



American Society of Plant Biologist

Subcommittees:
Minority Affairs Committee and
Women in Plant Biology

What is ASPB? What is its history?

- Founded in 1924 to promote the growth and development of plant biology (originally named American Society of Plant Physiologist).
- It publishes the highly cited and respected journals Plant Physiology and The Plant Cell.
- Membership spans six continents, and our members work in such diverse areas as academia, government laboratories, and industrial and commercial environments.
- The Society also has a large student membership. ASPB plays a key role in uniting the international plant science disciplines.

Subcommittee organization

- Executive
- Education
- International
- Membership
- **Minority Affairs**
- Nominating
- Operations Subcommittee
- Program
- Public Affairs
- Publications
- **Women in Plant Biology**

Minority Affairs Committee

<http://www.aspb.org/committees/minorityaffairs/>

Activities via the MAC: Diversity Bank, Minorities in Plant Science (database- Institutions, Individuals), Featured Lab, Careers in Plant Science, Graduate School Information, Undergraduate Research Programs, Directory of Minority Institutions, Minority Scholars Program (regional conferences, travel awards, recognition awards (MSIs), visiting professorships, summer undergraduate research fellowships, expert seminars), Resources Page, and Annual Meeting Events.

Diversity Bank

- Research Institutions Providing Summer Research Projects
- Research Institutions & Faculty Providing Research Seminars
- LIST all Summer Research Projects for Minority Individuals
- LIST all Research Seminars for MSIs
- LIST all Individuals Seeking Projects or Seminars
- Minority Serving Institution Faculty Seeking Research Seminars
- Minority Serving Institution Faculty Seeking Summer Research Projects
- Minority Undergraduate Students Seeking Summer Research Projects



Annual Meeting Events Organized by MAC

- Travel awards- primarily graduate students and postdocs (\$500)
- Recognition awards- Faculty, graduate students (\$500)
- Awardee Luncheon (Invited Speaker- David Burgess, Boston College)
- MAS Symposium (“Foods of the Gods”- ~4 speakers)

Other

“Hot Topics Corner” (2/08)

- 1) 19th annual International Conference on Arabidopsis Research Fellowships
- 2) Participate in the Minority Researcher List
- 3) Free first-time ASPB Membership for MSI individuals

New Initiatives: 1) provide MSI-s with free online subscription to journals, 2) training grant to expand our activities

Items to Address

- Describe how the program/committee work is connected to the larger professional society
- How are efforts related to women and ethnic diversity connected?
- If volunteers, do these people receive any training or preparation related to the target population of the program?
- Overcoming challenges, assessment