

## Report of the President-Elect

In 2004 we will again begin the year by meeting with specific BSA committees. These meetings are designed to focus and consolidate our efforts over the coming year. We will also meet with all available committee members. The message is simple and calls for us all to engage BSA members in efforts to support developments which will further the Botanical Society of America's mission and objectives. Of particular importance over the coming year will be the efforts of the Membership and the Education committees.

Plans developed by the BSA committees in the 1990's and acted upon over the following years have provided us with a strong foundation. We have tremendous opportunity to move forward with our mission. In doing so I ask you all to support BSA program development in some way over the coming year. Giving a few hours of your time will make a big impact for the Society.

I look forward to an exciting year.

Respectfully

President-Elect  
Allison Snow

**Mission:** *The Botanical Society of America exists to promote botany, the field of basic science dealing with the study and inquiry into the form, function, development, diversity, reproduction, evolution, and uses of plants and their interactions within the biosphere.*

**The objectives of The Society are to:** *sustain and provide improved formal and informal education about plants; encourage basic plant research; provide expertise, direction, and position statements concerning plants and ecosystems; and foster communication within the professional botanical community, and between botanists and the rest of humankind through publications, meetings, and committees.*