The Paleobotanical Section currently has 344 members (259 regular members, 13 emeritus regular members, 51 affiliate members, 5 emeritus affiliate members, and 16 honorary members. Current officers are James Basinger, Chair; Steven Manchester, Secretary-Treasurer; Patrick Herendeen, Editor, with new Chair and Editor to be elected at the 2000 Business Meeting of the Paleobotanical Section.

This year the Section provided ten travel awards of $1000 each to student members of the Paleobotanical Section presenting papers at the 6th International Organization of Paleobotany Conference (IOPC) in Qinhuangdao, China (July 31-August 3, 2000). In addition to our participation in the IOPC, the section has an active program for Botany 2000, including 53 contributed papers and posters submitted by members of the Paleobotanical Section. A paleobotanical dinner has been organized for Monday, August 7, 2000, for which 65 people have registered. The annual business meeting will be held August 9th at 8:30am.

The Bibliography of American Paleobotany for 1999, including the current section membership directory, was mailed to members and to 39 institutional subscribers in May 2000. Copies will be provided for the BSA Archives and for the editor of the Plant Science Bulletin. Others may purchase copies for $18 each.

The Paleobotanical Section continues to receive donations in support of endowment funds, including the Cookson, Becker, Cichan, and Remy funds. Each year, proceeds from the sale of buttons (this year: “will work for fossils”) go to the paleobotanical endowment.

The section web site <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~daghlian/paleo/> is currently maintained by Charles Daghlian. Recent entries include photos of paleobotanists at the 1999 International Botanical Congress. The Section also continues to maintain a Paleobotany News List (PALEOBOT) on the internet. To subscribe to the list, interested persons should send an e-mail message to <PALEOBOT@dartmouth.edu> containing the following message: “subscribe PALEOBOT your name.”

Respectfully submitted,
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