The Merit Award Committee for 2009-2010 received six meritorious dossiers for the BSA Merit Award, which is the highest award that BSA bestows. All who participated in the nomination process are to be commended for their attention to detail and thoroughness, which greatly facilitated the judging and reflected well on all of the nominees.

We were pleased to recommend that the Merit Award be granted to: Drs. Darleen DeMason, Nancy G. Dengler, Judy Jernstedt, Douglas E. and Pamela S. Soltis, and Dennis Stevenson, each of whom have made significant contributions to botany in research, education, mentoring and service to botany and BSA. Inscriptions are posted in the *Plant Science Bulletin* and plaques will be presented at the banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

**MERIT AWARDS COMMITTEE** (6 appointed members; 3 year terms)

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