

***The Gesneriad Society***  
**2026 Annual Report to the Board**

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Committee Members/Advisors:

Dr. Michael Möller, Dr. Nancy Dengler , Dr. Jim Smith, Dr. Jeremy Keene

Back up person to Chair: Michael Möller

Current properties:

Replacement value for properties held:

How my committee process works:

1. Guidelines are available on the Society webpage or sent on request to prospective applicants for funding; The guidelines says “The application should be sent as an attachment to an email message, **with a signed copy sent by mail or fax.**” **This signed copy to be sent by snail mail or fax is no longer requested, this should be corrected on the webpage <https://gesneriadsociety.org/about/support-research-and-education/elvin-mcdonald-research-endowment-fund/>**
2. Application received and letters of recommendation requested if necessary;
3. Application distributed electronically to committee members for comment, opinions, and votes;
4. With a positive majority vote of committee, a review summary is sent to committee;
5. Report of summary and application sent to TGS President and Treasurer for comment, and payment to applicant; following positive response from TGS President, applicant is notified of award decision;
6. Final report (can be in the form of an article for GESNERIADS or other scientific journal) is received from applicant, and filed.

The job description/committee process is up to date: Yes

If no, I plan to have an update completed by \_\_\_\_\_ and sent to Paul Susi.

Current Suppliers and Contact Information:

Activities/accomplishments during past year (2025): Three applications received

**Pedro Henrique Sonsim Barbieri**, undergraduate student  
Distribution patterns of Besleria species (Gesneriaceae) in the Brazilian Atlantic Rainforest,  
funded with 1'500\$

**Sebastian Hatt**, PhD student  
Cyrtandra (Gesneriaceae) of Mt. Wilhelm: the highest mountain of Papua New Guinea,  
funded with 2'500\$

**Destiny Brokaw**, PhD student  
Investigation into the Diversification of Hawaiian Cyrtandra  
Funded with 2'000\$

Green activities/possible actions:

Future plans/goals:

Last year's expenses (2025): 6'000 \$                      Reimbursed: \$                      Donated: \$

Receipts for budgeted and approved expenditures, which are not submitted for reimbursement, will be deemed to have been incurred on behalf of the Gesneriad Society as a benevolent gesture of kindness.

Proposed budget for next year (2027): 6'000\$                      Expenses: \$                      Income: \$

Expected convention arrival and departure dates: -