

## **Student Network & Committee Details**

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The SEB Student Network was formally created following student interest generated at the 1999 International Botanical Congress meeting in St. Louis, Missouri (USA). The reason for establishing the Network was to facilitate dialog among student colleagues from diverse geographic and disciplinary areas in order to enhance their research, professional development, and the development of the field of ethnobotany.

### **Network Objectives Are To:**

- 1) Circulate research proposal abstracts to connect students conducting research on similar topical or geographic areas
- 2) Promote the standardization of research methodologies to foster comparative studies and potential co-authorship of publications
- 3) Promote a mentoring system whereby graduate students can assist newer students
- 4) Notify each other of funding, research, internship, and job opportunities
- 5) Advance the discussion as to how we want ethnobotany to be defined and applied
- 6) Share creative ideas and fresh perspectives to enhance our collective learning experiences

### **Primary Mechanisms for Achieving the Objectives:**

- 1) Listserv (open to everyone, not only to students or to SEB members)
- 2) Ethnobotany student thesis and dissertation abstract database (abstracts submitted by students)
- 3) Updated listing of ethnobotany courses and programs
- 4) Student mixer at the SEB annual meetings
- 5) Workshops and roundtable discussions held at annual meetings
- 6) Student Committee

### **Student Committee Composition and Role:**

- 1) Comprised of chairperson and three other members. (All of which must be bona fide undergraduate or graduate students.)
- 2) Role of the committee:
  - a. to maintain a student network
  - b. voice the interests and needs of the Society's student membership, and
  - c. organize a formal student social at the annual meeting
- 3) Role of the student committee chair
  - a. Terms of office shall be two years (beginning close of annual business meeting immediately following election)
  - b. Act as student member of the Council
  - c. Act as a liaison between students and Council
  - d. Coordinate student social at SEB annual meeting, including providing an itemized budget to the Council. (Funds are furnished by the Council and this amount should be reassessed every 3 years to adjust for inflation.)
  - e. Attend and participate in the annual Council meeting
  - f. Attend and participate in the mid-year meeting (via telephone if necessary)
  - g. Submit a committee report to the Secretary before the Council meetings
  - h. Work with the Web Editor ([web\\_editor@econbot.org](mailto:web_editor@econbot.org)) to keep the student pages of the SEB web site up to date
    1. every 4 yrs: review ethnobotany programs and courses listing
    2. every 6 mo: call to listerv members for submissions and updates to the thesis and dissertation abstract database