BSA Board Meeting 7/7/12
Student Report

Highlights from 2011-2012

August: Megan and Marian formed the new Student Activity Committee and recruited three students to serve in addition to student reps. The committee helped organize the upcoming Botany 2012 Student Luncheon, headed by Megan, in which we have 14 scientists from a variety of botanically-related fields involved in an interactive career panel. Although this was a great start for the committee, a goal for next year would be to find ways to get this committee more involved.

November: Marian organized an AIBS public policy workshop with Rob Gropp for Botany 2012 (focused on students and early career scientists).

March: Marian and Morgan attended BESC Congressional Visits Day in DC, representing BSA and learning about public policy involvement. They will tell students about their experience at the Botany 2012 workshop and recruit students and others for a new BSA Policy Network (based on conversations on the Board listserv, with goal of recruiting members from as many states as possible to maintain an open dialogue with their Congresspeople). This effort will be in conjunction with Public Policy Committee.

April: At the Board meeting, Marian and Megan proposed that BSA sponsor two students to attend Congressional Visits Day each year. The Board approved and the Public Policy Committee will administer the grants.