

ASPB Ambassador – 2025 Year-End Report

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Conference Attendance & Professional Engagement

In 2025, I attended the ASPB Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. During the poster session held in the main hall, I delivered a soapbox-style speech to promote the Ambassador Program. This brief and informal presentation successfully sparked interest among attendees, especially early-career scientists, and encouraged them to consider engaging in the program. The relaxed format provided a welcoming opportunity to connect with new members and address their questions about Ambassador involvement.

Networking & Community Engagement

Throughout the year, I played an active role in discussions aimed at increasing participation in ASPB section meetings and enhancing the overall value of society membership. These efforts were closely aligned with the broader themes of the Ambassador Program, which emphasize the importance of outreach and engagement within the ASPB community.

In my capacity as a leader within the Ambassador Alliance, I maintained consistent communication with fellow Ambassadors. I also supported the coordination and completion of year-end report expectations, helping ensure that all Ambassadors were informed and prepared to fulfill their responsibilities.

Committee Involvement

In 2025, I concluded my term on the ASPB Women in Plant Biology Committee and received formal recognition for my service to the committee. Additionally, I continued to represent the Ambassador Alliance on ASPB's Council, providing valuable input to ensure that Ambassador perspectives are considered in high-level decisions and the long-term direction of the program.

Summary

My 2025 activities as an Ambassador were centered on society engagement, outreach at the Annual Meeting, leadership roles, and efforts to increase the visibility and impact of the Ambassador Program.