

Date: July 16, 2019

To: BSA Council

From: Loren Rieseberg, Past President

Subject: Election Committee Report

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The Election Committee (Loren Rieseberg, Chair, Chris Haufler, Rachel Spicer, and Brad Ruhfel) is pleased to report on the outcomes of the 2019 BSA election. We received 20 nominations for five open positions, but it was decided at the BSA Board Meeting earlier this year, and approved by a BSA membership vote, that the Advisory Council Chair position was redundant and no longer needed. The Elections Committee selected two candidates for each of the remaining four positions to stand for election. The outcomes were as follows: Cynthia Jones (U. Connecticut) for President-Elect, Emily Sessa (U. Florida) for Publications Director, Lucinda McDade (Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden) for Treasurer, and Michelle Gaynor (U. Florida) for Student Representative. At the winter BSA Board Meeting, it was suggested that in the future all nominees for student representative be placed on the ballot. The Elections Committee supports this recommendation.