

President-Elect Report, Vivian Negrón-Ortiz, June 2022

Distinguished Fellow and Emerging Leader Award Committee: Vivian Negrón-Ortiz (Chair), Allison Snow, David Lee, Ann Sakai, and Michael Donoghue (President, ex officio)

Distinguished Fellow

Nominated: Steven Handel, Rutgers (Chuck Davis; Handel was also nominated last year); Pamela K. Diggle, University of Connecticut (Cynthia Jones); and Lynn Bohs, University of Utah (Stephen Stern).

Selection: The committee agreed unanimously to give one award this year: Pamela K. Diggle.

Emerging Leader Award

Nominated: Karolina Heyduk, University of Hawai'i (Jim Leebens-Mack & Erika Edwards); Fay-Wei Li, Boyce Thompson Institute (Kathleen Pryer); and Laura Lagomarsino, Louisiana State Univ. (Emily Sessa, Madelaine Bartlett, Maribeth Latvis; Lagomarsino was also nominated last year).

Selection: Initially, the committee recommended two awards, but approval was vetoed by the Executive Committee because (among the main reasons) it should be a single awardee and having more than one awardee weakens the prestige of the award. The committee reevaluated the nominees, and Karolina Heyduk was recommended for the emerging leader award. We encourage Fay-Wei Li to be re-nominated.

For both awards, the Chair contacted the nominators to explain why their nominees were not selected.

Committee on Committees Vivian Negrón-Ortiz (Chair), Wendy Clement, David Tank, Chase Mason, Jenny Xiang, Brenda Molano-Flores, Gretchen North, J. Chris Pires (Secretary)

Meetings

October 2021: The committee discussed the past and current application process. Overall, the new application process was considered priority, with flexibility to bring others in and asking them to apply after the 1st process is done. It was suggested to directly contact the Distinguished Fellow / Emerging Leader award winners to apply to that specific committee, and to encourage some members of underrepresented groups to apply to serve on BSA committees.

April 2022: On April 2022, the Kaplan Dissertation Award committee (KDAC) identified two potential members for consideration to join the committee, Dr. Jessica Budke, research on bryophyte comparative morphology and evolution, and Dr. Paula Rudall, comparative flora morphology and evolution. The Committee on Committees reviewed and approved both members via email. The KDAC is now comprised of:

Lena Hileman (Chair) – Floral evolution and development; Joseph Williams – Developmental sequencing of flowering plant reproductive organs; Sean Graham – Seed plant molecular phylogenetics and trait evolution; Jessica Budke - Bryophyte comparative morphology and genomics; Paula Rudall – comparative floral morphology and evolution

May-June 2022: Through the application process we received 24 applications for 7 committees, nobody applied to serve on 5 committees (Committee on Committees, Election, Financial Advisory, Information Technology, Investments), and one applicant applied to three positions.

Committees to fill: 12 [25 slots (20 non-students, and 5 students)].

| Committee | # Openings | | # Applicants received |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Nonstudent /Professionals (P) | Student Grad (G), Undergrad (U) | |
| Committee on Committees | 2 | | 0 |
| Development | 1 | 1G | 1G |
| Education | 2 | 1U | 6 (2U, 4G, 2P) |
| Election | 2 | 1G | 0 |
| Financial Advisory | 1 | | 0 |
| Information Technology | 2 | 1G | 0 |
| International Affairs | 2 | 1G | 9 (7P, 2G, 1U) |
| Investments | 1 | | 0 |
| Public Policy | 1 | | 2P |
| Publications | 1 | | 3P |
| Distinguished Fellow/Emerging Leader | 2 | | 1P |
| Grad Student Research Award | 3 | | 2P |
| Total | 20 | 5 | 24 |

Process: The committee evaluated the 24 applications, as well as four additional applicants that were not selected for a committee last year. The committee met twice to make selections with additional decisions done via email when necessary. Ten applicants were appointed to the committee of their 1st choice. An additional 7 applicants, that were appointed to other committees that were not their first choice, then were contacted by the Chair to see if they would agree to serve. Of these, 5 accepted. As part of the process, names for those committees with no applicants or partially filled were suggested by the committee and in some cases multiple names were suggested for some committees as “backup” candidates; the Finance Advisory committee was contacted by Heather and this committee provided a recommendation to fill its vacancy; all these applicants were contacted by the Chair to see if they would agree to serve.

