (3) Michael Melkonian, a phycologists working on motility in algae and protists who was nominated by Robert Anderson. Judy Jernstedt moved and Suzanne Koptur seconded endorsement of all 3 nominees. The motion was approved.

13. Darbaker Prize Committee (Robert Bell)

14. Esau Award Committee (Geeta Bharathan)

15. Karling Awards Committee (Javier Francisco-Ortega)—Scott Russell reported that the committee awarded 11 prizes of \$500 each.

16. Merit Awards Committee (Chris Haufler): Scott Russell reported that we will have awards this year.

17. Moseley Award Committee (Kathleen Pigg)

18. Pelton Award Committee (Elliot Meyerowitz)

C. *Ad hoc* Committees

19. Search Committee for Editor-In-Chief, *American Journal of Botany* (Nancy Dengler):

Nancy said that the search committee of 3 plus its *ex officio* members met by teleconferencing, identified individuals who were potential candidates, wrote letters requesting applications, as well as advertising for nominations, evaluated the applications, and then made recommendations to the Executive Committee. Scott Russell remarked that the Editor-in-Chief search was an agenda item for the Thurs. Executive Committee meeting. Nancy Dengler and Karl Niklas both said that they needed a decision in order to answer inquiries. Karl Niklas added that time was needed to make an orderly transition with the current editorial office. He said that Jan. 1, 2005, was not the real deadline, but that this time next year was, as the new editor starts taking over manuscripts that will be published in Jan. 2005

20. Centennial Planning Committee (Judy Jernstedt): Judy said that the Chair has not been identified and that we needed volunteers. Pat Gensel's name was mentioned as a possibility. Judy added that there is a steering committee and each member of the committee will take on bringing about one component of the Centennial. She asked what it would take to get a stamp issued. Nancy Dengler suggested that Shirley Tucker would know. Judy said that these were the sorts of ideas that were wanted. Karl Niklas said that the Journal has a paper by a librarian in the works for the 90th anniversary; it details the effect of the *American Journal of Botany*. Judy noted that for the 50th anniversary, everyone got a piece of a 50 year old tree; she reiterated that we need ideas like this.

D. Sections

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21. Bryological and Lichenological Section (Paula DePriest): Paula reported that they had 4 sessions at this meeting, with 1 a symposium and 1 a student paper awards session.

22. Developmental and Structural Section (Pam Diggle): Pam referred to her report on the web.

23. Ecology Section (Suzanne Koptur): Suzanne reported that the Ecology section had followed the suggestion to have student papers in one section.

- 24. Economic Botany Section (David M. Spooner):** David noted that the details of their symposium were on the web. He thanked all the other sections for helping. He said that 2 speakers had come on their own funds.
- 25. Genetics Section (Stephen J. Novak):** Stephen said that his report was on the web.
- 26. Historical Section (Lee Kass)**
- 27. Mycological Section (Awaiting New Spores)**
- 28. Paleobotanical Section (Kathleen B. Pigg):** Kathleen referred to her report on the web. She mentioned that they had 4 sessions at this meeting and were cosponsoring a symposium.
- 29. Phycological Section (Martha E. Cook):** Martha referred to her report on the web.
- 30. Physiological Section (Denise Seliskar):**
- 31. Phytochemical Section (New Chair):**
- 32. Pteridological Section (Warren Hauk):** Warren referred to his report on the web.
- 33. Systematics Section (Wayne Elisens):**
- 34. Teaching Section (Tim Gerber):** Tim referred to his report on the web.
- 35. Tropical Biology Section (Susana Magallón):**
- 36. Midcontinent Section (???)**: Jennifer Richards solicited volunteers for or suggestions of people to head this section.
- 37. Northeastern Section (Joanne Tow)**
- 38. Pacific Section (Dieter Wilkin)**
- 39. Southeastern Section (James L. Mickle):** Jim referred to his report on the web.

E. Representatives to other Organizations

40. AAAS (Linda Graham): Linda Graham attended the annual meeting for AAAS and has become the Society's new representative. She plans to raise the visibility of botany in AAAS.

