

Search for New Editor-in-Chief, *Applications in Plant Sciences* Journal

As you may have heard, Theresa Culley will be stepping down as Editor-in-Chief of APPS (*Applications in Plant Sciences*) after this year (and after ten years of service to the journal as its founding EIC!). The BSA Publications team is therefore starting the process of searching for a new EIC for APPS.

Below is a tentative timeline for the search (though finalizing the specific dates and deadlines would be on the agenda for our first committee meeting).

Proposed search timeline:

Step 1a: **Invite people to serve on the search committee.**

Step 1b: **Draft a call for nominations/applications.**

- Heather Cacanindin, Beth Parada, and Amy McPherson are working on this, and the draft will be shared with the committee prior to our first meeting.

Step 2: **Meet with the committee via Zoom to discuss search criteria, evaluation rubric, and a timeline.**

- Ideally we will meet the week of Sept. 13.

Step 3: **Send out the call for nominations and also ask members of the committee to encourage specific people to apply.**

- Ideally we will send out the call a week or so after the first committee meeting (i.e., by the end of September).

Step 4: **Meet with the committee to discuss the nominations/applications**

- We would thinking of aiming for a deadline sometime in October, if that seems reasonable?

Step 5: **Conduct interviews via Zoom as necessary.**

- Interviews would take place late October into November.

Step 6: **Extend an offer.**

- Ideally by the end of this calendar year!

Search Committee: (group has been invited; awaiting confirmation)

Joyce Chery, Cornell University

Karolina Heyduk, University of Hawaii

Mike Moore, Oberlin College

Pam Soltis, University of Florida

Norm Wickett, Chicago Botanic Garden/Northwestern University

Beth Parada, Managing Editor, APPS

Amy McPherson, BSA Director of Publications

Emily Sessa, BSA Director-at-Large for Publications