

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALEOBOTANICAL SECTION
Presented to the 2023 Botanical Society of America Council Meeting

The Paleobotanical Section's program at Botany 2022 in Anchorage, consisted of 28 submitted oral presentations, 17 of which were for the Cookson and Moseley student awards, and 7 posters.

The 2022 Cookson Award Committee consisted of Dennis Stevenson, Nina Baghai and Patty Ryberg awarded the Cookson to Kelly Pfeiler for: "Anatomically preserved cheirolepidiaceus pollen cones of western North America," with coauthors Brian Atkinson and Kelly Matsunaga. The Moseley Award Committee consisted of Chelsea Specht, Luiza Teixeira-Costa, and Kelly Matsunaga and gave the award to Keana Tang for: "Crown group Lauraceae in the Late Cretaceous: new evidence from fossil flowers," with coauthors Kelly Matsunaga and Brian Atkinson. The Michael Cichan award for post-doctoral research was awarded to Nareerat Boonchai for, "Insights into the Wyoming's Blue Forest: Filling a knowledge gap in diversity of Eocene woody vegetation, paleoenvironment, and paleoclimate," and Andres Elgorriaga for "Reconstructing ginkgoalean macroevolutionary patterns through time within a phylogenetic context."

Paleobotanical Section membership looks forward to the collegiality provided by the conference and the biennial auction. Our contributed Section talks include 50 talks, 19 of which are student talks for the Cookson and Moseley awards, and 12 posters. The Paleobotanical Section Business Meeting will occur on Tuesday, July 25 at 5:00 PM MST, presided over by our Chairperson, Mike Dunn.

Submitted by Section Secretary/Treasurer: Patricia Ryberg, 14 July 2023