

Annual Report for the Development and Structure Section, 2019

1. Cheadle Student Travel Awards of \$500 each were given to the following individuals to attend Botany 2019:
 - a. Yoko, Zebadiah, North Dakota State University. Advisor: Jill Hamilton
 - b. Megan Nibbelink, Humboldt State University. Advisor: Mihai Tomescu
 - c. Alexander Bippus, Oregon State University. Advisor: Ruth Stockey
 - d. Annika, Smith, University of Florida. Advisors: Pamela and Douglas Soltis
2. In keeping with the policy adopted at the business meeting at Botany 2014, D&S section Travel awards were increased to \$500. Three were given for students to attend Botany 2019:
 - a. Ana Andruchow Colombo, Museo Paleontolgico Egidio Feruglio. Advisor: Ignacio Escapa
 - b. Asia Hightower, Wayne State University. Advisor: Edward Golenberg
 - c. Molly Edwards, Harvard University. Advisor: Elena Kramer
3. The program director (Lena Hileman) reported that Botany 2019 will have a total of 18 posters and 28 contributed papers from the Development and Structure Section. Of these 14 posters and 14 papers are anatomy and morphology and 4 posters and 14 papers are EvoDevo. We sponsored two symposia: “Life without water: evolution and adaptation of xeric plants,” and “The evolution of functional traits in plants: is the giant still sleeping?”
4. The financial shape of the section is consistent with the previous year, which is sound (reporting covering Oct 1 2017-Sep 30 2018). Membership decreased to 228 current members, down from 243 in the previous year. At the end of the 2017-2018 financial year, we had a sectional cash balance of \$13,920. Additional financial information is detailed in the table below.

Type	Funds within BIP	Committee affiliation	Description	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019 To Date
Sectional Account	D&S Section	D&S Section	Section funds (dues/donations) - used for business meeting food, sectional needs, etc.	\$13,740.91	14,127.78	\$13,920.43
Sectional Awards	D&S STA	D&S Section	Student travel award fund; used to distribute varying amounts of travel awards	\$14,354.48	13,443.52	\$13,528.52
Sectional Awards	Katherine Esau Fund	D&S Section	This award was established in 1985 with a gift from Dr. Esau and is augmented by ongoing contributions. It is given to the graduate student who presents the outstanding paper in developmental and structural botany. Distributes \$500 each year	\$24,626.80	25,183.89	\$25,273.89
Sectional Awards	Maynard Moseley Fund	D&S Section	The award is given to the best student paper, presented in either the Paleobotanical or Developmental and Structural sessions; established in 1995 to honor Moseley	\$6,053.31	6,009.09	\$6,009.09
BSA Restricted Funds	Vernon I Cheadle Fund	D&S Section	The Botanical Society of America, in conjunction with the Developmental & Structural Section offers up to four (4),	\$20,777.83	20,614.34	\$22,674.34

			<u>\$500 Vernon I. Cheadle Student Travel Awards.</u> Awards are available to undergraduate and graduate students who will be attending and presenting a paper or poster at the annual meeting of the Botanical Society of America.			
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5. This is Jocelyn's third year as chair of the section and we will vote on a new chair in the section meeting at Botany 2019 (two people have agreed to run for position).