Board MOTION & VOTE re: Darbaker fund and symposium support
3/5/19

The Board was contacted via email on March 5, 2019 for discussion and vote re: a proposal to use some of the Darbaker funds (funds allocated to the Darbaker Award, which is officially described as a "grant or grants in Microscopical Algae.") to support a symposium at BOTANY 2019 that is focused on algae. The full text of the motion is provided here:

“BSA will award $1000 from the Darbaker fund to support the Botany 2019 symposium on 'Green Land' (which is actually largely about algae).

The funding is to go to colleagues who are early career stage and/or from underrepresented groups and/or women on the basis of need. We ask that BSA funds NOT be used except in cases where other sources of funding are NOT available for this purpose.

The leadership of BSA would like to see a budget that proposes how the funds are to be allocated once the planning and execution of the symposium by organizer Rick McCourt have reached a stage that permits Rick to prepare such a budget with clarity.”

A link to a Survey Monkey vote was included in the message. The MOTION PASSED on 3/14/19.