

Report of the Education Committee

The Education Committee sponsored workshops for K-12 teachers at the Texas Regional Science Convention and the National Science Teachers Association Annual Meeting in San Diego. We also sponsored a booth at the NSTA Convention where over 20,000 teachers from across the nation attended. The two workshops organized by Tim Gerber and Rob Reinsvold were well received and well attended (in both cases we exceeded the seating capacity of our assigned rooms). At the booth we had an interactive activity to help teachers explore more ways to incorporate more plants in their teaching of biological concepts. Based on our records we talked with nearly 1500 teachers and administrators. The new apple development posters were a big hit and will be in classrooms across North America (we gave out nearly 1000 poster in the first couple of days.)

The Education Committee also commends Jeff Osborne and the Forum Committee in organizing the first Pre-conference Forum in Madison. Based on the initial plans this looks like it will be a success.

In the past several years the Education Committee has help lead the botanical educational outreach efforts for the nation. We have collaborated with other societies to prepare materials and sponsor workshops for teachers. We have concentrated on NSTA and NABT national meetings to get the most "bang for the buck". We are requesting \$10,000 for next year to continue the educational outreach activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the Education Committee