BSA Education Committee Annual Report

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The Education Committee continued to discuss a variety of issues related to the development and implementation of the PlantEdDL program. Several problems with the system are being resolved and it should go live in the very near future. Editors and reviewers are being identified from the BSA membership.

The Education Committee is also continuing involvement in the Planting Science Program. We are working to help develop this resource in light of funding issues.

The Bessey Award will be awarded to Shona Ellis, Teaching Professor at the University of British Columbia.

At the 2013 meeting we will discuss how to allocate funds and efforts among several endeavors including US Science and Engineering Festival, a possible Plant Biology Symposium at the 2014 NABT Conference, a special CBE-Life Science Education special issue, further funding for the “Plants Are Cool Too” series, the BioTAP GTA training workshop, and Life Discovery Partners From Novice to Expert – Scientific Teaching for Scientific Thinking, Role of Professional Societies.