

BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday, July 8, 2012
1:00 - 3:30 pm
Peppercorn Room
Hyatt
Columbus, Ohio

Lucinda McDade, presiding

Attending: Pam Diggle, Anitra Thorhaug, Amy Litt, Steve Weller, Brian Axsmith, Mike Dunn, Judy Jernstedt, Jack Horner, Morgan Gostel, Marian Chau, Heather C Theresa Cully, Rebecca Jurnowski, Mash Sundberg, Megan Ward, David Spooner, Toby Kellogg, Bill Dahl, Chris Haufler, Judy Skog, Stokes Baker, Carol Goodwillie, Bruce Kirchoff, Linda Graham, Susan Singer, Beverly Brown, Allison Miller

1. Call to Order and Introductions (Lucinda McDade)
2. Approval of [Minutes of 2011 Council Meeting](#) Report in place as of: 01-Jul-12
A motion to approve was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Reports of Executive Committee, Editors, and Staff
 - A. [President](#) (Steve Weller)* Report in place as of: 03-Jul-12
 - B. [Past President](#) (Judy Skog)* Report in place as of: 05-Jul-12
 - C. [President Elect](#) (Elizabeth Kellogg)* Report in place as of: **No File**
 - D. [Secretary](#) (Pam Diggle)* See 2011 Council Meeting Minutes
 - E. [Treasurer](#) (Amy Litt)* Report in place as of: 05-Jul-12
 - F. [Program Director](#) (David Spooner)* Report in place as of: 29-Jun-12
 - G. [DAL - Development](#) (Linda Graham)* Report in place as of: 29-Jun-12
 - G. [DAL - Education](#) (Chris Haufler)* Report in place as of: **No File**
 - G. [DAL - Publications](#) (Carol Goodwillie)* Report in place as of: **No File**
 - G. [Student Representatives](#) (Marian Chau)* Report in place as of: 07-Jul-12
 - G. [Editor, American Journal of Botany](#) (Judy Jernstedt)* Report in place as of: 07-Jul-12
 - H. [Editor, Plant Science Bulletin](#) (Marsh Sundberg)* Report in place as of: **No File**
 - I. [Business Office/Executive Director](#) (Bill Dahl)* Report in place as of: 07-Jul-12All reports had been reviewed by the Board members prior to the meeting and were considered and approved as a group. There was no discussion and a motion to approve was seconded and then approved unanimously.
4. Reports of Committees, Sections, and Representatives
 - A. Standing Committees (Administrative)
 1. Executive Committee (Kent Holsinger)
 2. [Annual Meetings Program Committee](#) (David Spooner) See Program Director's Report
 3. [Committee on Committees](#) (Elizabeth Kellogg) See President Elect's Report
 4. [Education Committee](#) (Beverly Brown) Report in place as of: **No File**
 5. [Election Committee](#) (Judy Skog) See Past President's Report
 6. [Financial Advisory Committee](#) (Michael Dunn)* Report in place as of: **No File**
 7. [Investment Committee](#) (Jack Horner)* Report in place as of: **No File**
 8. [Publications Committee](#) (Theresa Culley)* Report in place as of: **No File**
 9. [Public Policy Committee](#) (Kent Holsinger)* Report in place as of: **No File**All reports had been reviewed by the Board members prior to the meeting and were considered and approved as a group. There was no discussion and a motion to approve was seconded and then approved unanimously.
 - B. Standing Committees (Awards and Prizes)

10. [Corresponding Members Committee](#) (Judy Skog)* See Past Presidents Report
11. [Bessey Award Committee](#) (Beverly Brown/Stokes Baker) Report in place as of: [06-Jul-12](#)
12. [Cheadle Award Committee](#) (Bruce Kirchoff) Report in place as of: [No File](#)
13. [Darbaker Prize Committee](#) (PSA) Report in place as of: [No File](#)
14. [Esau Award Committee](#) (Athena McKown) Report in place as of: [No File](#)
15. [Karling Awards Committee](#) (Michelle Barthet) Report in place as of: [07-Jul-12](#)
16. [Merit Awards Committee](#) (Thomas Rost / Ruth Stockey) Report in place as of: [12-Jun-12](#)
17. [Moseley Award Committee](#) (Stefan Little) Report in place as of: [No File](#)
18. [Pelton Award Committee](#) (Judy Jernstedt) Report in place as of: [No File](#)

