BSA-SE Annual Report 2024

BSA-SE membership attended the 85th Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee. We gave out two $300.00 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:**

Kaya Rosselle  
Affiliation: North Carolina State University  
Poster: Dominant Seed Dispersal Modes of Invasive Plants in a Restored Urban Stream.

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

Meredith Woodward  
Affiliation: University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
Talk: The State of Herbaria in Tennessee

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 (through June 2025)  
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Ben Gahagen – Activities Chair (through June 2024)  
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Carolina Siniscalchi – Secretary / Treasurer (through June 2025)  
Mississippi State University  
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With Dr. Gahagen’s Activities Chair term complete, we will search for an activities chair this summer and hold an election.

Best,  
Jeremy D. Rentsch