

Past President's Report, 2002

Committee on Corresponding Members: this committee did not function this year as there is a full complement of Corresponding Members at present, and no new ones were to be added.

Elections Committee: As Chair of the Elections committee, I initiated solicitation for nominations, the committee established a list of potential nominees, these were contacted and a roster of candidates prepared. The nominees for President-Elect were Linda Graham and Loren Reiseberg, and the nominees for Program Director were Jeff Osborn and W. Carl Taylor.

Plenary Speaker: After several tries, I invited Dr. Martin Apple, President of the CSSP (Council of Scientific Society Presidents) to be Plenary Speaker for Botany 2002. It is a good idea to start at least a year ahead on finding a Plenary Speaker. In the process we also invited Peter Raven to give a Special Lecture, and I invited Neil Campbell to be Speaker at the Forum.

Plenary Symposium: In consultation with the President's of participating societies in Botany 2002, the theme for the Plenary Symposium was selected to be "Evolution-highlighting plants". This is appropriate since plants provide many important insights into the pattern and process of evolution, and frequently are overlooked when examples of evolution are sought for teaching or research. Speakers for the symposium include: Dr. Michael Donoghue (systematic/phylogenetic perspective), Yale University, Dr. Loren Rieseberg, Indiana University (microevolution, processes, speciation), Dr. Gar Rothwell, Ohio University (contribution of the fossil record), Dr. Todd Vision, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (genome level evolution), and Dr. Anj Petto, University of the Arts (Evolution in the classroom).

Young Botanist's Awards: Patricia G. Gensel, Todd Vision

Fourteen students were nominated for Young Botanist's Awards. After considering these, we determined that eight merited the Certificate of Special Achievement and 6 the Certificate of Recognition. Following is a list of the awardees, their institution, and primary nominator.

Young Botanist Awardees for 2002: Certificate of Special Achievement

Name	Institution	Nominator
Carolyn Reilly	Ohio University	Dr. John Mitchell(Chair, Nom. Comm.)
Anna Sherwood	Washington State Univ.	Dr. Pam Soltis
Eva Hager	Miami University, Ohio	David Francko, Dept. Chair
Sabrina Byrum	Miami University, Ohio	David Francko, Dept. Chair

Katie Kettler	Miami University, Ohio	David Francko, Dept. Chair
Ryan Blenkush	Univ. Calif., Davis	Dr. James H. Richards
Selena Smith	Univ. Alberta	Dr. Ruth Stockey
Stephen Reynolds	James Madison University	Dr. Conley K. McMullen

Certificate of Recognition

Cary S. Miller	Ohio University,	Dr. John Mitchell(Chair, Nom. Comm.)
Shannon Beach	Univ. of Illinois	Dr. Janice Coons
Pieter Badenhorst	Southern Ill. Univ.	Dr. Barbara Crandall-Stotler
Andrew Ertley	Miami University	Dr. David Francko, Chair
Karl Gustafson	Miami University	Dr. David Francko, Chair
Mark Tancig	University of Florida	Dr. Doug Soltis

Respectfully submitted,

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