

## Annual Report for the Development and Structure Section, 2020

1. We are planning to award Cheadle Student Travel Awards and Sectional Student Travel Awards of \$50 each to offset the cost of registration for student members attending the virtual Botany 2020 meeting. We plan to acquire a list of the students that checked the following two categories (listed below) during the abstract submission to determine which students are eligible for and will receive these awards. Since the awards will be smaller than previous years, due to decreased costs with the virtual meeting, we plan to give out awards to every student who places their abstract in either the category of *Anatomy and Morphology* or *Evo-Devo*.
2. The program director (Lena Hileman) reported that Botany 2020 will have a total of 22 posters and 30 contributed papers from the Development and Structure Section. Of these 11 posters and 16 papers are Anatomy and Morphology and 11 posters and 14 papers are Evo-Devo. We sponsored two colloquia for Botany 2020: “Characteristics of nectar, nectaries, and nectar spurs,” and “The Science of Meaningful Undergraduate Research Experiences.”
3. The financial shape of the section is consistent with the previous year, which is sound (reporting covering 1 Oct 2018 - 13 July 2020). Membership increased to 251 current members, from 228 in the previous year. At the end of the 2018-2019 financial year, we had a sectional cash balance of \$56,342. As a result of a generous gift for student travel awards, the balance to date (13 July 2020) is \$69,579. Additional financial information is detailed in the table below.

| Type                       | Funds within BIP          | Committee affiliation | Description  | FY2018      | FY2019      | FY2020 To Date |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>Sectional Account</b>   | D&S Section               | D&S Section           | Section funds (dues/donations) - used for business meeting food, sectional needs, etc.   | \$14,127.78 | \$12,718.53 | \$11,535.29    |
| <b>Sectional Awards</b>    | D&S Student Travel Awards | D&S Section           | Student travel award fund; used to distribute varying amounts of travel awards.  | \$13,443.52 | \$12,175.15 | \$26,355.15    |
| <b>Sectional Awards</b>    | Katherine Esau Fund       | D&S Section           | This award was established in 1985 with a gift from Dr. Esau and is augmented by ongoing contributions. It is given to the graduate student who presents the outstanding paper in developmental and structural botany. Distributes \$500 each year.  | \$25,183.89 | \$24,968.12 | \$25,338.12    |
| <b>Sectional Awards</b>    | Maynard Moseley Fund      | D&S Section           | The award is given to the best student paper, presented in either the Paleobotanical or Developmental and Structural sessions; established in 1995 to honor Moseley.   | \$6,009.09  | \$6,080.91  | \$5,840.91     |
| <b>BSA Restricted Fund</b> | Vernon I Cheadle Fund     | D&S Section           | The Botanical Society of America, in conjunction with the Developmental & Structural Section offers up to four (4), \$500 Vernon I. Cheadle Student Travel Awards. Awards are available to undergraduate and graduate students who will be attending and presenting a paper or poster at the annual meeting of the Botanical Society of America. | \$20,614.34 | \$20,859.96 | \$22,914.96    |

4. This is Jessica Budke’s first year as chair, Lena Hileman’s second year as program director, and Andrew Doust’s second year as the treasurer of the section, thus we will not hold any elections this year. Stay tuned for elections and requests for nominations for Botany 2021.