

Annual Report of the Phycological Section, 2005

The Phycological section of BSA did not receive any requests for, and consequently did not fund any symposia in 2005. We used our general funds to institute a travel award to support a student attending the BSA meeting in Austin in 2005. The recipient is Kevin Kocot of Illinois State University. Next year we plan to give another travel award, to be based on student essays on the excitement and importance of phycology. If they turn out well, we might post some of the essays on the BSA website.

We have scheduled a business meeting in Austin where we plan to discuss ideas for section input into the BSA website in the areas mentioned at last year's council meeting: (Careers in Botany, authoritative information on phycology) as well as a history of phycology for the centennial meeting and ideas for promoting phycology within the society. A letter is being sent to all members of the section requesting input from those who are not at the meeting.

There were no nominations for the Darbaker Prize for 2005, hence no prize will be awarded. The Darbaker Committee consisted of: Richard McCourt (chair), Annette Coleman, and Martha Cook.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha E. Cook, Chairperson
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