

## Ecological Section Report—2005

At the Botany 2004 meetings in Snowbird, our section awarded checks and banquet tickets to students recognized for their paper and poster presentations. Sally Chess of San Francisco State University (with coauthors Robert A. Rugoso and Gretchen LeBuhn) won the Best Student Paper Award for her talk “Evidence for pollinator-mediated selection in *Linanthus dichotomus*”. Hester Bell (with coauthors E. Friar and J.T. Columbus) won the Best Student Poster Award for “Population genetics of *Swallenia alexandrae* (Poaceae), the Eureka Valley dune grass”. Thanks to those who judged for these awards including Joe Colosi, Margaret Devall, Tom Givnish, Katherine Preston, and Carl Weekley. Our business meeting was attended by 26 people.

For the upcoming Botany 2005 meetings in Austin, our section has 36 papers and 24 posters scheduled. We also are supporting three symposia including “Biology of Dryland Plants” with \$1000, “Connecting People to Plants—Botanical Messages that Make a Difference” with \$2000, and “The Cross Timbers: Botany, History, and Current Issues” with \$950.

Respectfully submitted,

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