

Board discussion re: AJB price increase and location of ASPT business office
5/17/19

The Board was contacted via email on May 17, 2019 for discussion (and in one case, vote) on two items.

1) AJB price increase: Wiley recommended a 5% increase for institutions purchasing AJB individually (i.e., not as part of a bundle). It was noted that last year the Board had voted to hold the increase to 4%, in part due to the fact that the transition to publishing with Wiley had been challenging.

Some discussion via email followed. Most Board members were OK with a 5% increase but several expressed concern over the impact of these increases on subscriptions. Most agreed that a 5% annual increase was 'standard' and tolerated. It was also pointed out that most AJB subscriptions are purchased as part of a bundle.

A MOTION to increase the price for AJB institutional subscriptions for 2020 by 5% PASSED.

2) Feedback from the Board was requested re: the possibility that the ASPT (American Society of Plant Taxonomists) business office be housed at the Missouri Botanic Garden, possibly in the same building as BSA. General consensus was that *if* there was space without displacing or inconveniencing BSA's operations and *if* MOBOT approved, that this would be fine.