

BSA-SE Annual Report 2022

BSA-SE membership attended the 2022 83rd Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) meeting in Little Rock, AK. We gave out two, \$150.00 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:

Ryan Long – Jacksonville State University

Poster title: “Revealing cryptical species in the Japanese *Nezasa* bamboos (*Pleioblastus* section *Nezasa*, Poaceae) using AFLP markers”

Best student paper award in plant sciences:

Rachel Jessup – North Carolina State University

Talk title: “Status and habitat surveys for the critically imperiled Tall Barbara’s Buttons (*Marshallia legrandii*)”

At the same meeting, we co-hosted a faculty / student mixer with the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society (SABS) that saw attendance of ~30-40 people. 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. Membership was informed that the first piece of business after the Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting would be committee elections with both the current chair and secretary / treasurer’s terms expiring. At the time of submitting this report (6-29-2022), the results of the election are not finalized although Amelia Neeley is facilitating the process for us. At the time of writing the current section chair is Jeremy Rentsch and activities coordinator is Ben Gahagen. The position of secretary / treasurer is currently vacant and Jeremy Rentsch has taken on those responsibilities until the time that position is filled.