

Phytochemistry Section, Annual Report July 2021

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- The Phytochemistry section was reinstated with BSA Board approval following discussion of [our proposal](#) on Nov. 23rd, 2020
- As of July 2021, the section has 77 active members and a balance of \$80 in funds.
- Since the reinstatement of the section, the provisional officers have written [new by-laws](#) detailing the goals and governance of the organization.
- The Botany 2021 program includes two Phytochemistry sections (15 talks), one poster and one colloquium (“Phytochemistry: From Atoms to Organisms”, 11 talks). A business meeting will be held to discuss future plans. Awards will be given for best Phytochemistry poster and talk.
- Per the by-laws, we plan to vote in new officers (a chair, a secretary and a student/postdoc representative) and transition to these elected officers at the 2022 meeting. We will call for nominations (including self-nominations) in the spring of 2022 and share the ballot with all members by June 2022 in order to complete the voting by the meeting.
- Our goals for the Botany 2021 meeting are to:
 - Make BSA members aware of the revived Phytochemistry section
 - Engage as many current and prospective section members as possible in the business meeting
 - Gather input from the section about how it can best serve them, e.g. coordinate networking, offer workshops, connect them with related organizations (e.g. [Phytochemical Society of North America](#))
- Our goals for the period between Botany 2021 and 2022 are to:
 - Build our google group as a network to share information among BSA members with interests in phytochemistry
 - Work towards implementing the suggestions gathered from the 2021 meeting
 - Make members aware of the section during the membership renewal process with the hope of building our numbers and our funds for awards and other activities
 - Build a pool of nominees for our three officer positions and prepare for the transition to their leadership.