**BSA Board Minutes**

**Email Vote**

**11/8/18**

It was brought to the BSA Board’s attention that a young botanist, who had been a BSA student member at one time, had recently been tragically killed. Several BSA members had ties to Jessica Orzoco through graduate school and the work that she carried out in California. Several scientific societies were considering making donations or setting up funds in her honor.

Through an email vote, the BSA Board decided to provide a $250 donation in remembrance of Jessica Orzoco to the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden’s scholarship fund in Jessica’s name. Lucinda McDade abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

**Jessica M. Orozco Fund for Graduate Research**

This is an endowed fund that currently stands at $24k. An award equal to 5% of the value of the corpus + accumulated growth is to be made each year to a graduate student in good standing at RSABG. Priority will be given to students who have had to overcome significant obstacles in graduating from college and enrolling as graduate students.

Also to be prioritized is work related to Native American lands, and the plants that grow on tribal lands or are otherwise of major importance to Native Americans.

Students whose projects involve outreach to communicate their results to the public are encouraged to request funding via this award. Up to $300 of the award may be used specifically to fund outreach activities.

If there are no students whose work fits the top priority categories, then floristics research is to be prioritized provided that financial need can be demonstrated.