



## Board Report February 24, 2023

### Botany 2023 is coming to life!

- Using a new abstract submission site – Opened on February 15<sup>th</sup> for submissions...Currently 22 abstracts submitted.
- Currently reviewing and testing the Registration Site. Plan to open by the end of the month. Registration rates were increased slightly and are [here](#). As soon as the site is ready, I will send out a complimentary registration code and hotel information.
- [Symposia](#) and [Colloquia](#) are posted on the [Conference Website](#)
- [Workshops](#) were reviewed and accepted by committee of participating society representatives. Workshops are on the website.
- [16 Field trips](#) are included this year - Daily trips to the Idaho Botanic Garden. Both BSA and ASPT have agreed to support students taking field trips. In addition, we will have 2 Botany in Action programs this year – one botanical in nature and one with a social action bent. Exact programs to be chosen shortly.
- This year's special lectures will be given by:
  - Plenary Address - Jacqueline Gill
  - Annals of Botany Lecture - Jill T Anderson
  - Emerging Leader Lecture - Karolina Heyduk
  - Address of the BSA President-Elect - Brenda Molano-Flores
  - Belonging in Botany - Jessica Hernandez
  - Kaplan Memorial Lecture - Erika Edwards
  - Regional Botany Special Lecture - Don Mansfield
  - Address of ASPT Pres Elect - Jun Wen
- Our hybrid model will be much the same as last year with Symposia and Special lectures to be given in person. Currently colloquia, contributed papers, lightning talks to be pre-recorded and uploaded to the platform in early July. Posters this year must be presented in person. However, presenters may choose to upload their poster to the platform AFTER the Monday night poster session.

### Child Care

- We are hiring Kidde Corp to run our child-care program again this year. I anticipate a charge of \$5.00/hour to parents with the conference picking up the difference. They will accommodate children 6 months – 11 years old.

### Hybrid Issues

We have formed a committee to look at ways to increase the value to our virtual attendees. Had a short meeting yesterday and several good ideas. Feel free to contact me if you have thoughts.

### Botany 2024!

Shhhhh! You are getting some very privileged information. We are very close to signing a VERY good deal with Grand Rapids, Michigan. June 13 – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Details to follow. Earlier conference so as to not compete with IBC in Spain. As soon as the contracts are signed we will announce it to the world!

Any comments, thoughts, ideas – Let us know!

Johanne and Melanie!