

**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.