ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALEOBOTANICAL SECTION Presented to the 2022 Botanical Society of America Council Meeting

The Paleobotanical Section's program at Botany 2021, Virtual, consisted of 52 submitted oral presentations, 12 of which were for the Cookson and Moseley student awards, and 7 posters. The Paleobotanical Section provided financial support to the symposia "Beringia!: Current Insights on the Geology, Climate, Paleontology, Floristic Assembly, and Biodiversity of a Subcontinent that is Central to Northern Hemisphere Biogeography" and "Black Botanical Legacy: Fostering a Community of Equity in Botanical Sciences"

The 2021 Cookson Award Committee consisted of Mike Dunn, Fabian Herrera, and Patty Ryberg awarded the Cookson to Michael D'Antonio for: "Sigillaria from the Wuda Tuff: the implications of new species and internal anatomy for lepidodendrid life history reconstruction," with coauthors Kevin C. Boyce, Wei-Ming Zhou, and Jun Wang. The Moseley Award Committee consisted of Sarah Allen, Stephanie Conway, Dianella Howarth, and Nathan Jud and gave the award to Harold Suarez Baron for: "Developmental and genetic mechanisms underlying trichome formation in the Aristolochia (Aristolochiaceae: Piperales) perianth," with collaborators Fabio González, Soraya Pelaz, Juan Fernando Alzate, Barbara Ambrose, and Natalia Pabon Mora.

Paleobotanical Section membership looks forward to our first in-person meeting since 2019. Our contributed Section talks include 28 talks, 17 of which are student talks for the Cookson and Moseley awards, and 7 posters. Sixteen talks will be live and 12 virtual. The Paleobotanical Section Business Meeting will occur on Tuesday, July 26 at 3:00 AKDT, presided over by our Chairperson Ashley Klymiuk.

Submitted by Section Secretary/Treasurer: Patricia Ryberg, 5 July 2022