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FNPS Science Advisory Committee Report  
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1. The Call for Research Track Papers and Posters for the 2018 FNPS Conference was developed and sent to editors of *The Palmetto* and *Sabal minor* for inclusion in the next issues, and it has now been published in each. In addition, it has been sent to FNPS Administration with the request that it be distributed to FNPS Chapters for inclusion in their newsletters and sent to the FNPS website to be posted. The Call for Papers and Posters has also been distributed to an email distribution list. Recipients of 2107 Research Awards have been invited to present at the 2018 Conference. Past award recipients who have not fulfilled their award requirements were contacted to determine if they intended to present at the 2018 conference.
2. Awards announcements for Endowment Research, Conservation, and Dan Austin Ethnobotany Awards were updated for 2018 in conjunction with Juliet Rynear, Conservation Chair, and sent to editors of *The Palmetto* and *Sabal minor* for inclusion in next issues, and it has now been published in each. In addition, it has been sent to FNPS Administration with the request that it be distributed to FNPS Chapters for inclusion in their newsletters and sent to the FNPS website to be posted. The awards announcement has also been distributed to an email distribution list.
3. The Endowment Research grant form was updated and posted to FNPS web site.
4. Information of past Endowment Research Grants on FNPS web site was updated.
5. Jennifer Schafer, who received an Endowment Research Grant in 2014, published a paper "Tricks of the trade: characteristics of Florida Alicia that

facilitate its persistence in Florida habitats”in *The Palmetto* (Vol. 34, No. 1, pp. 8-11).

6. Matthew Richards, who received an Endowment Research Grant in 2013, is working on a manuscript to be submitted to *The Palmetto*.
7. Lydia Marie Cuni, who received an Endowment Research Grant in 2017, has received a Graduate Student Research Fellowship from the Torrey Botanical Society.