

Annual Report of the Phycological Section, 2006

The Phycological Section of BSA received funds to co-sponsor a symposium with the Physiological Section in 2006. In keeping with the emphasis on the centennial theme of the history of the Society, the symposium honors the work of algal physiologist L. R. Blinks: "Legacy of L.R Blinks: Algae, Ions, and Light".

We used our general funds to continue the student travel award that we initiated last year to support a student attending the annual BSA meeting. This year's recipient is Nestor Raul Anzola of the University of Southern Mississippi. He will be attending the Botany meeting for the first time and presenting a poster: "Algae From the Pascagoula River Basin: Phytoplankton Responses to Water Chemistry Dynamic in Small Streams."

This year was to have been my last year of service as chair of the section. So far I have not been able to find a replacement for myself, despite suggestions from an ad hoc nominating committee consisting of former officers of the section, Louise Lewis and Rick McCourt. I will continue as chair until I can find a replacement.

At the Botany 2006 meeting we will discuss ways to revitalize the Section.

Last year I reported that there were no nominations for the Darbaker Prize for 2005, hence no prize would be awarded. However, after the meeting a nomination was received, and the prize was awarded to Tracy A. Villareal of the University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute. The Darbaker Committee consisted of: Richard McCourt (chair), Annette Coleman, and Martha Cook.

Respectfully submitted,

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