

Botanical Society of America  
2006 Economic Botany Section Meeting  
Tuesday August 1, 2006  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Bell Memorial Union, Chico, California

Attendees:

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**AGENDA**

**Review of the presentations this year.** This was the first year that the Botanical Society of America organized its talks and posters around topical themes, as well as around sections. Four topical themes were devoted to the Economic Botany Section: 1) Applied Plant Biology, 2) Ethnobotany, 3) Evolution of Cultivated Plants, 4) History of Plants and People. In total, these topical themes accumulated 15 talks and two posters.

**Student Awards.** Our section should begin looking for funds to give more student awards, and it is important to begin early on this venture.

**Botanical Images.** Bill Dahl discussed the push for the Botanical Society of America to get botanical images on the web, with documentation to these images. The Economic Botany Section has such fascinating investigations including field work in remote places that we should be able to contribute many good images.

**PlantingScience.** We discussed ideas for an Economic Botany Sip3 module, but it will take a lot of coordinated effort to get this off the ground.

**Economic Botany Officers.** David Spooner was reelected as Section Chair and Felix Coe was elected as Secretary.