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A new name for *Lasioglossum* (*Lasioglossum*) *lampronotum* McGinley (Hymenoptera: Halictidae)

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Abstract. ***Lasioglossum* (*Lasioglossum*) *mcginleyi*** Sheffield, new name, is proposed to replace *Lasioglossum* (*Lasioglossum*) *lampronotum* McGinley, 1986, a name preoccupied by *Lasioglossum lampronotus* (Cameron, 1905) since the subgenus *Afrodialictus* was proposed by Pauly (1984). Though the status and/or placement of *Afrodialictus* has differed across some recent classifications, here it is considered a junior synonym of *Lasioglossum* (*Dialictus*) Robertson supporting the need for a replacement name.

INTRODUCTION

Lasioglossum (*Afrodialictus*) Pauly was proposed by Pauly (1984) for 14 species found throughout sub-Saharan Africa, Madagascar, and into the Middle East. Among the species placed into *Afrodialictus* by Pauly (1984) was *Halictus lampronotus* Cameron, 1905, originally described by Cameron (1905) though Pauly (1984) mistakenly attributed the name to Cockerell (1937) despite it not being mentioned in the latter work (see also Eardley & Urban, 2010). Pauly (1984) also considered *H. politifrons* Cockerell a junior synonym of *L. lampronotus*. Two years after Pauly (1984) proposed *Afrodialictus*, McGinley (1986) provided a comprehensive revision of *L.* (*Lasioglossum*) Curtis of the Western Hemisphere, in that work describing *L. lampronotum* McGinley, 1986, a junior homonym of Cameron's species.

Michener (2000) considered *L.* (*Afrodialictus*) a junior synonym of *L.* (*Dialictus*) Robertson, a classification seemingly used by Danforth (1999) and subsequently followed by Danforth *et al*. (2003), Michener (2007), Gibbs (2009), and Gibbs *et al*. (2022); these classifications supporting the homonym above. However, Cameron's (1905) species has been used in other classifications since Pauly (1984) and subsequent treatments by Michener (2000, 2007) that would not. For instance, Pauly *et al*. (2008) treated *Afrodialictus* as a subgenus of *Evylaeus* Robertson; Eardley & Urban (2010) subsequently placed species of *Afrodialictus* in the genus *Evylaeus* but seemingly did not recognize subgenera. Though these post-Michener (2007) treatments remove the homonym of McGinley's (1986) species, its placement within the *Hemihalictus* group of subgenera of *Lasioglossum* following Michener (2000, 2007), Gibbs (2010, 2011) and Gibbs *et al*. (2013) does not; whether *Afrodialictus* is treated as a subgenus of *Lasioglossum*

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(*i.e.*, Ascher & Pickering, 2026) or as a junior synonym of *L.* (*Dialictus*) (Michener, 2000, 2007; Gibbs, 2010), a new name is required. The purpose here is to provide a new name for McGinley's species to resolve this instance of homonymy.

SYSTEMATICS

Lasioglossum (*Lasioglossum*) *mcginleyi* Sheffield, new name
(Fig. 1)

Lasioglossum (*Lasioglossum*) *lampronotum* McGinley, 1986: 170 [♀, ♂]. Preoccupied, not *Lasioglossum* (*Dialictus*) *lampronotus* (Cameron, 1905).

HOLOTYPE: ♀. USA, Arizona, Yavapai County, 21 mi S.W. Prescott, 17.vii.1950, by C.D. Michener, on *Mentzelia pumila* [Snow Entomological Museum, University of Kansas].

ETYMOLOGY: The new species name is proposed to honour Ronald J. McGinley (1950–2023), the author of the preoccupied name. Ron McGinley was one of North America's leading authorities on bees, particularly *Lasioglossum* s.l. (Shanks, 2023).



Figure 1. Holotype female and labels of *Lasioglossum* (*Lasioglossum*) *lampronotum* McGinley, 1986.

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