

## **Pacific Section Annual Report**

A meeting was held for Pacific Section members at the Botany 2001 meetings in Albuquerque. Twenty-seven members of the Society from states represented by the Pacific Section attended, during which a lively discussion was held regarding the Section and potential activities. Some members expressed the opinion that the area covered by the Section might be too large to sponsor single meetings, but could function if regional representatives were willing to coordinate activities in their respective areas. Most of the suggestions regarding organized activities promoting the Society and the Section included workshops, symposia, lectures, and field trips. Such activities could be organized independently or in association with other professional societies including the AAAS Pacific Section, California Botanical Society, The Northwest Scientific Association, and the Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science, among others.

Copies of the Pacific Section bylaws were distributed and discussed at the Albuquerque meeting. Suggestions were made to revise the bylaws to reflect concerns and ideas expressed at the meeting, with a proposal to submit the bylaws for approval at a meeting to be scheduled for Botany 2002. The interim chair solicited comments and several members volunteered to provide comments on draft bylaws. Consequently, a meeting of the Pacific Section was scheduled, and will take place on August 7 from 7-830 AM in the Pyle Center.

During the past year, the Interim Chair has contacted BSA members in areas comprising the Pacific Section, soliciting their ideas and willingness to participate more activity. Some interest has been expressed, especially with regard to coordinating events in their respective areas.

Respectively submitted,

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Interim Chair