



2022 Election

American Society of Plant Biologists

Secretary-elect

(to serve as secretary 2023–2025)

Phil Taylor

Phil Taylor, PhD, currently serves as the Director of Open Innovation and Outreach for Crop Science R&D at Bayer, based in St. Louis, MO. He plays a central role in fostering strategic relationships around the globe and developing programs to enable novel ways of accelerating plant science in support of Bayer's R&D pipeline and to grow external innovation ecosystems.

Phil has built his career around the opportunities created by bringing diverse groups of people together around a common scientific goal, and this is the approach he will bring to this role. Although the main function of the ASPB Secretary is to oversee the Program Committee in its planning of the annual meeting, Phil's vision for this role goes beyond that. As the society approaches its centennial, the Secretary's role is now about setting the vision for how we gather and interact as a community. Key to this is developing a transparent and holistic approach to the content the society generates (be it in-person, online, hybrid, or asynchronous). There have been many stresses on our community in recent years, and it has never been more important to understand what we need to do to enable an equitable and diverse gathering place that creates the greatest value

for all attendees. At its core, this means tapping into ASPB's unique culture to experiment with different formats and structures to create the right balance of exciting science independent of career level, inclusive professional development opportunities, collaboration and co-creation spaces, networking, and social interactions.

An additional aspect to the Secretary position is, as a member of its Board of Directors, to provide formal advice, oversight, and approval regarding activities of ASPB. In this capacity, Phil's objective would be to position the meeting as both a significant content opportunity for the ASPB community and the premier gathering space for plant scientists of all disciplines, globally.

Before joining industry, Phil trained as a plant cell biologist, receiving his PhD from the John Innes Centre in Norwich, U.K. He subsequently held postdoctoral positions at The University of Leeds and The University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, as well as a British Council Fellowship at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He has been an ASPB member since 2004 and a member of the Program Committee since 2013. A native of the UK, Phil now lives in St. Charles, Missouri, with his wife Amanda and their four children, Jack, Hugh, Owen and Meredith.