

Sectional Funding Requests Summary – November 2021

We received 7 sectional funding requests. These mainly follow the policy and guidelines that the Board laid out for sections to make these requests, with a few special exceptions.

7 BSA Sections Request funds:

Bryological/Lichenological (225) – Current funds \$3842, Requesting \$1600, Recommended \$1500

Economic Botany (264) – Current funds are \$4884, Requesting \$1,500, Recommended \$1000

Genetics (445) – Current Funds are \$4768, Requesting \$3750, Recommended \$2000

Physiology (300) – Current Funds are \$1906, Requesting \$2500, Recommended \$1500

Phytochemistry (106) – Current Funds are \$170, Requesting \$2400, Recommended \$2200

Pteridological (186)– Current Funds are \$7195, Requesting \$3500, Recommended \$1500

PUI (221) – Current Funds are \$1420, Requesting \$4806, Recommended \$4806

TOTAL REQUESTED = \$20,056, Total Recommended \$14,506

Brief Note About Availability of Funding

The Board and membership approved a FY2022 budget with a planned \$41K loss in operations, planning to take a 2% draw from the earnings of the BSA unallocated portion of the investment account if necessary. The draw we requested would provide enough funds to cover all of these requests if the Board feels it should fund them all, but then leaves very little for us to work with should needs arise the remainder of the year. (At the last meeting we approved \$15,000 in expenditures for improved EIC stipend and a publishing consultant)

Recommendation from Treasurer/President

We settle on a fair amount of student/Postdoc **travel awards** to fund from each section that requested those: Perhaps 3 @ \$500 each for B&L, Physiology, Phytochemistry, Pteridological (B&L section wanted to give out \$200 student travel awards but the Board has already discussed previously how \$200 won't go very far for a flight to Alaska). Then 4 for Genetics and 2 for Economic Botany. **Total - \$9,000**

We provide a bit of extra help to the Phytochemical section that is just getting started and has barely collected any dues yet. \$500 for their meeting/social and \$200 for their best poster and best presentation awards. Total = \$700

BSA is already providing \$3000 (if approved at this meeting) to fund student field trips, and sectional members from Pteridology and Bryology should be encouraged to apply for those.

Recommended = \$9,700 for the first 6 section requests

The PUI Section Request is out of the normal scope of these requests. They are basically proposing that BSA assist with funding to support a workshop on setting up an inclusive lab. There is already cooperation and discussion between the PUI Section and the DEI Committee on this workshop. BSA had previously budgeted \$15K for DEI activities and anti-racist leadership training in the FY2022 Budget. At the DEI Committee meeting a few weeks ago, the committee voted to repurpose some of the funds allocated to them in support of this workshop. **Therefore, BSA can use \$4806 of the \$15K previously budgeted for DEI activities in support of the Inclusive Labs workshop.**

Total Recommended = \$14,506