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To: BSA Council

From: Kent Holsinger, Treasurer

The Botanical Society is in very healthy financial condition. Although institutional print subscriptions to the *American Journal of Botany* continue to decline slowly, income associated with the journal remains sufficient not only to continue its operations but also to expand and improve them and to allow the Society to expand and improve its operations. The Society also has substantial financial assets, the income from which could also be used to support new or expanded program initiatives for the Society.

Assets

As of 30 June 2005, assets in the Society's investment accounts totaled more than \$2.8M (Table 1), an increase of nearly \$580K from 30 June 2004. Of that increase, approximately \$280K was the result of investment returns (approximate annual rate of return 12.5%). The remainder was the result of a transfer of funds from operational accounts approved by the Executive Committee in late 2004.

Income and expenses

The budget approved for 2004/2005 included budgeted income of \$1.10M and budgeted expenses of \$1.07M *versus* year-to-date totals of \$1.23M and \$0.70M, respectively (Table 2). The Society budgeted investment income *very* conservatively at \$39.5K. The actual income of \$207K is primarily responsible for the difference between budgeted and actual income. Lower than expected employment expenses and publication expenses are primarily responsible for the difference between budgeted and actual expenses.

Table 1: Investment fund balances for the Botanical Society of America

Investment funds balance 30 June 2004	\$2,235,156
Dividends, interest, and appreciation	279,026
Additions	300,000
<hr/> Investment funds balance 30 June 2005	<hr/> \$2,814,182

Table 2: Summary of income and expenses for the Botanical Society of America

	Budgeted 2004/2005	Actual 2004/2005
Income	\$1,096,751	\$1,226,103
Operational income	907,251	894,808
Investment income	39,500	207,266
Botany Conference income	150,000	124,028
Expenses	\$1,069,050	\$ 702,757
Operational expenses	951,755	648,654
Investment expenses	24,000	25,140
Meetings expenses	93,295	28,963*
Balance	27,701	\$ 523,346

*Does not include many expenses associated with Botany 2005 because of timing