Annual Report for the Developmental and Structural Section, 2012
For the period June 2010 – July 2011
Including the Botany 2011 annual meeting

1. Cheadle Student Travel Awards of $500 each were given to:
   i. Allison Bronson (Humboldt State University; Advisor: Mihai Tomescu)
   ii. David Duarte (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; Advisor: Frank. Ewers)
   iii. Rachel Hackett (Central Michigan University; Anna Monfils)
   iv. Matthew Ogburn (Brown University; Advisor: Erika Edwards)

2. D&S Section Travel Awards were given to:
   i. Jacob Landis (University of Florida; Advisor: Pam Soltis) - $100
   ii. Christina Lord (Dalhousie University; Advisor: Dr. Arunika Gunawardena) - $350
   iii. Nicholas Miles (University of Florida; Advisor: Pam Soltis) - $100
   iv. Nelson Salinas (The New York Botanical Garden; Advisor: none reported) - $150
   v. Xiaofeng Yin (Miami University; Advisor: Roger Meicenheimer) - $350

3. The D & S Program at Botany 2011 included 20 oral papers and 8 posters. There were no D&S sponsored symposia at the 2011 meetings. The topical session on Evolutionary Developmental Biology (Evo-Devo) was also overseen by the D&S section and featured 15 oral papers, and 6 posters.

4. The section continues to be in sound financial shape with approximately 319 members, and $9,900 in its non-earmarked, cash account as of September 2011.

5. Elena Kramer was elected as the new Treasurer of the Section at the Annual Business Meeting.

6. The family of Don Kaplan made a generous donation to the Section to support student travel to the Annual Meeting. The $13,026.50 will be used to establish an endowment to fund for student travel.