At the Botany & Mycology 2009 meetings in Snowbird, UT, the Pteridological Section of the Botanical Society of America co-sponsored one field trip, 13 oral presentations, and one contributed poster.

Approximately 25 people attended the combined fern foray/ ecology of rare plants field trip associated with the 2009 meetings at Snowbird. This all-day field trip, targeting three localities in the central Wasatch Mountains, was ably led by Dr. Loreen Allphin (Brigham Young University) and Michael D. Windham (Duke University).

The judging committee for the Edgar T. Wherry Award (for best oral presentation in the joint Pteridological Section/American Fern Society contributed papers sessions) gave the 2009 award to Michael Sundue, of The New York Botanical Garden’s Institute for Systematic Botany, for his paper entitled “Silica bodies and their systematic implications in the Pteridaceae.”

The Pteridological section contributed $400 to the publication of the Annual Review of Pteridological Research, Volume 22 (2008).

Funding from BSA also allows the Pteridological Section to provide $400 travel awards (in conjunction with the American Fern Society) to qualified students giving oral presentations in the joint Pteridological Section/AFS contributed papers sessions. A total of four awards were provided to help students attend the Botany 2010 meetings in Providence, RI. These awards were given to the following students:


2) Chris Creese: University of California-Los Angeles (Advisor: Dr. Lawren Sack) – presentation entitled “The coordination of structure and function in 15 fern species from Southern California.”

3) Emily B. Sessa: University of Wisconsin-Madison (Advisor: Dr. Thomas Givnish) – presentation entitled “Relationships of New World *Dryopteris* (Dryopteridaceae).”

4) Susan V. Sprunt: Miami University of Ohio (Advisors: Drs. R.J. Hickey and Linda E. Watson) – presentation entitled “Of genes, scales and venation: Detecting patterns of variation in the *Pleopeltis polypodioides* species complex (Polypodiaceae).”

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