

## **2021-2022 Pteridological Section Report to BSA Council**

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### **Annual Meeting**

There was no fieldtrip because the 2021 meeting was virtual.

The Pteridological Section Program at the 2021 virtual meeting comprised 12 oral presentations and 4 poster presentations on Monday, 19 July 2021. The American Fern Society Luncheon and Society meeting was held virtually on Monday from 12:00–1:30 PM EDT.

### **Business Meeting, Pteridological Section:**

The annual business meeting of the section was held virtually on 19 July 2021, 1:00–1:30 PM EDT. Minutes of the meeting were prepared by Emily Sessa and are appended below.

### **Financial Status**

The BSA Pteridological Section began Fiscal Year 2022 (on Oct. 1, 2021) with an operating fund balance of \$7,291. Income over the year to date has been \$2,700 (including \$815.00 in section dues and donations, \$385 in contributions to section awards, and \$1,500 from BSA for travel awards), yielding a current balance of \$9,991.

In April 2022 BSA received five applications for \$500 student awards to travel to the Botany 2022 meetings in Anchorage, AK. The section decided to fund all five. Three of them will be funded from the \$1500 awarded to the section from BSA and the other two (for \$1000 total) will be funded from other section funds.

Also, for the Botany 2022 meeting, the section will provide partial financial support for three symposia, as follows:

*From High Islands to the Ocean Floor: Pacific Island Plants at the Extreme:* \$400  
*Tackling coloniality in plant sciences: Legacies and paths forward:* \$200  
*Black Botanical Legacy: Fostering a Community of Equity in Botanical Sciences:* \$200  
Total: \$800

Appended below the business meeting minutes is a financial statement provided by BSA Accounting Manager Tricia Jackson on 27 July 2022.

## **Pteridological Section Business Meeting**

**1-1:30pm EDT, July 19, 2021**

Present (in alphabetical order): Michael Barker, Jennifer Blake-Mahmud, Joshua Der, Catalina Flores-Galván, Felipe Gómez-Noguez, Chris Haufler, Warren Hauk, Christopher Hoess, Melanie Link-Perez, Tom Ranker, Zeinab Robleh Djama, Eric Schuettpelz, Emily Sessa, Joanne Sharpe, Judith Skog, Jacob Suissa, Weston Test, Alejandra Vasco, Eddie Watkins, George Yatskievych

- Opened with a few words from Pam Diggle about AJB
  - o AJB is looking for a new reviews editor
  - o The journal has a new reviews section and welcomes suggestions of topics or submissions of reviews
- Minutes from last year approved unanimously
- Highlights from the report:
  - o Financially we're in good shape because we haven't spent any money over the last year, thanks to the virtual nature of the 2020 and 2021 meetings
  - o Amanda Grusz received the last Wherry award
  - o Ana Gabriela Martinez received complimentary registration to Botany this year from BSA, on behalf of the Pteridological Section
- We discussed some questions about section finances and how to request monies from the conference (aka BSA Central) for conference-related activities in the future, as there have been changes in the last few years, before the pandemic
- The section might need additional people to help judge student travel award requests next summer; can ask Amelia Neely, BSA's membership coordinator, to help contact the folks who are members of the section, if we want to do that.
- Wherry award: would be helpful to have guidelines written up for the committee in future years. We reminded ourselves that we voted last year to have all talks in the Pteridological contributed talks automatically eligible for the Wherry, and that only talks in those sessions or a relevant symposium or colloquium are eligible (i.e., talks in other contributed sessions are NOT eligible for the Wherry Award, even if they are fern-related)
- Botany 2022: Mary Stensvold has expressed happiness to lead the fern field trip, and the local host (whose name we could not remember) who had previously been lined up for the Anchorage meeting can do that as well; just need to re-contact those folks officially to line them up for Botany next summer

Minutes by Emily Sessa

Financial statement for BSA Pteridological Section provided by Accounting Manager Tricia Jackson on 27 July 2022

<b>Profit and Loss</b>						
<b>October 2021 - May 2022</b>						
	<b>Pteridological Section</b>	<b>Edgar T. Wherry Award Fund</b>	<b>Pteridological Student Travel Award Fund</b>	<b>Total Pteridological Section</b>		
<b>Income</b>						
<b>4300 Special Funds Contributions</b>				-		
<b>4115 Section Dues</b>	490.00			490.00		
<b>4309 Awards</b>		180.00	205.00	385.00	815.00	Section dues & Donations
<b>4310 Other funds</b>	325.00			325.00	385.00	Awards
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>815.00</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>205.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>		
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>815.00</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>205.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>		
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<b>Board approved Funding</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>			<b>1,500.00</b>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,315.00</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>205.00</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>		
<b>Balance at 9/30/21</b>	<b>7,195.62</b>	<b>95.00</b>		<b>7,290.62</b>		
<b>Balance Total as of 5/2022</b>	<b>9,510.62</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>205.00</b>	<b>9,990.62</b>		