

## **2022 BSA Advisory Council Meeting MINUTES**

July 24, 2022

Anchorage, Alaska

3-4pm

Twenty-eight members in attendance for the Council meeting.

### 1. Approval of Minutes of the 2021 Council Meeting

**MOTION to approve the minutes by Lucinda McDade. Seconded by Patty Ryberg. APPROVED**

2. Comments from several Board members. Michael Donoghue provides the highlights of the last year from his President's Report. Melanie Link-Perez says a few words about conference planning and the challenge of pulling together a hybrid meeting for 2022.

Lucinda McDade, BSA Treasurer, shares that the finances of BSA are strong. FY2022 income and expenses are on track. BSA is in a good position to weather the transition to a new contract with Wiley. The big difference for FY2023 budget is in the publications category, \$250,000 less income than previous years and a little more for expenses, and less up-front royalties from the publishing contract. We are forecasting a conservative worst-case scenario. The Finance and Investment Committees are both in favor of a draw on the BSA investment account.

**MOTION to approve the FY2023 Budget and up to a 4% draw on the investment account as needed comes from the Board. Seconded by Arthur Schwarz. APPROVED**

### 3. Reports of Executive Committee, Editors, and Staff

- A. President (Michael Donoghue)
- B. Past President (Cindi Jones)
- C. President Elect (Vivian Negron-Ortiz)
- D. Secretary (Rachel Spicer) See 2021 Council Meeting Minutes
- E. Treasurer's Report (Lucinda McDade)
- F. Program Director Report (Melanie Link-Perez)
- G. Editor, American Journal of Botany (Pamela Diggle) (see Publications Report)
- H. Editor, Applications in Plant Sciences (Briana Gross)(See Publications Report)
- I. Editor, Plant Science Bulletin (MacKenzie Taylor)
- J. Business Office Report -Executive Director (Heather Cacanindin)

**MOTION to approve the reports of the Executive Committee, Staff & Editors from Michael Donoghue. Second from Vivian Negron-Ortiz. APPROVED**

### 4. Reports of Committees, Sections, and Representatives

- A. Standing Committees (Administrative)

Executive Committee (Michael Donoghue) See President's Report

Annual Meetings Program Committee (Melanie Link-Perez) See Program Director's Report

Committee on Committees (Vivian Negrón-Ortiz) See President-Elect's report  
Development Committee (Jennifer Cruse-Sanders) See DAL Development Report

Education Committee (Rachel Jabaily)

Publications Committee (Emily Sessa)

Election Committee (Cindi Jones)

DEI Committee (Chelsea Specht)

Investment Committee (Toby Kellogg)

International Affairs (Hugo Cota Sanchez)

Public Policy Committee (Tanisha Williams and Krissa Skogen)

Student Representatives (Shelly Gaynor and Ioana Anghel)

**MOTION to approve the reports of the above standing committees/admin reports by Michael Donoghue. Second by Emily Sessa. APPROVED**

B. Standing Committees (Awards and Prizes)

Several awards committees shared annual reports on the Council agenda. Vivian Negrón-Ortiz introduces the 2022 Distinguished Fellow, Pamela Diggle. Also shares that there were three excellent candidates for the Emerging Leader award and the winner selected was Karolina Heyduk.

**MOTION to approve the reports of the standing committees/awards and prizes by Michael Donoghue. Second by Patty Ryberg. APPROVED**

C. Sections

Most sections have filed an annual report, appearing on the Council agenda. Brenda Molano-Flores shares that the Ecology section has new officers. Nathan Jud from the Primary Undergraduate Institution section provides an update regarding the grant received and used by that section in the last year. Kyra Krakos mentions that the Teaching Section revised their bylaws.

**MOTION to approve the reports of the sections by Michael Donoghue. Second by Vivian Negrón-Ortiz. APPROVED**

5. New Business

A. New business is presented including two recommendations related to membership rates for 2023.

**Recommendation 1:** recommendation to continue \$10 gift student memberships

Michael Donoghue moves to approve. Briana seconds the motion. Approved.

**Recommendation 2:** The BSA dues have not changed since 2014, and with decreasing publications revenue, along with increased inflation and rising costs for everything from software to travel, we believe that raising the following membership fees is necessary.

Professional One-Year Membership = **\$75** (was \$70)

Professional One-Year Membership with GSRA donation = **\$100** (was \$95) Professional One-Year Family Membership = **\$100** (was \$85)

Professional One-Year Family Membership with GSRA donation = **\$125** (was \$110)

Professional Three-Year Membership = **\$205** (was \$195)

Professional Three-Year Membership with GSRA donation = **\$280** (was \$270)

Professional Three-Year Family Membership = **\$280** (was \$240)

Professional Three-Year Family Membership with GSRA donation = **\$355** (was \$315)

Retired Membership = **\$40** (was \$35)

Retired Family Membership = **\$55** (was \$50)

**MOTION by Michael Donoghue and seconded by Arthur Schwarz to approve the gift membership recommendation. APPROVED**

**MOTION by Michael Donoghue and seconded by Kyra Krakos to approve the dues increase recommendation. APPROVED**

#### B. FY2023 Budget - Lucinda McDade

- Reviewed budget summary spreadsheet
- We are showing a deficit of about \$19k overall to cover but this is before we have taken any kind of draw on the investment portfolio
- We are asking the Council to approve an up to 2% draw on the 12 quarter rolling average of the investment portfolio (currently ~\$5.9M)
- The Board has approved the budget

Open floor for comments and questions.

Pamela Diggle spoke about the *American Journal of Botany* and the new reviews section which took tremendous effort but is now well underway.

Briana Gross outlines the objectives of *Applications in Plant Sciences* to increase submissions and increase the diversity of its readers and authors.

Mackenzie Taylor reminds everyone about the Society's newsletter, the *Plant Science Bulletin*, which comes out with three issues per year.

Heather mentions that there will be a mid-year Advisory Council meeting in the coming year via Zoom.

Chelsea Specht shares that the first ever *Impact Award* related to advances in diversity, equity and inclusion has been awarded to Ann Sakai.

*Meeting adjourns at 4:10 pm.*