

Botanical Society of America
2005 Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, 16 August 2005, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
408/Hilton, Austin, Texas

1. Call to Order and Introductions (President Allison Snow).

2. Minutes of 2004 Business Meeting (Secretary David Spooner). The minutes are posted on the web. They were distributed and approved.

3. Reports

A. President (Allison Snow). Allison indicated that she reported her duties on the web. Her major duties this year were: 1) to build the BSA membership and membership services, 2) plan future meetings, 3) prepare for changes in academic publishing, 4) promote botany and organismal biology in general. In addition, she had many other duties such as presiding over the annual meeting banquet and giving a presidential address, serve as an ex-officio member of the Financial Advisory Committee, Education Committee, Merit Awards Committee, and BSA Centennial Planning Committee.

B. Secretary (David Spooner). His reports are on the web. David served as recorder for the mid-year and annual meetings, and served on the Editorial Board of *American Journal of Botany*. He submitted a web-based document to *Careers in Botany*. He also conducted a web-based survey of the BSA sectional structure and made a Microsoft PowerPoint document for presentation by Jeffrey Osborn and Pamela Diggle for this year's meeting.

C. Treasurer (Kent Holsinger). The treasurer's report is on the web. He reported on the BSA budget, and the Executive Committee discussed this at length. He reported that the BSA is in great financial condition. As of Friday the Society had \$2.9 M dollars in endowment funds. The BSA office is handling their funds and operations very well. The Executive committee reviewed special funds, meeting income, grant income, the botany conference income, employment expenses, travel and meetings expenses, infrastructure expenses, office expenses, publications expenses, and development expenses. A surplus of income over expenses is expected this year.

D. Editor, American Journal of Botany (Judy Jernstedt). Judy reported a smooth transition from the prior Editor Karl Niklas. The on-line manuscript submission process is operational now except for a few glitches. The Associate Editors much more active, and there are new Special Papers Editors. The AJB impact factor went up but the overall ranking with peer journals went down because others went up also. The AJB is now distributed on time the first of each month.

E. Editor, Plant Science Bulletin (Marshall Sundberg). Marshall was not present but his report is on the web. He there reported that most back issues of *Plant Science Bulletin* are now available on-line through the BSA web, and this project will soon be completed. Volume 50 of the *Plant Science Bulletin* had four issues, 144 pages, were published on schedule, with press runs of 3800 copies. These had feature articles, summaries of the Forum Plenary Address, 96 books were received for review, and 57 reviews were

published. Volume 51 for the first time had files being sent electronically to Allen Press. The Society's copyright permission policy for authors has been incorporated into the submission process. Volume 51 had two issues, 72 pages, have been published on schedule; the fall issue is in preparation. Like volume 51 had feature articles, and a total of 28 books were received for review, with 26 reviews were published.

F. Executive Director (Bill Dahl). His report is on the web. Bill reported a very positive direction for the BSA. The BSA office works well with committees. He articulated his 3M Policy: 1. Mission, 2. Member services, 3. Member recognition. The BSA is in good financial shape, and hired more staff this year. Bill reported various education and web-related activities.

G. Program Director (Jeff Osborn). Jeff reported that the 2006 annual meeting was slated for Chico California, the 2007 meeting in Chicago where we will meet with the ASPB, the 2008 meeting Canada, possibly in Vancouver, and the 2009 meeting in Snowbird Utah where we will meet with the Mycological Society of America. New features on web include the ability to upload files linked to your abstract, the ability to make a custom schedule, and innovations to make it easier to develop programs for the program chairs. This is the fourth annual educational and outreach forum focusing on integration of research to the BSA mission. Karen Renzaglia is the new Program Director.

H. Webmaster (Bill Dahl). His report is on the web. Bill stressed the importance of the web to the BSA mission. All the BSA web images are linked to appropriate sites, and all images are credited to authors or photographers. There were two million visitors to BSA website last year and he projects big growth. A new initiative is Sip3. Bill projects 510,000 children will use Sip3 this year and is asking for 1½ hours/month of member participation. He is putting out a call for BSA members to contribute images for the BSA website.

I. Corresponding Members Committee (Linda Graham). Corresponding members committee consists of past presidents. No nominations were submitted for this year. Anita Thorhaug pointed out our need to figure out how many of these members are still alive.

J. Elections Committee (Linda Graham). Her report is on the web. The call for nominations for the two vacating BSA offices, President-Elect and Program Director, went out with the fall mailing. A big consideration for candidates for these offices was their ability to commit to three years of attendance at annual meetings in their entirety and spring Executive Committee meetings. The candidates for President-Elect were Jeffrey M. Osborn and Christopher H. Haufler, and for Program Director Karen S. Renzaglia. Karen was the only one who agreed to run for this latter position. Ballots were counted on 1 July 2005, and candidates were notified of the results soon thereafter. Christopher H. Haufler and Karen S. Renzaglia were elected.

K. Young Botanists Awards (Pamela Diggle). Her report is on the web. Twenty-five Young Botanists Awards were given out this year.

L. Financial Advisory Committee (Jack Horner). Jack Horner was not present but his report is on the web. Kent Holsinger reported that Smith Barney manages our investments and all

is well with them. Smith Barney is rebalanced our holdings to make sure they are socially responsible.

4. Old Business No old business.

5. New Business

A. FAC \$25,000 special initiatives. These funds will be devoted to Sip3.

B. Membership Rates (2006). The will stay the same

6. Acknowledgments (President Allison Snow)

7. Adjournment 6:00 PM