



## **Report of the IAVS North American Section: 2017-2018**

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The main activity of the IAVS North American Section during 2017-2018 was to assist with the organization and implementation of the IAVS 2018 annual symposium, which took place July 22-27 at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, USA. The co-chairs of the Local Organizing Committee, Peter Minchin and Dave Roberts, are both members of the North American Section, as are several people who served on the Scientific Committee. The annual meeting of the section was held on August 8, 2018 at the Ecological Society of America (ESA) annual conference in New Orleans, in conjunction with the ESA Vegetation Section.

According to our operating papers, an election for Steering Committee members should be held every four years. The current committee was elected in 2013, so we are overdue for an election. The Secretary/Treasurer, James Moore, will be calling for nominations over the next month and then the election will be held by e-mail for a one month period starting in October. A new Steering Committee will then be in place before the end of 2018.