AWS EXECUTIVE MEETING – 9/30/2006
3:00 – 5:00 P.M. (University of West Alabama Campus)

Present: Margie Anderton, Richard Cobb, Richard Holland, Ewin Jenkins, Brian Finzel, Ginny Lusk, Cindy Martin, Joan Rollins, Ann Tate, Bob Tate, Steve Threlkeld

● Brief Discussion of January Meeting
● Treasurer’s Report (General Fund and Scholarship Fund Status)
● Newsletter Editor Vacancy
  ◦ John Hall is willing to do layout
  ◦ expressed need for immediate newsletter decisions
  ◦ newsletter editor is a state officer with a two-year term
  ◦ newsletter committee formed in charge of finding an editor:
    Richard Holland (chair), Bob Tate, Cindy Martin
● Vice-President Vacancy
  ◦ VP committee formed in charge of finding a new VP:
    Ginny Lusk (chair), Richard Cobb, Brian Finzel
● Publicity Chairperson
  ◦ expressed need for a state publicity chairperson
  ◦ chairperson would work with local media outlets to advertise meetings
  ◦ chairperson will answer directly to vice-president
● Scholarship Fund
  ◦ Ginny Lusk is continuing as scholarship committee chair
  ◦ Bonnie Tondera and Brian Keener are new committee members
  ◦ decided that scholarship committee will manage fund
  ◦ expressed need to invest scholarship monies in more than one fund
  ◦ approved placing $100,000 in fixed 5.6% 5-year fund
  ◦ decided to leave scholarship distribution for students to scholarship committee
● 2007 Outings
  ◦ decided to start yearly state outing to DeSoto first weekend in May
  ◦ DeSoto can provide facilities and personnel, but no money
  ◦ will expand and help with annual park programs set for first Saturday in May
  ◦ discussed Mount Cheaha lodge and southwestern North Carolina as potential future outing locations
  ◦ decided to meet in Marianna, FL (Apalachicola area) in late March or mid-April
  ◦ decided fall meeting should be in late October in the Bankhead N.F. area
  ◦ Camp McDowell will be checked for availability for fall meeting
● University of Alabama Herbarium
  ◦ consider allocating state money for student workers at UA herbarium
  ◦ Tuscaloosa chapter and donations in George Wood’s memory have already been contributed
● **Publish Past State Newsletter Articles**
  ◦ decided to try to publish a book with articles from George Wood and others from past newsletters
  ◦ can publish through the University of West Alabama
  ◦ decided to check into costs and a proposal will be presented at the spring meeting

● **Center for Plant Conservation**
  ◦ organization propagates and stores seeds for endangered plants
  ◦ proposal was made for AWS to sponsor an endangered plant or become a member of this organization
  ◦ website recommended for further information: centerforplantconservation.org

● **AWS Website**
  ◦ new AWS website is up and running: alwildflowers.org
  ◦ initial cost is $22.46 through next February
  ◦ $4.99 monthly fee
  ◦ future costs may also include software (Front Page/Adobe)
  ◦ discussed need for a website budget