



2018 Election

American Society of Plant Biologists

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

Corresponding Membership Award

Hiroo Fukuda

Hiroo Fukuda is a professor at the Department of Biological Sciences, Graduate School of Science at The University of Tokyo, where he has mentored many Ph.D. students and postdocs who are currently PIs in plant science throughout the world. He is a leader in plant cell development with his focus on vascular tissue formation. In the 1970s, he established *Zinnia* tracheary element cell culture and, later, *Arabidopsis thaliana* as model systems for studying development, and he has used these systems to make groundbreaking contributions to understanding stem cell differentiation, including the roles of phytohormones, programmed cell death, and secondary cell wall formation, also at the molecular level. He has published 170 original research papers, among

them 24 in ASPB journals, as well as 40 reviews and 16 book chapters. Many of his contributions are highly cited, and he has received a number of prestigious awards. Hiroo has contributed significantly to the plant science community by serving as Editor-in-Chief for *Plant Cell and Physiology* and as President of the Japanese Society of Plant Physiologists. In a broader sense he has served as Dean and Vice-President of his university, as well as President of the Botanical Society in Japan, as a member of the Science Council of Japan, and as Program Director at the Research Center for Scientific Systems. For his long-term commitment to research resulting in important achievements and for his dedication to professional societies, Hiroo deserves to be elected as a Corresponding Member of ASPB.