

BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, July 88, 2013

1:00 - 3:30 pm

Grand Ballroom A

Riverside Hilton

New Orleans, Louisiana

AGENDA

Members in attendance: Brian J. Axsmith (Paleobotanical Section Secretary/Treasurer), Harvey Ballard (Incoming BSA Program Director), Heather Cacañindin (BSA Membership/Marketing Director), Lynn Clark (Systematics Section Chair), Theresa Culley (APPS Editor-in-Chief), Bill Dahl (BSA Executive Director), Pam Diggle (Incoming BSA President), Rebecca Drenovsky (Ecology Section Chair), Mike Dunn (Financial Advisory Committee Chair), Frank Ewers (Physiology Section Chair), Maria A. Gandolfo (Paleobotanical Section Chair), Phil Gibson (Education Committee Chair), John Giddens (BSA Student Representative), Carol Goodwillie (DAL-Publications), Morgan Gostel (BSA Student Representative), Linda Graham (Development Committee Chair), Sean Graham (incoming DAL-Publications), Chris Haufler (Pteridological Section), Jack Horner (Investment Committee Chair), Judy Jernstedt (American Journal of Botany Editor-in-Chief), Cynthia S. Jones (Incoming BSA Council Chair), Elizabeth Kellogg (BSA President), Suzanne Koptur (Tropical Biology Section Chair), Amy Litt (BSA Treasurer), Lucinda McDade (BSA Council Chair), Allison Miller (Economic Botany Section), Tom Ranker (Incoming BSA President-elect), Rusty Russell (History Section Chair), Kristina Schierenbeck (Genetics Section Chair), Birgit Spears (BSA Development Director), David Spooner (BSA Program Director), Marsh Sundberg (PSB Editor; DAL-Education), Eddie Watkins (AFS President/Program Director), Stephen Weller (BSA Past President), Joe Williams (Incoming BSA Treasurer), Andi Wolfe (BSA Secretary), Jenny Xiang (Publications Committee Chair)

1. Call to Order and Introductions (Lucinda McDade)

New and outgoing officers and committee chairs were introduced.

2. Approval of [Minutes of 2012 Council Meeting](#) Report in place as of: 28-Jul-13

Minutes approved

3. Reports of Executive Committee, Editors, and Staff (posted online at botany.org)

- A. [President](#) (Elizabeth Kellogg)* Report in place as of: 27-Jul-13
- B. [Past President](#) (Stephen G. Weller)* Report in place as of: 15-Jul-13
- C. [President Elect](#) (Pamela Diggle)* Report in place as of: 15-Jul-13
- D. [Secretary](#) (Andrea Wolfe)* See 2012 Council Meeting Minutes
- E. [Treasurer](#) (Amy Litt)* Report in place as of: 27-Jul-13
- F. [Program Director](#) (David Spooner)* Report in place as of: 17-Jul-13
- G. [DAL - Development](#) (Linda Graham)* Report in place as of: 17-Jul-13
- H. [DAL - Education](#) (Marsh Sundberg)* Report in place as of: 23-Jul-13
- I. [DAL - Publications](#) (Carol Goodwillie)* Report in place as of: 23-Jul-13
- J. [Student Representatives](#) (Megan Ward)* Report in place as of: No File

Student Representatives report: welcome to new representative. Activities: first public policy award (two student members awarded); report on congressional visit to discuss funding for science initiatives.

- BSA student involvement in Botany luncheon will again take place at the conference.
- there was a reduction in student memberships over past year. Strategies for increasing membership are being discussed.
- there is a need to advertise student memberships (and sponsorship from PIs and mentors at \$10)

Discussion and Questions:

- are the students not renewing these memberships once the gift expires?
- follow-up would be good to know the demographics.
- membership fees for graduate students might be financially difficult for some...
- how do student chapters fit into this scenario?
 - membership discount (\$10 for membership and discount for conference fees)
 - varies with each chapter

K. [Editor, *American Journal of Botany*](#) (Judy Jernstedt)* Report in place as of: 21-Jul-13

L. [Editor, *Applications in Plant Sciences*](#) (Theresa Culley)* Report in place as of: 22-Jul-13

- comment from Theresa Culley (APPS editor-in-chief) – we are trying to increase content beyond primer notes (all areas of botany).

M. [Editor, *Plant Science Bulletin*](#) (Marsh Sundberg)* Report in place as of: 15-Jul-13

N. [Business Office/Executive Director](#) (Bill Dahl)* Report in place as of: 21-Jul-13

Report on the endowment (ca. \$4M), \$2.4M specified for special categories as follows: Awards (early career, public policy, graduate student research awards) – making them sustainable. Plants Grants program: \$800K set aside to sustain that. Allotments to sections: \$500K; same amount for education. Disbursement of 2.5% of returns planned.

Comments, questions, etc. requested.

Discussion about reaching out to Phycological Society of America. Phycological section (from Pam Diggle's report) – discussion about award for US-based paper published in previous two years. **Consensus: Reach out to PSA, formally.**

Publications: announced new e-i-c of AJB 2015: Pam Diggle.

