

## President's Report, 2001-2002

### Items of Major Import:

Retirement of Kim Hiser, BSA Business Manager, effective November 30, 2001.  
Temporary reassignment of responsibilities amongst Treasurer, CPA, Secretary, and Business Office staff.

Invitation from Peter Raven to locate BSA headquarters at the Missouri Botanical Garden, site visit Jan. 1-2, 2002, with Pres.-Elect Scott Russell, agreement between BSA and MBG signed March 21, 2002.

Renewal of MOU with Department of Plant Biology at Ohio State University, to house Meetings Office and Meetings Manager.

Job description, advertising and search for first BSA Executive Director; interviews to be held in Madison at Botany 2002; appointed Search and Screening Committee.

Agreement with Daniller + Co. for fundraising consultation, David Northington principle contact.

Appointment of joint *ad hoc* committee with American Association of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) to explore ways of collaboration and cooperation.

Appointment of Centennial Planning Committee.

Reconsideration of institutional subscription rates for the online *American Journal of Botany* .

### Specific Items:

#### Letters:

- letter to Sens. Boehner and Kennedy re. Santorum resolution
- letter to Science Serials Librarians about AJB institutional subscription increase
- Fall Letter to membership
- Spring Letter to membership
- e-mail to membership about Botany 2002 deadlines, Society news
- letters to Ohio State Board of Education about biology curriculum
- letter to Editor of Martha Stewart KIDS magazine re. botanical errors in article
- letter to *Mycologia* editor about mycologists and the BSA
- congratulations to Sherwin Carlquist on Linnean Medal
- letter to Monocots III organizers about BSA support

Assisted with invitations for plenary lecture for Botany 2002

Requested Conservation Committee examine proposed changes in APHIS regulations  
Electronic discussions with President of Latin American Botanical Congress  
about BSA support and involvement  
Discussion with Ralph Quatrano about joint or overlapping meeting in St. Louis  
with ASPB  
Approached Society for the Study of Evolution about joint meeting with BSA  
Approached Mycological Society of America Pres.-Elect John Taylor about  
possible joint meeting  
Approached CBA/ABC about joint meeting in 2005  
Sent Charles Rick obituary and permission to publish to PSB  
Wrote article for PSB about Kim Hiser's retirement  
Responded to inquiries from BSA members and the public about topics botanical  
(or sort of), including science fair projects, careers in botany, anti-cancer plants,  
eye irritation in children possibly related to bud scales, plant ID in the Solomon  
Islands, Harriet Creighton photograph, clover leaf morphology, juvenile growth in  
conifers, etc.  
Signed agreement for JSTOR revenue sharing  
Note to Mrs. John (Paige) Karling  
Invitation to Peter Raven to deliver special lecture at Botany 2002  
Requested textbook donation for banquet door prizes  
Phone interview with St. Louis Post-Dispatch about BSA move to St. Louis  
Phone interview with Columbus Dispatch about BSA at OSU

Personnel Issues:

- Completed Performance Review of Kim and Johanne, Oct. 2001
  - Initiated 2002 Performance Review of Johanne at Spring EC meeting,  
needs to be completed
- Discussion of hiring policies at MoBot, benefits, salary scales

AJB, Editor-in-Chief

- Requested names and rationale for nominations for Editorial Board
- Dealt with issues regarding electronic Letters to the Editor

Travels:

Ohio State Univ./Business Office visit, October 17-19, 2001  
CSSP Meeting, Washington, D.C. Nov. 16-19, 2001- discussion focused  
on what scientists can do to combat terrorism, importance of science  
education, promoting diversity in science at all levels of training  
Site visit to MoBotGard with Scott Russell, Jan. 1-2, 2002  
Spring EC meeting, MBG, St. Louis, April 4-7, 2002  
Interview with Exec. Dir. candidate (Ed Schneider present also), LAX,  
June 16, 2002

**Items Pending:**

Relocate BSA website, servers, domains (to MBG?)  
Complete Performance Review for Meetings Manager, Johanne Stogran  
Organize Plenary Symposium with participating societies' Past-Presidents for  
Botany 2003, Mobile, 27-31 July  
Assist with move to St. Louis  
Continue to work on fundraising campaign with Daniller + Co.  
Continue to work on BSA Centennial, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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