

## **Ecology Section Annual Report – July 2023**

Uromi Manage Goodale, Chair

Vacant, Vice-Chair

Jessamine Finch, Secretary and Program Coordinator

In this report, we present a summary of the activities conducted by the officers, a membership update, and a financial status update for the Ecology Section.

### **Activities**

In 2022-2023, the Ecology section officers responded to any request from the BSA leadership. In addition, emails were sent to the membership as needed. Our focus was the BOTANY 2023 meeting (in site event with virtual participation) and the election of new leadership, especially filling the vacant Vice Chair position.

#### *BOTANY 2022*

As officers of the section, we participated in the selection of the colloquia and symposia for the meeting but did not provide financial support. In addition, we awarded three registration awards to students. For names of the award recipients go to: <https://botany.org/home/awards/travel-awards-for-students/ecological-sta.html>.

The Ecology section had a good year at BOTANY 2022, with 125 presentations of which 80 are oral presentations and 45 are posters). These numbers were higher than in 2022 (i.e., total of 95). I want to recognize the role of the program coordinator at the time, Cynthia Huebner for organizing the Ecology sessions but also the sessions for Conservation Biology (45 presentations), Molecular Ecology (18 presentations), Symbioses: Plant, Animal, and Molecular Interactions (19 presentations), and Reproductive Process (41 presentations).

During the BOTANY 2022, we selected the best Oral and Poster Awards for graduate and undergraduate students out of 34 presentations (talks and posters). See the following link for the names of the award recipients: <https://cms.botany.org/home/awards/recognition-and-presentation-awards-for-students/ecological-presentation.html>. We would like to thank all the Judges and Session Presiders that helped during the meeting. Attendance at our annual business meeting was modest and BSA updates were provided.

#### *BOTANY 2023*

As officers of the section, we participated in the selection of the colloquia and symposia for BOTANY 2023 and provided support for one symposium and colloquium, \$400 each. In addition, to support student participation at BOTANY 2023 meeting, we have given three \$500 Ecology Student Travel Awards. For names of the award recipients go to: <https://botany.org/home/awards/travel-awards-for-students/ecological-sta.html>.

For BOTANY 2023, we have a total of 82 papers, of which 47 are oral presentations, and 35 are posters.

This year for our best student Talk and Poster Awards we have 34 presentations: 20 in person talks and 11 virtual talks and 3 posters under consideration.

At BOTANY 2023, we will have sessions every day and our business meeting will be Wednesday, July 25 at 3.45 pm Idaho Time (UTC/GMT-6hours).

### **New Leadership**

Despite the decision that the Vice Chair will not be filled as section officer made last year in this year's leadership discussions, we decided to fill the Vice Chair position and discuss this with the membership during the business meeting and hold in site elections. The elected officers, Chair - Uromi Manage Goodale and Secretary and Program Coordinator - Jessamine Finch, started their official terms after the BSA 2022 annual meeting in July and Brenda and Cynthia shadowed/mentored them until July of 2023. The final year (July 2024 until July 2025), Uromi and Jessamine will shadow the next set of elected officers.

### **Membership**

Currently, the section has 660 section members. For a full breakdown of our membership see supplemental information.

### **Finances**

As of 2023, the finances of our section were healthy, with \$25,815 USD as available funds (Balance @ July 2023). We are very grateful for the support provided by our members. For a full breakdown of our finances see supplemental information (Ecological Section P&L 6.30.23).

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Profit and Loss - Ecological Section  
October 2022 - June 2023**

	<u><b>Total</b></u>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>4300 Special Funds Contributions</b>	
<b>4115 Section Dues</b>	1,650.00
<b>4309 Awards</b>	490.00
<b>4310 Other funds</b>	<u>445.00</u>
<b>Total 4300 Special Funds Contributions</b>	<u><b>2,585.00</b></u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>2,585.00</b></u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>2,585.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<u><b>2,585.00</b></u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,585.00</b>
Balance as of 09/30/2022	23,230.60
Plus: FY23 Activity	2,585.00
<b>Ending Balance as of 6/30/2023</b>	<b>25,815.60</b>