Outcome/selection (red) (year: term ends)

Committee on Committees

Vivian Negrón-Ortiz (2022), President Elect, Chair

J. Chris Pires (2022), Secretary

David Tank (2022)

Chase Mason (2023)

Jenny Xiang (2023)

Brenda Molano-Flores (2023)

Gretchen North, DEI Chair (2023)

Wendy Clement (2024)

Steven Handel (2025)

Cynthia Huebner (2025)

Development

Jennifer Cruse-Sanders (2023), At-Large Director, Chair

Edward Schneider

Ned Friedman (2023)

Rebecca Rooney (2023)

Peter Wilf (2023)

Joe Williams (2023)

Heather Cacanindin, Executive Director, ex officio

Katherine Charton, grad student (2024)

Jennifer Ackerfield (2025)

Distinguished Fellow_Emerging Leader

Vivian Negrón-Ortiz (2022), Chair

Allison Snow (2022)

David Lee (2023)

Ann Sakai (2023)

Michael Donoghue (2022), President, ex officio

Stacey Smith (2025)

Jim Leebens-Mack (2025)

Education

Rachel Jabaily (2024), Chair and At-Large Director - Education

Ken Cameron (2022)

Susan Pell (2022)

Kiana Lee, Graduate Student Representative (2023)

Jorge Mena-Ali (2023)

Helen Holmlund (2024)

Karen Wellner (2024)

Catrina Adams, BSA Education Director, ex officio

Phil Gibson, Editor, PlantED, ex officio

Kyra Krakos, Teaching Section Chair, ex officio

J. Chris Pires (2022), Secretary, ex officio

Michael Donoghue (2022), President, ex officio
Terian Koscik (2024), Undergraduate
SONALI SAHA (2025)
Emily Rollinson (2025)

Election

Cynthia Jones (2022), Past President, Chair
Chelsea Specht (2022)
Shannon Straub (2022)
Chelsea Pretz, Student Representative (2022)
Michael McKain (2023)
J. Chris Pires (2024), Secretary, ex officio
Lauren Eserman (2025)
Kathleen Pryer (2025)
Imeña Valdes (2024), grad student

Graduate Student Research Award

Morgan Gostel (2022)
Tanya Livschultz (2022)
Richard Moore (2022)
Lisa Boucher (2023)
Jamie Kostyun (2023)
Elena Peredo (2023)
Norm Wickett (2023)
Liming Cai (2024)
Stephanie Conway (2024)
Cheryl Dunn (2024)
Helen Michaels (2024)
Heather Cacanindin, Executive Director, ex officio
Richard Moore (2025)
Yujing Yan (2025)
Michael Moody (2025)

Information Technology

Mike Ballou, Student Representative (2022)
Alex Harkess (2022)
Matt Johnson (2022)
Jill Wegrzyn (2023)
Rob Brandt, BSA Manager Technology Development, ex officio
Heather Cacanindin, Executive Director, ex officio
Cheng-Chiang Wu (2025)
Eric Wada (2025)
Jasmine Zenderland, grad student (2024)

International affairs

Hugo Cota-Sanchez (2022)
Carol Sinascalchi (2022)
Ceclila Zumajo, Student Representative (2022)
Johanne Brunet (2023)
Suman Nupane (2023)
Shengchen Shan (2024)
Heather Cacanindin, Executive Director, ex officio
Melanie Link-Perez, Program Director, ex officio
Michael Donoghue, President, ex officio
Susanne S. Renner (2025)
Funmilola Ojo (2025)
Oluwatobi Oso, grad student (2024)
Julie Barcelona (2025)

Investments

Toby Kellogg (2022), Chair
Maia Thomas (2022), Probono Professional advisor
Larry Hufford (2022)
Peter Crane (2023)
Cecilia Ezeanya, Student Representative (2023)
Ned Friedman (2023)
Kent Holsinger (2023)
Michael Donoghue (2022), President, ex officio
Lucinda McDade (2022), Treasurer, ex officio
Heather Cacanindin, Executive Director, ex officio
Janice Coons (2025)

Public Policy

Krissa Skogen (2023), Co-Chair
Tanisha Williams (2023), Co-Chair
Norm Ellstrand (2022)
Michelle Gaynor (2023)
Scott Gevaert (2023)
Andrew Pais (2024)
Heather Cacanindin, Executive Director, ex officio
Travis Marsico (2025)

Publications

Emily Sessa, BSA Director at large - Publications (2022), Chair
Sean Graham (2022)
Rebecca Barrone - Student Representative (2023)
Rupesh Kariyat (2023)

Thales Leandro (2023)
Nora Mitchell (2023)
Jordan Dowell (2024)
Pamela Diggle, Editor, AJB, ex officio
Theresa Culley, Editor, APPS, ex officio
Mackenzie Taylor, Editor, PSB, ex officio
Amy McPherson, AJB Managing Editor, ex officio
Richard Hund, AJB Production Editor, ex officio
Beth Parada, APPS Managing Editor, ex officio
[H. Jochen Schenk \(2025\)](#)

Finance Advisory

Larry Hufford (2022), Chair
Laura Galloway (2022)
Jun Wen (2022)
Sandra Davis (2023)
Alan Yocca (2023)
Lucinda McDade (2022), Treasurer, ex officio
[Linda Watson \(2005\)](#)