

Report of AAAS Representative:

Linda Graham substituting for Pat Herendeen

I attended the Feb, 2003 meeting of AAAS held in Denver, Colorado and represented the BSA at the Biological Science (heretofore abbreviated as BioSci) Section Business meeting held on Feb. 14. There were 5200 attendees at the AAAS meeting as a whole; approximately 20 were present at the BioSci section business meeting.

Topical Lectures: Affiliated societies were asked to suggest Topical Lecturers for the 2004 meeting to be held in Seattle, nominations to be handled through the BioSci Section Steering Committee. As a method for increasing visibility of the BSA, at its April meeting, the BSA Executive Committee endorsed nomination of Alison Snow, and agreed to provide her travel expenses if she is chosen as a topical lecturer and agrees to participate. I completed the nomination process via AAAS web-based form prior to the deadline of April 28.

Affiliated societies were also encouraged to nominate members who are also AAAS members as AAAS Fellows (the yearly list of which is published in Science). Society Presidents are natural nominees, so I encouraged recent past presidents to join AAAS (if not already members) and provide CV information so that I can nominate them via the BioSci Section steering committee next spring.

I agreed to attend the 2004 AAAS meeting as representative of BSA. My goal will be to identify ways to increase the visibility and participation of the BSA and its members at this important national meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Graham