

To: William Dahl, Executive Director
From: Lee B. Kass, Chair
Date: 17 July 2006 (revised)
Re: Historical Section Report for 2004-2005 [Botany 2006]
cc: Larry Davenport <ljdavenp@samford.edu>, Vice Chairman,
Carol Kelloff <KELLOFF.CAROL@NMNH.SI.EDU>, Secretary/Treasurer

Lee Kass, Chair of the Historical Section has been our representative on the Centennial Planning Committee. Kass will attend Botany 2006 in Chico and will give a paper on the contributions of Cornell to American Botany (Travel funds for Kass to attend the meeting will be provided by the Cornell Department of Plant Biology). Carol Kelloff, Secretary/Treasurer of the Historical Section will be presenting a talk in the Tropical Biology Section.

Lee Kass will step down as Chair of the section this year. Larry Davenport will succeed Kass as Chair of the Historical Section, as provided in our by-laws. A new Vice-Chair should be elected at our Annual Business Meeting. Carol Kelloff is currently Secretary/Treasurer of the Historical Section and her term is also up this year. If she does not wish to continue in this office, the section should elect a new officer for this position.

In last years report the section suggested using some of the Historical Sections funds to support the archival research of Dr. Betty Smocovitis for her project on writing a history of the Botanical Society of America in honor of its Centennial Year. Dr. Smocovitis is a member of the Historical Section and has been chosen as Keynote speaker for the Botany 2006 Centennial Meeting. I suggest that we use \$600 of our current balance for an honorarium to Dr Smocovitis. The Secretary/Treasurer will make this request as soon as possible.

The section sponsored 2 papers and 1 poster for Botany 2005. Two historical abstracts were submitted for Botany 2006; one was scheduled for the Historical Section contributed papers and the other has been placed in contributed papers for the Economic Botany Section.

The 2005 BSA Directory lists 78 members of the Historical Section.

We have scheduled an annual meeting for Botany 2006 at which time we plan to propose an award for a student paper on an historical subject. We also hope to discuss ideas for a Historical symposium for Botany 2007. We will also discuss who will be responsible for submitting our annual report--the Section Chair or the Secretary/Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
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