

Developmental and Structural Section Report

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Key points from the sectional business meeting held in Austin, Texas, at Botany 2005 were the following:

- 1) Students who received Cheadle and Developmental and Structural Section travel awards were introduced.
- 2) David Lee (Florida International University) was elected as the new treasurer for the section.
- 3) Symposium proposals for Botany 2006 were discussed. Ultimately, the following three symposia were approved for sponsorship by the section:
 - a) **International Botanical Exchange Delegations: Lesson From Twentieth Century China Exchange (1978-1979), With Application To The Twenty-First Century.** Organizer: Anitra Thorhaug, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies,
 - b) **Bringing together the living and dead: integrating extant and fossil biodiversity in evolutionary studies.** Organizers: Dr Nathalie Nagalingum, Duke University; Hervé Sauquet, Swedish Museum of Natural History
 - c) **The comparative phylogenetic method of reconstructing evolutionary history.** Organizer: William (Ned) Friedman
- 4) A proposal for the section to give an award for the best student poster presented at the annual meeting was discussed. After much discussion, the section approved a motion to give up to one award of \$100 in 2006. The Esau Committee will judge the posters and make the award.

At Botany 2005, 21 contributed papers and 12 posters were presented to the section, which also was the sponsor/cosponsor of symposia.

The executive committee evaluated applications from students for travel awards to Botany 2006. Eight students were given travel awards, including Theresa (Meis) Chormanski (Florida International University), Cary Pirone (Florida International University), Lara I. Strittmatter (), Gabriel Johnson (Southern Illinois University), Jennifer Winther (University of Colorado), Anna Jacobsen (Michigan State University), Mackenzie L. Taylor (University of Tennessee), and Athena McKown (University of Toronto).

Executive committee members also participated in the selection of the BSA's Cheadle Awards.

The section will have its next business meeting in Chico, California, at Botany 2006.