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Caitlin Klimavicz (shown in Photo 2) is currently a junior at James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia. She has regularly attended azalea meetings with the Northern Virginia Chapter since 1989. She has won first place two years in a row at her high school science fair, and received a first and second place award in the regional science fair based on this project. Her first science project was "The Effect of Polyploidy on Azalea Seed Germination," which was the preliminary step in working to create better polyploids because the main problem with polyploids was



Photo 2. Caitlin Klimavicz at work at the microscope.

their lack of germination in crosses. She hoped that irradiating the seed would not cut down on germination to the extent that the cross-pollinating did, but at the same time create the positive effects of polyploidy.

Society News

Highlights of the Michigan Convention Meetings

Board of Directors Meetings

The board of directors met in Holland, Michigan, on May 19 and 22, 2005. Reports from the treasurer, azalea city committee, membership committee, the editor, the 2005 convention committee, the archives committee, and from representatives for future conventions, were accepted as presented with no major actions taken by the board. Joe Schild reported that McComb, Mississippi, has been accepted and designated as an "Azalea City." Current and previous articles on the various subjects in *The Azalean* cover the details of the reports. The board established the nominating committee for the 2006 elections. Buddy Lee, John Migas, and Carlton LeMond will serve on the nominating committee.

On other fronts, the board has authorized monies to develop a new color brochure. We have a rough draft of the new presentation that shows real promise. With Carol Segree in the lead, Bill McDavit, Barbara Stump, and Bob Hobbs will be working on a final draft for the board. It is hoped that the changes will help in attracting new members, the lifeblood of the Society.

The Society's Annual Meeting

At a previous meeting, the board of directors reviewed and approved an amendment to the by-laws to be submitted to the membership. The members present at the 2005 annual meeting voted to approve the change in wording. The revised Article IX. C now reads as follows:

"All funds of the Society shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the ASA in such bank, trust company, or other depository or depositories as the Executive Committee may select."

To support the intent of the revised by-laws, the board established an investment committee whose initial duties include the development of investment policies and reporting their recommendations to the board of directors.

In the elections for national office, Mary Rutley, Aaron Cook, and Dr. Joe Coleman were elected to two-year terms as directors. Bob Stelloh was re-elected treasurer and John Brown was re-elected as secretary.

Bill Miller was awarded the Best Article in *The Azalean* Award for 2004 for his article "Ben Morrison and His Azaleas," which appeared in the Fall 2004 issue.

Bob Stelloh was recognized for his many years of service to the Society. Fellow members chipped in on a state-of-the-art computer. However, Bob was riding in the automobile that would have carried his award, and to keep this a surprise, he received only the mouse at the convention. The mouse was mighty enough that Bob was rendered more or less speechless. Congratulations to Bob with appreciation for his service.

Respectfully submitted,
John Brown, Secretary