

Botanical Society of America, Committee on Committee Report
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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (6 appointed members; 3 year terms)

Linda Watson (2021), President-Elect, Chair, ex officio

Chris Martine (2019)

James H Leebens-Mack (2020)

Briana L. Gross (2020)

James McDaniel, (2021)

Rachel Spicer (2021), Secretary, ex officio

- A total of 45 individuals were appointed to fill existing and upcoming vacancies on the 20 regular committees and for the establishment of a new committee (Kaplan Dissertation Improvement Award), an ad hoc committee (Website Redesign), a previously inactive committee (Financial Advisory), and for a BSA rep to the Code of Conduct Committee for 2019.
- The most senior members of regular committees were contacted to serve as incoming chairs; for new committees, individuals were identified and appointed.
- No appointments were made to the Darbaker. Only one was made to the Distinguished Fellow Award Committee after consultation with current members that 3 rather than 6 are sufficient. A professional financial advisor, who will serve *pro bono*, was added to the Investment Committee.

Bylaws and Policy updates: Several committees need bylaws and policy updates. It would be advisable for each committee to revisit and review these documents and to annually provide suggested updates for when the BSA bylaws undergo revision. We need to pay attention to rotations since many were out of sync.

Dire Need: There needs to be a better and more efficient to make committee appointments, especially since many people do not answer and some decline the invitation. This workload might be lightened by requiring that the Awards Committees and/or Section Chairs play a more active role in these appointments (Cheadle, Esau , Kaplan Lecture, Kaplan DIA, Moseley, Pelton). In addition, more than 500 members indicated their interest in serving as a volunteer when they joined or renewed; the online renewal form needs to have a list of committees to be selected from (including a brief narrative of the roles and duties of each), so this information can be collected and shared with the Committee on Committees.

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