41. AIBS (Pat Gensel): Pat said that her report was on the web. She added that AIBS continues to expand its public policy operations, to have more interaction affiliated with Congress, to be involved with policy decisions, and to try to influence legislation. She added that our contribution was much appreciated and increased our visibility. There is an upcoming education initiative on science from Gordon Uno; we should watch out for organismal botany. Jeff Osborn interjected that the AIBS public policy guy will be here on Wed. to lead a discussion, so we might want sections to designate a representative.

42. CSSP (Scott Russell): Scott said that this society was another conduit of information about what goes on in Washington. Their President is Marty Apple.

43. Natural Science Collections Alliance (NCSA) (Larry Skog): Scott Russell noted that many collections are threatened and this was an issue on the NCSA agenda; we have a discussion session on this on Tuesday.

44. National Research Council Commission on Life Sciences Board of Basic Biology (Jenny Richards): Jenny said there was nothing to report.

Scott Russell announced a break at 2:35; the meeting resumed after app. 20 minutes.

5. Old Business--none

6. New Business

- 1. Corresponding Members** –Scott noted that we had already voted on this.
- 2. Budget:** Joe Armstrong said that the budget, which he distributed, looks large at about \$1 million, but it is really about the same as last year (\$880,000). The difference is that it includes revenue for the 2003, 2004 meetings; budgeting requires that we put this in, but we then take it out. The rest, i.e. the Society's other expenses, is in the same range as last year. He said that he established new categories for tracking things in the Business Office, so there are some "0"s. These are not us not funding things, but just changes in category. He said that next year we will not have these, and we will also take care of having the meeting expenses in this budget. Joe said that surplus investment gets reallocated to the endowment or some goes for initiatives. He added that the meetings budget is similar—extra money goes to the societies or the meetings budget. We are really running on membership dues and gifts—the meetings zero out and the endowment zeroes out. Then we have the operating budget. In this budget we have increased expenses, but we have offset the increases with reductions elsewhere. In several areas, our safety net is that we have discretionary expenses; we can adjust these if we have to. We have to pay non-discretionary expenses,

such as salaries. Joe Armstrong moved approval of the 2003-2004 budget; Karl Niklas seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

1. Subscription Rates—Bill Dahl reported that we have changed the way we will charge institutions next year. Rather than having 3 categories (print, on-line, both), we now have both (print and on-line) or on-line only. This moves the cost of the combined option down \$35, and puts on-line only up \$35. The prices are \$395 for both print and on-line, vs. \$365 for on-line only. Karl Niklas remarked that librarians decide what journals to keep or not keep based on shelf use. He wondered if they keep track of on-line usage. Scott Russell said that there are emerging standards now for what librarians want in terms of these statistics.

2. Membership Rates 2004—Bill Dahl suggested that we move our professional subscription up \$5, but not change student rates or hard copy. Scott Russell said that the increase in dues would be voted on at the Business meeting, but he proposed that the Council recommend the increase. Karl Niklas moved to so recommend; Judy Jernstedt seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Scott Russell noted that we want to make the Journal as available as possible, which the new subscription structure will do. Pat Gensel asked whether institutional subscriptions were going up or staying the same. There was some discussion of the rates. Bill Dahl said that last year we had 1700 institutional subscribers and this year we had 1600, after the FAXON-DIVINE fiasco.

3. FAC \$15,000 special initiatives—Jack Horner recommended that the Society use \$15,000 for special initiatives. He said that the Executive Committee and Council decide on the amount. Jack Horner moved that the Council approve \$15,000 in special initiatives money; Joe Armstrong seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Joe Armstrong said that this was often just a paper exercise, as in recent years we had done what we wanted to do without taking money from the endowment. The special initiatives money stays until it is needed. Joe also noted that the recommendation is only for a year. The Council approved the motion.

