

## *Preface for Volume 28*

The Flora of North America North of Mexico is intended to have two volumes (27 and 28) devoted to mosses, and one (29) assigned for the liverworts and hornworts. Volume 28 completes the moss treatments, and is intended as an up-to-date replacement for *Moss Flora of North America* by A. J. Grout (1928–1940). This volume includes an introductory chapter on phylogenetics by A. Jonathan Shaw, and a key to moss genera of the *Flora* by Dale H. Vitt and William R. Buck. A corrections page for Volume 27 is included. As with the earlier volume, all illustrations are new, having been drawn from author-provided material by Patricia M. Eckel.

All contributions were submitted to and subsequently managed by the Bryophyte Editorial Center, consisting of Richard H. Zander as Lead Editor, and Patricia M. Eckel as Illustrator, with Taxon Editors, who contributed their time gratis, providing scientific review, preliminary editing, and building consensus on changes in classification and other important matters. A complete list of Taxon Editors associated with Volume 27 is given in the preface to that volume. Those who were Taxon Editors during the last three years and contributed much to completion of Volume 28 are Marshall R. Crosby, Claudio Delgadillo M., Patricia M. Eckel, Terry T. McIntosh, Lloyd R. Stark, Dale H. Vitt, and Richard H. Zander. The Nomenclatural Editor was Robert E. Magill and the Nomenclatural Advisor was Kanchi Gandhi. Terry McIntosh is singled out for his extra effort in editing particularly large and difficult families.

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The importance of the unstinting contributions of the authors of the treatments cannot be overemphasized. This work is collaborative, and required some compromise and flexibility. No monetary recompense was available for authors, most of whom were allowed research time for this project by their academic employers. The authors have waited many years to see the moss volumes completed, and their patience, particularly with the editorial process intended to enforce a high degree of parallelism and similar format on all treatments, is much appreciated. The Taxon Editors salute you.

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