Search for New Editor-in-Chief, *Applications in Plant Sciences* Journal

As you may have heard, Theresa Culley will be stepping down as Editor-in-Chief of APPS (*Applications in Plant Sciences*) after this year (and after ten years of service to the journal as its founding EIC!). The BSA Publications team is therefore starting the process of searching for a new EIC for APPS.

Below is a tentative timeline for the search (though finalizing the specific dates and deadlines would be on the agenda for our first committee meeting).

Proposed search timeline:

**Step 1a:** Invite people to serve on the search committee.

**Step 1b:** Draft a call for nominations/applications.

- Heather Cacanindin, Beth Parada, and Amy McPherson are working on this, and the draft will be shared with the committee prior to our first meeting.

**Step 2:** Meet with the committee via Zoom to discuss search criteria, evaluation rubric, and a timeline.

- Ideally we will meet the week of Sept. 13.

**Step 3:** Send out the call for nominations and also ask members of the committee to encourage specific people to apply.

- Ideally we will send out the call a week or so after the first committee meeting (i.e., by the end of September).

**Step 4:** Meet with the committee to discuss the nominations/applications

- We would thinking of aiming for a deadline sometime in October, if that seems reasonable?

**Step 5:** Conduct interviews via Zoom as necessary.

- Interviews would take place late October into November.

**Step 6:** Extend an offer.

- Ideally by the end of this calendar year!

**Search Committee:** (group has been invited; awaiting confirmation)

Joyce Chery, Cornell University
Karolina Heyduk, University of Hawaii
Mike Moore, Oberlin College
Pam Soltis, University of Florida
Norm Wickett, Chicago Botanic Garden/Northwestern University
Beth Parada, Managing Editor, APPS
Amy McPherson, BSA Director of Publications
Emily Sessa, BSA Director-at-Large for Publications