



Botanical Society of America Bylaws Ballot 2003

The following change to the Bylaws was approved by the Executive Committee and is provided here for your consideration. The proposed change clarifies whether the Society can comment and provide information on issues of public policy relating to science; it removes wording in the current bylaws that can be interpreted as prohibitions to such activity. Please vote **Yes** if you accept the proposed change or **No** if you reject the proposed change.

Please send your Bylaws Ballot to:

Botanical Society of America
PO Box 299
St. Louis, MO 63166-0299

Ballots should be postmarked no later than June 15, 2003.

Current By-Laws:

ARTICLE XIV. General Prohibitions

Any provisions of these Bylaws which might be susceptible to a contrary construction notwithstanding:

1. The Society is organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes.
2. No part of the assets of The Society shall, or may, under any circumstances, inure to the private benefit of any member, officer, or individual except as reasonable compensation for services or reimbursement for approved personal expenditures on behalf of The Society [6(b), below].
3. Whereas The Society exists for scientific and educational purposes, it may engage in efforts intended better to inform the public on issues pertaining to plant science and the influences of plants on people as an element in the biosphere. The Society, nevertheless, shall not allow any part of its activities to become those of lobbying or espousing particular scientific, economic, political, social, or religious doctrines or dogmas.

Proposed Change:

Change **Article XIV. 3.** by removing “scientific, economic,” and “social” from the last sentence, so that **Article XIV. 3.** reads

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_____ **YES**

_____ **No**