

Paleobotanical Section

Lisa Boucher served as Chair at the 2004 Snowbird meeting, Willy Taylor as Editor of the Bibliography, and Chuck Daghljan as Web Manager. Michael Dunn was elected as Section Chair, Walter Cressler was elected Bibliography of American Paleobotany Editor, and James Mickle was elected to a three-year term as Secretary/Treasurer n

At the 2004 meeting in Snowbird, Utah the Section sponsored an active program that included 39 papers contributed, 2 posters, 1 new research poster, and sponsored one symposium: "A century of seed ferns: A symposium to celebrate paradigm shifts in the understanding of seed plants", organized by Michael T. Dunn and Gar Rothwell, and cosponsoring with the Developmental and Structural Section and cosponsored a second symposium entitled: "'Discerning homologies: gene expression, development and morphology", organized by Larry Hufford and Ned Friedman. Lisa Boucher and Steve Manchester lead a 2-day postmeeting field trip to the Lower Cretaceous Blackhawk and Eocene Green River floras.

The 2004 Isabel Cookson Award was presented to Caroline Strömberg, Swedish Museum of Natural History, for her paper entitled "From subtropical forests to savanna: phytolith evidence concerning Tertiary vegetation change and grass evolution in the North American interior." The Maynard F. Moseley Award was presented to Athena McKown, from the University of Toronto, for her paper "Evolution of Kranz anatomy in the genus *Flaveria* (Asteraceae)." Her co-authors were Jean-Marc Moncalvo and Nancy Dengler.

Seven graduate students were supported to attend the International Botanical Congress in Vienna, Austria in July, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Mickle
Secretary-Treasurer