R. Joel Duff received the 2000 Margaret A. Menzel Memorial Award at the BSA banquet in Portland, OR for his paper entitled "The fate of conserved ribosomal DNA and protein coding gene clusters during the evolution of land plant mitochondrial genomes." The paper was co-authored by Mark Davis and Angela Boyle at the University of Akron.

Joel has the dubious honor of being the last recipient of a $100.00 Menzel Award as the Section voted to increase the award to $200.00 beginning in 2001. In addition to this award, there will be a Genetics Section Poster Award of $100.00 beginning in 2001. Both awards include a ticket to the BSA banquet.

The section also voted to create a Graduate Student Research Award of $500.00. Thanks to Richard Whitkus and R. Joel Duff who composed this committee, read the proposals, and agreed on a recipient to be announced at the BSA banquet in Albuquerque.

Lastly, Randy Small has agreed to stand for election as Secretary/Treasurer. After the minor matter of a vote, he will be duly installed.

Respectfully submitted,

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