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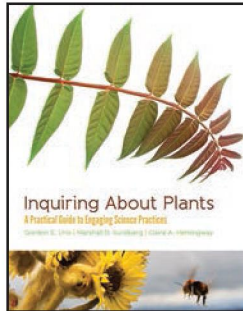
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In a recent commentary in *Nature* (503: 191–192), Georgina Mace noted that the shift to digital publishing is beginning to have a negative effect on scientific societies, such as the 100-year-old British Ecological Society, of which she is Past-President. In great measure, this is because most professional societies derive a significant portion of their budget from subscriptions to their scientific journal and membership is declining. The Botanical Society of America has been proactive in anticipating these changes and increasing the value of membership for several years, and as a result we are in a much better situation than many of our sister scientific societies. It is timely, then, that we begin this issue with the address presented by President Pam Diggle at our annual meeting last summer. Pam presents a brief history of the role of learned societies, their journals, and their meetings and brings this forward to the role of the BSA, our professional journals, and our annual meeting today. I am in full agreement with Pam's prediction for the future, and I think you will be too. Read the article on p. 150.

Then, start planning for our next annual meeting, Botany 2014 in Boise, Idaho. If you're undecided at the moment, I understand that one of the field trips may be to the *Clarkia* fossil beds—check out *Plants are Cool, Too!* Episode 2: “Fossilized Forests” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfRXDbtkEi0>). See you there!



*-Marsh*

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