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C. Ad hoc Committees

19. [International Committee](#) (Anitra Thorhaug)* Report in place as of: [No File](#)
20. [Committee on Human Diversity](#) (Ann Sakai)* Report in place as of: [18-Jun-12](#) ([Additional NSF Report](#))

D. Sections

21. [Bryological and Lichenological Section](#) (Karen Renzaglia) Report in place as of: [No File](#)
22. [Developmental and Structural Section](#) (Bruce Kirchoff) Report in place as of: [29-Jun-12](#)
23. [Ecology Section](#) (Rebecca Drenovsky) Report in place as of: [01-Jul-12](#)
24. [Economic Botany Section](#) (Allison J. Miller) Report in place as of: [No File](#)
25. [Genetics Section](#) (Theresa Culley) Report in place as of: [03-Jul-12](#)
26. [Historical Section](#) (Marissa C. J. Grant) Report in place as of: [No File](#)
27. [Mycological Section](#) (Melissa McCormick) Report in place as of: [06-Jul-12](#)
28. [Paleobotanical Section](#) (Brian Axsmith) Report in place as of: [25-Jun-12](#)
29. [Physiological Section](#) (Anitra Thorhaug) Report in place as of: [11-Jun-12](#)
30. [Pteridological Section](#) (Michael D. Windham) Report in place as of: [02-Jul-12](#)
31. [Systematics Section](#) (John Freudenstein) Report in place as of: [11-Jun-12](#)
32. [Teaching Section](#) (Stokes Baker) Report in place as of: [No File](#)
33. [Northeastern Section](#) (Mary J. Paoli) Report in place as of: [11-Jun-12](#)

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E. Representatives to other Organizations

34. AAAS (Steve Weller)* See President's Report
35. AIBS (Judy Skog)* See Past President's Report in place as of: [No File](#)
36. Council for Scientific Society Presidents (Steve Weller) See President's Report

These topics were covered in the President's and Past Presidents reports and approval was implied in approval of these reports.

5. Old Business

Judy Jernstedt reported on developments at AJB:

As of January 2013, Primer Notes and Protocols will become APPS (APplications in Plant Science), an online-only independent journal hosted by BioOne. Theresa Cully will be editor. The new journal is intended to cover the whole breadth of applications used by members of BSA, e.g., staining techniques, etc.

AJB impact factor has declined and to the extent that this is attributable to the low citation rates of Primer Notes and Protocols, the citation rate should bounce back next year.

E-only publication of AJB will begin with volume 101.

2014 is the Centennial celebration of the first publication of AJB. Many plans are under way for the Centennial volume. One idea is to publish papers based on a seminal paper that has appeared in AJB. The publication would summarize the contribution and then review the current state of the field and perhaps speculate on the future. Section Chairs should ask members to nominate papers for these historical retrospectives. They should nominate papers that have been important to their careers. These suggestions should be sent to Amy McPherson and Judy Jernstedt. AJB could publish as many as 18 over the course of the year. See the AJB report submitted by Judy Jernstedt for a more detailed description of plans for the Centennial volume.

6. New Business

A. Corresponding Members

Judy Skog reported that two scientists were nominated: Viktor Ivanov from the Russian Academy of Sciences, an expert in the cellular basis of plant growth, and Synnove Liaaen-Jensen from the University of Trondheim in Norway, an expert in photosynthetic pigment chemistry. The Board approved the nominations and they will go forward to the BSA all members meeting as a motion for approval. Members of the board are encouraged to think about new nominations for coming year. Nominations are due by March 1 of 2013. There is no limit to number of corresponding members. We currently have 57.

B. Awards

Some section awards are not sustainable given the resources of the sections. Bill will work with the individual sections on this issue.

Steve Weller will appoint a committee to look at the awards structure of the BSA.

Amy Litt spoke about the AWIS meeting that she attended along with Ann Sakai and Heather C. The meeting focused on recognition of women by professional societies. BSA is doing an adequate job of recognizing women but this stimulated a discussion of the need to examine the society awards: why do we give them, do we need an early career award, do we need a more prestigious award?

