

50 Presidents of ABLS

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In 2008 the American Bryological and Lichenological Society passed a milestone: the society has had 50 presidents:

Years	President
1899-1900	Abel J. Grout
1901-1902	George N. Best
1903-1904	John M. Holzinger
1905-1907	Edward B. Chamberlain
1908-1909	Theodore C. Frye
1910	Bruce Fink
1911-1915	Alexander W. Evans
1916-1919	Elizabeth G. Britton
1920-1921	Annie M. Smith
1922-1923	A. LeRoy Andrews
1924-1930	Robert S. Williams
1931-1932	Edwin B. Bartram
1933-1935	Alexander J. Sharp
1936-1937	William C. Steere
1938-1939	George E. Nichols
1940-1941	Hugo L. Blomquist
1942-1945	Henry S. Conard
1946-1947	Richard T. Wareham
1948-1949	Paul M. Patterson
1950-1951	Lewis E. Anderson
1952-1953	Geneva Sayre
1954-1955	Winona H. Welch
1956-1957	Ruth S. Breen
1958-1959	John W. Thomson
1960-1961	Roy F. Cain
1962	Betty W. Higinbotham
1962-1963	Howard A. Crum
1964-1965	Harvey A. Miller
1965-1967	Seville Flowers
1967-1969	Wilfred. B. Schofield
1969-1970	William A. Weber
1971-1973	Paul L. Redfearn
1974-1975	Emanuel D. Rudolph

1975-1977	Ronald A. Pursell
1977-1979	Irwin M. Brodo
1979-1981	William D. Reese
1981-1983	Thomas H. Nash III
1983-1985	Clifford M. Wetmore
1985-1987	Norton G. Miller
1988-1989	William L. Culberson
1989-1991	Dale H. Vitt
1992-1993	Vernon Ahmadjian
1993-1995	Barbara J. Crandall-Stotler
1995-1997	Chicita F. Culberson
1997-1999	Brent D. Mishler
1999-2001	Robert S. Egan
2001-2003	William R. Buck
2003-2005	James D. Lawrey
2005-2007	Nancy G. Slack
2007-2009	Theodore L. Esslinger

This information was gleaned from back issues of *The Bryologist* and annual reports of the society. It will be placed on the ABLs website, www.abls.org, for future reference and updating.

A cross-tabulation of the professions of these presidents resulted in 35 bryologists (70%) and 15 lichenologists (30%). This is mainly due to the presidents of the early years of the society being bryologists. Since 1970 the president's profession has alternated between the two. A further cross-tabulation by gender revealed that only 9 presidents have been female (18%), and they have been distributed throughout the entire 109 year span of the society.

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