

Genetics Section Report to the BSA Council

Briana L. Gross received the 2001 Margaret A. Menzel Memorial Award at the BSA banquet in Albuquerque, NM for her paper entitled "Potential multiple origins for *Helianthus deserticola*, a diploid hybrid species." The paper was co-authored by Andrea Schwarzbach and Loren Reiseberg. The award included a certificate, \$200.00, and a ticket to the BSA banquet.

Hannah Thornton received the 2001 Genetics Section Poster Award for her work entitled "Genetic variation in fragmented populations of an endangered dune plant: implications for its conservation." The poster was co-authored by Cynthia Lane and Javier Francisco-Ortega. The award included a certificate, \$100.00, and a ticket to the BSA banquet.

Lena Hileman received the 2001 Graduate Student Research Award of \$500.00.

Thanks are again due to Richard Whitkus and R. Joel Duff who composed the 2002 Graduate Student Research Award committee, read the proposals, and agreed on a recipient to be announced at the BSA banquet in Madison.

Don Hauber, Richard Whitkus, and R. C. Jackson agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee this year to report to the Section at the 2002 meeting.

Randy Small was installed as the Secretary/Treasurer, and Stephen Novak is our new Council Representative. The Newsletter Editor position is still vacant.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri W. Higginbotham