Other issues associated with sections were discussed.

- How does funding come to sections from BSA? Active sections receive \$1300 per year, less active sections are allocated \$400 from BSA. "Active" means that the sections have a business meeting and contributed papers sessions. MONEY DOES NOT ROLL OVER FROM YEAR TO YEAR.
- Section names: changing names of sections is up to the section.
- Sections may outlive their utility—sections can be discontinued if: the board annually reviews the sections for viability, etc. **get wording from Lucinda** Bruce Kirchoff suggested that the BSA should allow a longer period than 60 days between notification of the section and termination. There was support for changing the language to "60 days to indicate intent to appeal". Lucinda will confer with board and modify language.
- BSA will be moving to a new web format over the next year and sections will be able to manage their own webpages.

C. Membership Rates (2012)

Bill Dahl offered a proposal to increase membership rates. Membership rates have not increased over the past 10 years. Professional, \$60; Postdoc, \$45; Student \$35, Community College \$40, K-12 \$25, Affiliate \$45, Amateur \$25, Associate \$15, Student Gift \$10. Judy Skog asked about lower rates for Tribal Colleges and suggested that they should be listed at a specific (but lower) rate. Susan Singer raised the

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Comment [1]: Lucinda, can you provide the wording for this???

question of whether offering special rates to Tribal Colleges might introduce complexity from HSBU or other minority institutions. The decision was to deal with Tribal Colleges on an ad hoc basis.

Only 6.5% of BSA income comes from membership dues.

If BSA had an endowment of 15M the journal could be completely open access.

A motion with second was made to send the membership proposal to the BSA All Members Meeting for approval with Advisory Council endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

D. American Journal of Botany Rates (2012)

Bill Dahl offered a proposal to raise subscription rates by \$45 across the board (print \$740 for US institutions, \$785 for Canadian and Mexican institutions, \$830 for all other institutions; online: \$715).

A motion with second was made to send the subscription proposal to the BSA All Members Meeting for approval with Advisory Council endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

E. 2011/2012 Budget

BSA is in good financial condition. Budget expenses and revenues are as predicted. Total budget is around 1.6M with surplus of about 35K. See reports from the Treasurer and Financial Advisory Committee, and the Business Report for details.

A motion with second was made to send the Budget to the BSA All Members Meeting for approval with Advisory Council endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Judy asked about plans to renew grants that will soon expire. Multiple efforts are underway to renew the funding for Planting Science. Ideas should be directed to the education committee, Susan Singer, Bill Dahl, or Claire Hemmingway.

Course Source—Susan Singer and Judy Skog reported on a project with ASPB to develop a set of core concepts in plant Biology. Their effort is in collaboration with an initiative funded by HHMI to develop vetted learning modules tied to specific learning objectives. A Course Source curriculum journal will be published online and would be the outlet for these modules. Judy and Susan, request feedback on the draft form of the core concepts. Look for an email from education committee with details. Comments will be accepted until August 10.

F. Investment Committee funds for special initiatives

No requests this year.

G. Board Recommendations

Marian Chau reminded us that at the April Board meeting the board had discussed a plan to set aside funds to support student visits to the AIBS Congressional Visits day. Bill Dahl suggested that we should consider this in connection with our review of all of the other awards so that we have a model for long-term sustainability.

The Council is enthusiastic about this endeavor and approves allocation of funds. This will be done on an ad hoc basis until a formal plan is developed.

Lucinda McDade updated the Council about improvements to the business office. It has been completely renovated and the working conditions of the staff have vastly improved. Bill Dahl now telecommutes from Sedona AZ.

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Lucinda requested that the Council commend the staff for their excellent efforts on behalf of the BSA and this was unanimously endorsed.

Reminders:

All member meeting at 4:45 Tuesday in Fairfield room.

Legacy society reception at 5pm Wed.

Presidential address at 6:00

7. Adjournment at 2:47.

Please download the reports, read them PRIOR to the meeting, and bring hard copies with you. We will discuss the contents of the reports at the Council meeting, giving priority in the morning to items marked by a * and/or ones with specified points of action. We will then address any remaining items in the order listed.