4. Reports of Committees, Sections, and Representatives

A. Standing Committees (Administrative)

1. Executive Committee (Elizabeth Kellogg)
2. Annual Meetings Program Committee (David Spooner) See Program Director's Report
3. Committee on Committees (Pamela Diggle) See President Elect's Report
4. Development Committees (Linda Graham) See DAL Development Report
5. [Education Committee](#) (Phil Gibson) Report in place as of: 19-Jul-13
6. [Election Committee](#) (Stephen G. Weller) Report in place as of: 15-Jul-13
7. [Financial Advisory Committee](#) (Michael Dunn)* Report in place as of: **No File**
 1. **oversight committee: everything is going well.**
8. [Committee on Human Diversity](#) (Ann Sakai)* Report in place as of: 22-Jul-13
9. [Investment Committee](#) (Jack Horner)* Report in place as of: 17-Jul-13

Question: where did the endowment originate? JH gave a bit of history....

Suggestion: there should be a discussion about the endowment within each of the sectional meetings to remind everyone about how the endowment is used.

10. [Publications Committee](#) (Qiu-Yun (Jenny) Xiang)* Report in place as of: 21-Jul-13
11. [Public Policy Committee](#) (Kent Holsinger)* Report in place as of: No File
12. [Technology Committee](#) (Chris Martine)* Report in place as of: 24-Jul-13

B. Standing Committees (Awards and Prizes)

C. Ad hoc Committees

13. [International Committee](#) (Mark Mort)* Report in place as of: 28-Jul-13

D. Sections

14. [Bryological and Lichenological Section](#) (Roger Rosentreter) Report in place as of: No File
15. [Developmental and Structural Section](#) (Bruce Kirchoff) Report in place as of: 12-Jul-13
16. [Ecology Section](#) (Rebecca Drenovsky) Report in place as of: 11-Jul-13
17. [Economic Botany Section](#) (Allison J. Miller) Report in place as of: No File
18. [Genetics Section](#) (Kristina Schierenbeck) Report in place as of: No File
19. [Historical Section](#) (Rusty Russell) Report in place as of: No File
 1. Last couple of years membership and presentations have declined.
 2. Symposium for this year.
 3. Improving web presence and sending out a newsletter.
 4. Looking for ideas on how to improve the health of the section.
 1. Cross-listing among sections?
20. [Mycological Section](#) (Marissa C. J. Grant?) Report in place as of: No File
21. [Paleobotanical Section](#) (Axsmith Brian) Report in place as of: 11-Jul-13
22. [Physiological Section](#) (Frank Ewers) Report in place as of: No File
23. [Pteridological Section](#) (Michael D. Windham) Report in place as of: 25-Jul-13
24. [Systematics Section](#) (Lynn Clark) Report in place as of: 11-Jul-13
25. [Teaching Section](#) (Carina Anttila-Suare) Report in place as of: 25-Jul-13
26. [Tropical Biology Section](#) (Suzanne Koptur) Report in place as of: No File
27. [Northeastern Section](#) (Mary J. Paoli) Report in place as of: No File

E. Representatives to other Organizations

28. AAAS (Elizabeth Kellogg)* See President's Report
29. AIBS (Judy Skog)*
30. CSSP (Elizabeth Kellogg) See President's Report

5. Old Business (none)

6. New Business

7. A. Corresponding Members

1. [Corresponding Members Committee](#) (Stephen G. Weller)* Report in place as of: 15-Jul-13

Five nominations for this year as described in report. Move and seconded support for nominations. Approved unanimously as recommendation.

2. [Bessey Award Committee](#) (Marsh Sundberg/Carina Anttila-Suare) Report in place as of: 26-Jul-13
3. [Cheadle Award Committee](#) (Bruce Kirchoff) Report in place as of: 22-Jul-13
4. [Darbaker Prize Committee](#) (PSA) Report in place as of: No File
5. [Esau Award Committee](#) (Athena McKown) Report in place as of: No File
6. [Karling Awards Committee](#) (Krissa Skogen/Kristina Hufford) Report in place as of: No File
7. [Merit Awards Committee](#) (Spencer Barrett) Report in place as of: 16-Jul-13

Recommendation from BSA board: one or two merit awards per year (max of two). Main pro: increases the honor of the award.

Discussion: what kind of numbers do sister societies have for similar types of awards? Moved: recommendation for 2; second; unanimously approved.

8. [Moseley Award Committee](#) (Tatyana Livshultz) Report in place as of: **No File**
9. [Pelton Award Committee](#) (William Friedman) Report in place as of: **22-Jul-13**
10. [Webster Award Committee](#) (Judy Jernstedt) Report in place as of: **11-Jul-13**

B. Awards

C. Membership Rates (2014)

No change this year

D. American Journal of Botany Rates (2014)

subscription rates for libraries will be raised 5% for North America. Online subscriptions are the same across all countries (increase by \$30/year – ca 4%).

Moved to approve. seconded. Unanimously approved.

E. 2013/2014 Budget

Final budget at business meeting; this year's budget will be comparable to last year's. Will we have an audit this year? Need to have an updated strategic plan. Slightly up on income and down on expenditures.

F. Investment Committee funds for special initiatives – concepts

See Bill Dahl's report

G. Board Recommendations

a) Bylaws Change Recommendations

Section on publications in by-laws: want to add Apps to the bylaws.

8. Adjournment
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Commendation for Lucinda for service; for staff for their efforts.