

Botanical Society of America Teaching and Outreach Section

Annual Report for 2022-2023

Section Chair: Benjamin R. Montgomery

Immediate Past Chair: Kyra N. Krakos

Section Vice Chair and Program Director: Robert K. Noyd

Section Secretary/Treasurer: David Krayesky

1. Leadership: In 2023 Ben Montgomery began serving a 2-year term as Chair and Bob Noyd as Vice Chair. Kyra Krakos transitioned to the role of past chair. David Krayesky continues serving a 3-year position as appointed Secretary/Treasurer. We will hold elections for a new Chair and Vice-Chair during this year's conference.

2. Awards: The Postelthwait Award and the Bessey Award are both being awarded. The chair of Education Committee (Rachel Jabaily) formed a committee of Education Committee members and Teaching and Outreach section officers to choose this year's winner. The executive committee for the Teaching Section reviewed the nominees for the Postelthwait Award and chose this year's winner. Both awards will be awarded at the 2023 Botany meeting.

3. Conference Participation: The teaching and outreach section continues to have a strong presence among the contributed papers at the annual Botany conference, although numbers dipped after spiking in 2022. We think that the spike in 2022 related to many educators wanting to share innovations that they developed in the course of remote teaching during the covid pandemic, and this year's numbers reflect a return to historical norms. Numbers of papers and posters this year and over the previous two years are as follows:

Year	Papers	Posters
2023	13	10
2022	25	9
2021	15	6

4. Botany360: The Teaching and Outreach section co-sponsored one Botany360 event: Botany360 Presents: Utilizing Botany Conference Content in your Teaching, held in November.

5. Finances: The section finished the year with a lower balance, mostly due to investment losses, and the section will continue this situation when making expenditures.