Bill Dahl said to note that we have funds to promote the Society's mission--we do have money to do things and we should use it. Scott Russell added that we do have lots of special initiatives this year, e.g. the special edition of the *American Journal of Botany*, electronic submission sites, etc. Karl Niklas noted that the papers in the special issue are page charge free.

4. Evolution Statement—Joe Armstrong said the Botanical Society of America was invited by the National Center for Science Education to make a statement on evolution. The Center gathers up statements from a number of societies and posts them. Joe Armstrong and Judy Jernstedt wrote one for the Society. They had read statements posted by other societies and felt that many of these statements were at time authoritarian and strident. They attempted to write something that

might be useful for teachers and had a botanical flavor. Karl Niklas had provided an alternative statement. Karl Niklas responded that his was just individual feedback and was not meant to be considered by the Council. Joe Armstrong responded that they were not attached to theirs, but that we need to accept it, decide to work on it, or reject it. Karl Niklas said that he thought that the Botanical Society of America website needed a discussion about evolution to help teachers in the larger discussion with school boards about intelligent design/creation. The suggestion was made that Education committee may want to do this. The Business Office staff will provide editorial assistance and finishing touches. Bill Dahl suggested that we stick with the science. Pat Gensel thought that Eugenie Scott would help; she felt that the fossil record needs to be brought forward. Scott Russell agreed that we should provide information about evolution in plants. Joe Armstrong said that the NCSE was a clearing house for this type of information; we would duplicate their efforts unless we provided unique botanical information. Scott Russell brought the Council back to considering the statement on the table. Karl Niklas moved adoption of this statement; Judy Jernstedt seconded. Adoption of the statement was approved.

Pat Gensel said that there were articles from the NCSE symposium that will come out soon and these will use plant examples. Karl Niklas noted that it was good to use Crawford's review of the tarweed book because it has lots of evolutionary examples. David Spooner agreed that our statement was non-strident, had a good tone, and was effective. Scott Russell said he would send some of the things that he found interesting to Bill Dahl, and Bill could organize a focus page on evolution

5. **Council Representative Election**—Scott Russell said that a representative was elected from the Council to serve for 2 years on the Executive Committee. Judy Jernstedt nominated Wayne Elisens; Suzanne Koptur seconded. Joe Armstrong nominated Pam Diggle; Marsh Sundberg seconded. Pat Gensel moved to close nominations, and Don Hauber seconded. Pam Diggle was elected.
6. **Awards—Karling etc.**: Scott Russell said that the Karling awards have in the past all been called Karling, but the Karling funds were fully spent in the first 2 years of the program. He said that we would treat one award as endowed and call it the Karling award. The rest will be called Botanical Society of America Graduate Student Research Awards. He noted that the current amount of the award is \$500. This is not much, but it can be used as leverage, and the award is an honor. Scott suggested that we work on increasing the amount.
7. **American Journal of Botany – contract & electronic submissions**: Bill Dahl said that he was seeking approval from the Council for a 4 year contract with Allen Press that would include the move to electronic submission and reviewing. Karl Niklas moved approval of Bill's proceeding with the 4 year contract; Kathleen Pryer seconded the motion. Karl Niklas said that he supported this. Bill Dahl agreed that this was a good move because Allen Press was competitive and moving forward. Scott Russell added that this was premature consideration of the

contract, but because of the new initiatives and the coming change of editor, the Executive Committee had decided to recommend action at this time. Karl Niklas said that we also have good personal relations with their staff, because the Society is an important customer for Allen Press. Scott Russell said that they also give us attention; we want to increase our production speed and they will work with us on this. Linda Graham provided a negative testimonial based on the experience of the Phycology Society, who switched from Allen Press to another press and it didn't go well. The motion was approved.

Karl Niklas moved a round of applause for Scott Russell for the job he has done as President. The Council agreed. Linda Graham also thanked Jenny Richards and Judy Jernstedt for their service.

- 8. Adjournment:** Karl Niklas moved to adjourn; Pat Gensel seconded. The Council was adjourned at 3:42.
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