

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAST PRESIDENT - 2008

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Christopher Haufler, (Chair); Edward Schneider; and Allison Snow

Prof. Dr. SUN Ge: Professor of Paleobotany, Director of Paleontological Museum of Liaoning, China, Director of Paleontological Institute, Shenyang Normal University; Director of the Research Center of Paleontology, Jilin University

Professor Sun is recommended unanimously as a Corresponding Member of the Botanical Society of America. He has published about 100 refereed papers, authored or co-authored 3 books, and edited or co-edited 7 collected papers volumes. His publications span his major interests in Mesozoic floras. His work includes detailed presentations of ferns, cycads, conifers, ginkgos, and angiosperms. Professor Sun is one of the founding fathers of modern Chinese paleobotany and he has strongly supported multinational collaboration on a number of significant topics. He has been a leader in the discovery and description of some of the earliest angiosperms and has also played a significant role in understanding the botanical response to the Cretaceous-Tertiary Boundary impact event. Professor Sun has made significant and varied contributions to international palaeobotany through research, collaboration, direction, support, and facilitation. He is richly deserving of appointment to the BSA as Corresponding Member.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Christopher Haufler, Past President, Chair, ex officio, Jun Wen, Bob Jansen, Jeff Doyle, Stephen G. Weller, Secretary, ex officio

The election committee solicited nominations from the membership of the Botanical Society of America for President Elect and for Program Director. In addition to these, Committee members provided additional nominations.

The Chair of the Committee contacted the top nominees and from among those who agreed to run, two were selected as candidates, Kent Holsinger and Richard Olmstead. For the position of Program Director, only one nominee was received, and David Spooner was chosen to run unopposed.

The election was held and the results were:

Kent Holsinger 216, Richard Olmstead 169 | **David Spooner** 384, Write In 1

Thus, Kent Holsinger will become President Elect and David Spooner will become Program Director.

Respectfully submitted, Christopher Haufler BSA Past President