

Annual Report: Kaplan Lecture Committee

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The Kaplan Lecture for BOTANY 2018 at Rochester, MN was presented July 24th by introduced by Dr. Cynthia Jones and presented by Dr. Elizabeth Kellog. The lecture, entitled “A tale of two meristems, or, dissecting a synapomorphy,” beautifully illustrated how a uniquely derived genetic network in the grass tribe Andropogoneae directly links to the formation of a unique pattern of development of paired spikelets in that lineage. The Kaplan Lecture was followed by the Kaplan Lecture Reception, supported by a generous gift from Dorothy Kaplan in honor of her husband, Dr. Donald Kaplan, to the society.

Nine nominations were received in response to the call for nominations for the 2018 Kaplan Lecture to be presented at BOTANY 2018. Seven of the nominators were informed that their nominations would automatically be considered again in 2019. In 2019, one additional nomination was received.