

BSA Board Minutes
Email Vote
5/12/2022

Proposed Price Increase for the American Journal of Botany

Wiley has contacted us, as they do each year, about the proposed annual price increase for the AJB. Here is what they have to say.

“For volume year 2023, in place of a standard recommendation across our whole portfolio, we are proposing individual pricing recommendations tailored to your journal. This new approach will help to future-proof AJB by aligning your journal to the needs of the library customer; taking into account the proportion of OA published articles, and trends in ‘Title-by-Title’ (TbT) subscription revenues.

We are recommending the following for AJB: a 3% increase for a new 2023 price of \$1,053. For reference, your journal’s 2022 subscription rate is \$1,022.

We will continue to offer institutions the choice to purchase journals title-by-title or via a Wiley License, including the popular “All Journals” License option. We’re also continuing to expand circulation to journals through new transformational agreements.”

Staff Comments: Not many libraries/institutions purchase the journal individually, most purchase through license agreements or transformational deals. A 3% increase seems reasonable to BSA staff.

Board voted in favor of the 3% price increase to \$1,053.

Legal Costs for Wiley contractual negotiation

BSA Board voted in favor of utilizing Chicago Law Partners and allocating up to \$10,000 in legal expenses for contract review and negotiation for the BSA-Wiley Publications contract.