

Botanical Society of America
Historical Section Annual Report
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Leadership

The section leadership met on 28 February 2028 to discuss the continued revitalization of the Historical Section. Topics discussed included the Botany meeting, upcoming elections, improvements to bylaws, and ways to facilitate communication with section membership.

The section is currently holding an election for the position of Vice-Chair, with two candidates, to be completed by the section business meeting on Monday, June 17, 2:30–3:15pm. At that meeting, we will also discuss changes to the section by-laws.

Conference Participation

The historical section is involved in two sessions at this year's Botany meeting, and will have a small presence in the poster session:

- (1) **Botanical History Matters** is a contributed papers session on Monday (June 17th) afternoon with four oral presenters, including one international speaker (United Kingdom).
- (2) **TRUE VALUE - a modern take on the use of natural history specimens beyond systematics** is a colloquium jointly organized by the historical section and the Society of Herbarium Curators. This session on Tuesday (18th) morning will feature 12 oral presentations.
- (3) In addition to the oral sessions, there will be one poster under the "Botanical History" topic area.