

President-Elect's Report, 2002

The major responsibilities of the President-Elect are: (1) to appoint committees that will be activated at the close of this meeting, (2) to prepare a banquet address for the BSA banquet, (3) prepare to take office and (4) perform demised duties as assigned by the President. Reports on these activities are available elsewhere or will be evident by the close of this meeting. In addition to these activities, I have also been involved in the decisions of the BSA to move its business office to Missouri Botanical Garden facilities in St. Louis, Missouri, which will occur soon. I also serve as a member of the search committee to name the BSA's first Executive Director and will serve as president when the Executive Director starts. Among my demised duties have been serving as liaison to libraries during the transition of the American Journal of Botany Online to controlled access. These discussions resulted in improved long-term strategies to achieve competitive pricing for the journal that will allow it to continue to flourish. In upcoming years, we have connections that we can use to continue to gather data on the impact of subscription increases.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Russell