

## **Ecology Section Annual Report July 11, 2019**

The Ecology section had a strong presence at BOTANY 2018. As a section, we had a total of 82 papers, 52 oral presentations, and 30 posters. Out of these presentations, 26 were from graduate and undergraduate students to be judged for awards: 13 Talks (11 Grad + 2 Undergrad) and 13 Posters (7 Grad + 6 Undergrad). We had four sessions under Ecology: Functional Traits and Responses, Community Interactions and Responses, Reproductive Biology, and Population Biology. We would like to thank all the Judges and Session Presiders that helped out during the meeting.

In 2018, the finances of our section were healthy, with more than 20,000 USD as available funds. For BOTANY 2018, we provided support for the Carnivorous Plants Symposium and Colloquium. In addition, we gave five student awards. As a section, we have the Ecology Travel Award to assist with student participation and finances. In 2018, we had 12 applicants and the officers unanimously selected one recipient for our section, receiving a \$500 travel award. In addition to this award, Oral and Poster Awards were given to graduate and undergraduate students. During our business meeting at BOTANY 2018, the members approved the continuation of support for more travel awards and at least one symposium and/or colloquium.

Lastly, in 2018 we elected new officers: Brenda Molano-Flores (Chair), Uromi Goodale (Vice-Chair), and Cynthia Huebner (Secretary). We thank Phil Gibson (Chair) and Tracy S. Hawkins (Secretary) for their services to the section. Tracy was our secretary for 6 years!!!