Council Report
Development Committee

The BSA Development Committee met on two occasions during the 2012 conference in Columbus Ohio, allowing different members of the committee to confer and make decisions about future initiatives. Committee members were also in attendance at the Legacy Society Reception.

At that time, committee members formally voted to recommend that the BSA develop another Legacy Society Celebrates event similar to the first such event held in spring of 2012, and consulted with legacy reception attendees about the first and proposed second celebration. Attendees recommended developing an event for fall of 2013 to be held at the NY Botanical Garden, and volunteer organizers were subsequently identified.

Volunteer organizers are Dennis Stevenson, Amy Litt and Jan Stevenson. The event is scheduled to take place at the New York Botanical Garden on Friday, October 18, 2013 and will honor long-time BSA members from the Northeast and Legacy Society members. Dennis Stevenson will MC the event, and will provide a presentation about the history of the BSA and the contributions to the plant sciences by Northeast members. Long-time members will be individually recognized for their achievements and contributions to botany and the Society.

Development committee members volunteered to contact colleagues who live in the US Northeast area to invite their participation in the fall 2013 event.

The first annual BSA Endowment Fund drive was launched in March.