

2008 Annual Report BSA Systematics Section

Kathleen A. Kron, chair; Patrick S. Herendeen, Secretary-Treasurer
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At the Botany 2006 meeting in Chico, California, Kathleen A. Kron was elected as chair (two year term) of the section and Patrick S. Herendeen was elected as secretary-treasurer (three year term) at the Systematics Section business meeting, which is held jointly with the business meeting for the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. Kathy will appoint a nominating committee to identify a candidate to stand for election as the next chair of the section.

At the annual section business meeting in Chicago during the Botany 2007 conference the section membership voted on a bylaws change that establishes a \$5 annual dues fee that will be used to support the activities of the section, with particular emphasis on supporting student participation in conference activities. The year the dues payments raised \$3,650. Next year we will begin using these funds to support student participation through such things as subsidizing field trip registration fees.

During fiscal year 2008 the BSA Systematics Section supported two symposia and one colloquium with funds and sponsored one symposium and one workshop without funds for the Botany 2008 conference.

Financial Support. The BSA Systematics Section and ASPT supported two symposia:

- 1) \$600 for "Phylogeography of northern North America with insights from paleontological, geological, and molecular data" Organizer: Anne Bruneau
- 2) \$600 for "Polyploidy: Genetics, Evolution and Ecology" Organizers: Keith Adams and Jeannette Whitton
- 3) \$500 for "Colloquium: The Utility of Pollen in Systematic and Morphological Studies: A Celebration of the Life of John J. Skvarla" Organizers: Vicki Funk and Melanie DeVore

Sponsorship in name only (without financial support). The BSA Systematics Section sponsored one symposium and one workshop in name only:

- 1) Workshop- "Encyclopedia of Life and the Botanical Community" Organizer: Chuck Miller
- 2) "Understanding plant evolution: morphology to molecules" Organizer Amy Litt

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick S. Herendeen