

Botanical Society of America
Historical Section Annual Report
Section Chair: Nuala Caomhanach
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Leadership: Currently Nuala Caomhanach is serving as Section Chair and will conclude her service this conference. The positions of Secretary-Treasurer and Student Representative are currently vacant. Caomhanach will invite nominees for Chair and Vice-Chair during this year's conference using the Historical Section Membership List.

Awards: The Emanuel D. Rudolph Awards have not been awarded in the past four years. There are two main reasons for this (1) no applicant has applied for this historical award, and (2) the current evaluation form does not fit for historical talks. The chair is reviewing the award's evaluation and goals, and will invite historical section members to assist for feedback. Additionally, the award itself needs to be reassessed to encourage new members and students to apply for the award.

Conference Participation: The Historical Section has a continued core group of participants –totalling about 40 attendees. However, in light of increasing need to acknowledge the role of BIPOC+ and increase diversity and equity in botanical science, the chair will discuss the role of the historical section and history for botanists in the coming business meeting.

Initiatives and Goals: The Historical Section business meeting will invite members to discuss potential future directions and goals for this section