

## **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE- 2009**

It has been a quiet year for the Publications Committee. This year there have been searches under way for Editor in Chief of American Journal of Botany and Editor of Plant Science Bulletin. Other than fielding enquiries for the PSB Editor position the Publications Committee has not involved in these searches and is not aware of any decisions.

Over the past year there has been discussion of the possibility of including peer reviewed contributions in PSB. PSB Editor Marsh Sundberg has proposed this change to enhance the standing of this publication and add value to membership in Botanical Society of America.

The topic of open access remains as an issue that needs to be thought through very carefully to determine the appropriate strategy for the journal and BSA. If new proposed federal legislation is enacted it will require open access for all publications supported by federal science granting agencies. Currently the open access requirement only applies to NIH supported publications. This change will have a significant impact on AJB.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is long term storage and access to data that support AJB publications. We need to develop a data storage and retrieval system that is capable of growing with increased demand for access to archived data.

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