PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT 2000

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D. Soltis, July 25, 2000

-Prepared Fall letter

-Official letters to all new committee members

-Official letter of thanks to former committee members

-Appointed Publications Committee (new)

-Appointed Annual Meeting Coordination Committee (new)

-Appointed two ad hoc committees (Development, Endowment)

-Official letters to new Corresponding Members

-Wrote letters to Governors of Kansas and Tennessee regarding the teaching of evolution.

-Formulate Associate Editor policy for the American Journal of Botany

-Letters of invitation to government officials to provide official opening of BSA meeting in Portland:

-Letters of invitation to other societies for Portland

-Letters of invitation to other societies for Albuquerque
  (IOPB will meet with us)

-Corresponded with presidents of ASPT, ABLS, AFS regarding meeting plans (increase support and alleviate misconceptions about “cost sharing”)

-An initial strategic Plan for BSA was developed to establish future goals and priorities for the society.

-A series of information Papers was established to be added to BSA website. The goal of the series is to provide the facts and information behind various (controversial) topics. The first two contributions will be provided by Dr. R. Mack on Invasive Species and Dr. C. S. Prakash on Genetically Modified Organisms.

-Several by-law changes were proposed and approved.

-Gary Nabhan invited to be the Plenary speaker in 2001.

-Final appointments made to webpage, Publications and Annual Meeting Coordinating Committees.

-The new Editor of PSB, Marshall Sunberg, began his term of service (Jan 1, 2001). Marsh was chosen by a committee composed of Allison Snow (chair), Donald Galitz and Joe Armstrong.
Wayne Elisens and Carol Baskin visited possible sites in Florida for our meeting in 2003.

Bill Dietrich chosen as the outreach speaker for the meetings in Portland.

Presidents of PSPT, ABLS, AFS, and IAPT were invited to participate in opening ceremony of Portland meeting. Tod Steussy agreed to sit in for G. Prance to represent the IAPT at the opening ceremony.

Publication of Abstracts in AJB will be discontinued. Abstracts will be printed separately and the monetary savings dedicated to “Special Publications/Initiatives.” The Publications Committee (Judy Jernstedt, Chair) was notified of this EC decision and given the responsibility of planning for this “Special Publications/Initiatives” in 2001.

Illegal use of copy written material (involving Wendy Zomlefer’s illustration of *Rosa palustris*) is discussed and the problem rectified through the efforts of Wayne Elisens and Clyde Calvin. I discussed the problem with Wendy and wrote a formal letter of apology in which all of Wendy’s concerns are addressed.

Tim Lowrey agreed to be local representative for the 2001 BSA meetings in Albuquerque, N.M. Diane Marshall later agreed to assist as a second local representative.

The late Drs. Richard and Deana Klein provided a sizable contribution to BSA endowment ($200,000)

Letters of thanks were sent to David Marvin for handling the Klein estate and notifying BSA of the contribution of R. and D. Klein

AJB Endowment effort – Karl Niklas initiated a fund-raising effort to support the growing needs and future plans of the AJB. This effort has now been coordinated with the fund-raising efforts of the FAC (Harry Horner, chair)

The BSA organized its own meeting for the first time in many years (through the hard work of Wayne Elisens). Conferon was enlisted to assist with this undertaking. Wayne and I signed numerous contracts with Conferon and Portland State University. Wayne was given permission by EC to sign contracts as needed (rather than redirecting these to the President)

The Presidents of ASPT, ABLS, and AFS were again notified that no “profit sharing” is to be implemented regarding the Portland meetings. The Presidents of these societies are also notified of the perks they will initially receive (Registration waiver, free space at conference center, etc). The topic of profit sharing can be addressed again after the success of the Portland meeting is evaluated.

Wayne Elisens’ daughter, Karen, was hired to assist in Portland.

New BSA office staff person was designated as a high priority item. Ed Schneider provided a job description. This position will be filled in the fall of 2000.

Prepared Spring letter