

ASPT Website Updates and Outstanding Issues  
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Overview of 2007/8 website activity:

1. Website info has been expanded, including a number of vignettes which particularly highlight the Systematic Botany Monographs volumes.
2. On-line voting was implemented for the first time with few problems. The voting stats when compared to recent years are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percent Voting</u>
<b>2008</b>	<b>1357</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>38%</b>
2007	1374	231	17%
2006	1331	233	18%
2005	1324	250	19%
2004	1212	?	?
2003	1335	281	21%

The web committee will look into mechanisms for further increasing the response rate in the coming year.

Outstanding issues:

1. We are still looking at adding a secure page at the ASPT site which will allow members to access BioOne online using their personal subscription information. We need to find out what if any requirements are necessary with the new publisher. As discussed previously, \$500 should be enough to cover the costs, but we need to make sure we have an easily updatable membership login datafile for ease of site function and use. I hope to be able to get the secure site functional in August/September 2008 with help from a graduate student programmer if the council approves extension of the funds previously allocated.
2. Is there still an interest in adding a supplementary data section to the Systematic Botany page?
3. There has been tentative acceptance of merging the webmaster and newsletter editor positions. Ken will be forwarding me the materials from the summer newsletter to facilitate the creation of future newsletters, which should not require outside page layout costs. I will be working on integrating all of the materials currently housed on Ken's servers into the general website structure. The organization will likely change some to fit within the new website structure and reduce redundancy, but the same materials will be compiled into the newsletter pdf/publication.

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