



June 2022 Report

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We have now published 10 articles in two issues.

Issue 1 (doi: <https://doi.org/10.18061/bssb.v1i1>) contained six articles.

Issue 2 (doi: <https://doi.org/10.18061/bssb.v1i2>) contained four articles.

All are available on our website at <https://ssbbulletin.org/issue/archive>

We currently have 8 articles in review and 2 in copy editing. One of the articles in copy editing is a monograph (100+ pages) so this is taking longer than a normal article. The biggest challenge that we face is the manuscript submission handling software, which most of our editors, reviewers, and authors find to be unintuitive and difficult to use. To complicate matters, the OSU Libraries updated this software between issue 1 and issue 2 and we needed to learn a completely different difficult and unwieldy system. I am beginning to question if we'd be better off doing everything via email rather than using this cumbersome system.

In 2023 we plan to publish three special issues on the topic of *Reticulate Evolution, Diversity Equity, and Inclusion in Evolutionary Biology*, and *Species Delimitation*. Special guest editors have been identified for these issues and we are accepting submissions. To accommodate these issues, we will be publishing articles as they are accepted and go through production rather than waiting for all of the articles in an issue to be published.

We continue to get great editorial assistance from our managing editor Dinah Ward. Dinah is an undergraduate English major at OSU, and her career goal is to work in the publishing industry as an editor. She is currently working for \$14 an hour on a part time basis. I would like to request additional funds of \$15,000 to pay her wages between August 2022 and July 2023, which will allow me to give her a raise to \$17 an hour. I would also like to request \$2000 to pay for Dinah to attend the Oxford University Press Journal Days in North Carolina. This is a two day conference attended by a mix of journal editors and managing editors, and as such represents a great networking opportunity for Dinah. In my opinion she has gone above and beyond any reasonable expectations for a part time undergraduate and I want to do this for her as a reward for her efforts and as a way to help her take the next steps in her career.

So, to summarize, our budget request for BSSB over the next year is \$17,000. The last request, made in December of 2020, was transferred to an account at OSU that has been used to pay Dinah's salary