

BSA Pacific Section  
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Dieter Wilken, chair of the Pacific Section for the past two years, worked on a revision of the Bylaws of the section and has given much thought to how the Section might become more active. Also during the past year Mary Barkworth, Secretary/Treasurer of the Section, tried to get a BSA co-sponsored session at the AAAS Pacific Division meeting in Logan, Utah this June but couldn't find anyone to organize it. He resigned from his position as Chair in April, 2004 due to pressure of work. There is a meeting of the Section planned in Snowbird and we are hoping that a good attendance and some good thinking will help us develop a strategy for meeting the needs of BSA members in this very large region. To remind you, the Pacific Section of the Botanical Society of America, Inc. includes the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia and the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Botanical Society of America members in geographically contiguous areas of the Pacific Basin (e.g., Australia, Asia, and South America) may also elect to be members of the Section. The very size of the section may be one reason why it is so difficult to get active participation.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Morin, (interim?) chair