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Report of MOSELEY AWARD COMMITTEE

(3 appointed members; 3 year terms)

- Kevin Boyce (2006), Chair
- Patricia Gensel (2007)
- Brian Axsmith (2008)

The Maynard F. Moseley Award was established to honor a career of dedicated teaching, scholarship, and service to the furtherance of the botanical sciences. The award is presented to the student who is the sole or senior author of a paper, orally presented in the sessions of the Developmental and Structural Section or Paleobotanical Section of the annual BSA conference that best advances our understanding of plant anatomy and/or morphology of vascular plants within an evolutionary context.

Erika Edwards won the Moseley Award in 2005 for her single-authored presentation “*Pereskia* water relations reflect deep ecophysiological conservatism in the Cactaceae.”

In part to accommodate the different student award committees, the Developmental and Structural Section has been following the practice of the Paleobotanical Section, which is to put all of the student presentations into a single session. This has made it much more convenient for the award committee members to see most or all of the student talks, which is more fair to the students.

One difficulty that has arisen is that a number of non-students apparently have found it too tempting to resist clicking on that convenient box present on the registration website asking if you want to be considered for awards. It is suggested that for future years the registration form be altered to ask explicitly if the registrant wishes to be considered for *student* awards, with italics, underlining, and perhaps flashing of the word “student” as necessary.