2013-2014 Teaching Section Report

The Teaching Section celebrated James “Jim” Wandersee of Louisiana State University for the last year with the Samuel Postlewait award. Unfortunately Jim passed away on January 24, 2014. The Teaching Section is saddened by the loss of Jim and will seek to establish a student award in his name at the Boise 2014 meeting.

The focus of the Teaching Section is to enable educators to further the teaching of plant science. At the 2013 New Orleans meeting we help support the Charles Edwin Bessey Award with the Education Committee to Dr. Shona Ellis of the University of British Colombia. In addition, the Teaching Section supported Joseph Armstrong and Marshall Sundberg in the presentation of an symposium titled “Yes, Bobby, Evolution Is Real” that was attended by 200+ members. The section looks forward to support future educational efforts.

The Teaching Section presented 9 papers and 15 posters at the 2013 meeting. For Boise in 2014, eleven papers and 16 posters are expected. The current balance of the Teaching Section account is $9,791.76 with 2013 expenses of $1168.49 and encumbered funds of $306.05 and $500.00. The section is lead by Dr. Carina Anttila-Suarez, Dr. Madhav Nepal and Dr. Aubrey “Bruce” Cahoon. We look forward to a wonderful meeting in Boise and welcome all educators to the Teaching Section sessions.