



# 2020 Election

## American Society of Plant Biologists

- **Election Procedures:** On the electronic ballot card, mark your choice of candidates for elected office.

### Secretary-elect

(to serve as secretary 2021–2023)

#### Stacey Harmer

Stacey Harmer is a professor in the Department of Plant Biology at the University of California, Davis. She received a BA in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and was awarded a PhD in biochemistry at the University of California, San Francisco, where she studied B cell signal transduction. She then converted to the green side of biology, carrying out post-doctoral studies in the lab of Steve Kay at the Scripps Research Institute. There, she was introduced to circadian biology, molecular genetics, and the then-nascent field of genomics. She joined the faculty at UC Davis in 2002, where she has remained since. Her lab studies plant adaptations to the abiotic environment as seen through the lens of circadian biology. Specifically, her lab studies both the molecular nature of the oscillator that generates daily rhythms and multiple aspects of plant physiology affected by the circadian system. She is particularly interested in exploring relationships between clock, light, and growth signaling pathways in the control of vegetative and reproductive development in *Arabidopsis thaliana* and the Asteraceae crop sunflower.

Stacey's services to the greater scientific community have been varied. Contributions to postgraduate education include serving as lead instructor for the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's Plant Course for three years and as guest instructor for many other courses on plant and circadian biology. She is currently treasurer for the Society for Research on Biological Rhythms and an editor for the *Journal of Biological Rhythms* and for *Plant Physiology*. She has been a member of ASPB since 2003 and is currently serving on the ASPB Program Committee. Other experiences in meeting planning have included serving on the scientific advisory board for the International Conference on Arabidopsis Research.

The main function of ASPB secretary is to oversee the Program Committee in the planning for the annual meeting. With so many specialty meetings now available, Stacey sees a key role for the ASPB annual meeting in bringing together plant biologists at diverse career stages and with different expertise to learn from each other and create a greater sense of community. While excellent and groundbreaking science is now and should remain a cornerstone of the meeting, Stacey would like to continue to promote the professional development and career enrichment activities that set this meeting apart from other, more narrowly focused, conferences.