

### BSA-SE Annual Report 2023

BSA-SE membership attended the 84<sup>th</sup> Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) meeting in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We gave out two \$150.00 awards at the meeting: one for best student poster and one for best paper presentation – both related to botany. Those winners were:

#### Best student poster award in plant sciences:

Elizabeth Companion

Affiliation: University of North Carolina Asheville

Poster: Reproductive output of closely-related sympatric pitcher plants (*Sarracenia* spp.) and their morphological hybrids.

#### Best student paper award in plant sciences:

Ben Brewer

Affiliation: Appalachian State University

Talk: Assessing the genetic diversity and structure of Gray's Lily (*Lilium grayi*)

At the same meeting, we co-hosted a faculty / student mixer with the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society (SABS) that saw attendance of 40+ people. The southeastern section helped to finance this event in the amount of \$300.00. We also conducted a business meeting along with SABS, updating our membership on the state of the BSA-SE section finances, membership, and previous awards granted.

The current make-up of the BSA-SE section is:

Jeremy D. Rentsch – Chair

Ben Gahagen – Activities Chair

Carolina Siniscalchi – Secretary / Treasurer