

2006 Genetics Section Report to the BSA Council

At the Botany 2005 meetings in Austin, TX, the Genetics Section made several awards. Two Graduate Student Research Awards of \$500 were presented. One to a PhD student (Nicole Hardiman, U. of Cincinnati), and one to a M.S. student (Amy Stillman, Boise State University). These awards were based on submitted research proposals, judged by an ad-hoc committee from the Genetics Section, and in addition to the \$500 research award carry an award of up to \$500 reimbursement for travel to a future BSA meeting to present the results of the research. The Margarte Menzel Award for the best contributed paper (\$200) was presented to Mitchell McGlaughlin (Rancho Santa Anna Botanical Garden), and the award for best poster (\$100) was presented to Jennifer Cruse-Sanders (Rancho Santa Anna Botanical Garden).

A Genetics Section Business Meeting was conducted on Aug. 15, 2005, with 13 individuals in attendance.

At the Botany 2006 meetings in Chico, CA, the Genetics Section will have 5 contributed papers sessions over two days with a total of 44 papers, as well as contributed posters session. The Genetics Section will also co-sponsor a symposium entitled "Hybridization as a Stimulus for the Evolution of Invasiveness in Plants" with seven papers. In addition to these papers, many papers will be presented that traditionally would have been presented in the Genetics Section, but will now be presented under on of the "thematic areas."

Chair Randall Small (U. of Tennessee), Vice-Chair Vance Baird (Clemson U.), and Secretary-Treasurer Theresa Cully (U. of Cincinnati) will remain in their current positions for the 2006-2007 year. At the end of the Business Meeting at Botany 2007 Randall Small will step down as Chair, and Vance Baird and Theresa Culley will rotate up. During the next year we will initiate the process of identifying individuals to take on the responsibilities of Secretary-Treasurer for the 2007-2008 year.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Small
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