

## **Division of Animal Behavior**

### **Annual Business Meeting Minutes, San Francisco, Jan 4, 2018**

#### **I. Meeting called to order by Divisional Chair, Jenny Gumm**

1. DAB will be having an election for chair this spring. Call for volunteers.

#### **II. NSF Behavioral Systems Program Officer Introduction and Report**

1. Jodie Jawor – New permanent program officer in behavioral cluster. (Karen Mabry and Michelle Elekonich also attended the SICB meeting; meetings available at the table in exhibit hall.)
2. Updates on NSF: Budget is not finalized, proposals still on hold. NSF will continue to support SICB symposia; looking for forward thinking, expand new area of science, could lead to white paper or other output that could inform community of something new on the horizon, symposia must include diversity of participants
  - When putting together grant budgets, be sure to include REU, RET, mid-career supplements in the award itself.
  - Mid-career: post-tenure and pre-retirement – gaining new skills to bring back to your university.
  - No preliminary proposals this January. No deadline, full proposal review system will start in 2018. New solicitation will come between June and August this year. Read solicitation carefully – there will be new rules and regulations.
  - EDGE track has new solicitation, program for developing new genomic tools. Proposals due Feb 1.
  - New DCL 18-031 on Rules of Life - focused on development of eagers, rapids, and workshops. Genotype to phenotype and beyond.
  - CAREER, REU, MRIs will still have deadlines.
  - Guidance for grant proposals – data management plans, broadening participation, guidance on BIO home page under additional resources.
  - Thanks to all who've reviewed proposals – recognize that it's a lot of work.

#### **III. Report by Divisional Chair, Jenny Gumm**

1. Have now named student presentation competitions – Marlene Zuk and Elizabeth Adkins Regan awards. After year-long process to solicit nominated names and voting by the divisional membership.
2. New this year: Student-postdoc committee doing 5 min “how to” sessions during poster sessions
3. Volunteering for division or for SICB general society – elected positions; ad hoc committees forming (one on increasing participation of parents with small children)
4. Group discussion on how to best serve our students
  - a. Matched mentoring over lunch or in groups (dedicated coffee session?)

- b. Strong connection with ABS – academic karaoke (DABaoke) – build camaraderie, makes the event a social a place to be – particularly useful if faculty are participating
- c. Jeopardy/trivia on animal behavior – team building, some networking
- d. Quick introductions at divisional meeting

**IV. DAB Meet and Greet**

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to two people they didn't know

**V. Report by Division Program Officer, Scott Macdougall Shackleton**

- 1. Thanked Michele Johnson for stepping in as DPO for planning meeting this fall.
- 2. Symposia! Many benefits – great professional development, connect with others in the field, get a paper in ICB. Please put forth proposals! It would be great to have more Behavior themed symposia proposals.

**VI. SICB Executive Committee introduction and report – 10 on committee visited**

- 1. Executive Committee announced the locations of the upcoming meetings: Tampa (2019), Austin (2020), DC (2021), Phoenix (2022), Austin (2023)
- 2. A new SICB web design will be rolled out in the near future
- 3. Symposia – working to support organizers better, as these are the core of our meetings and the ICB journal
- 4. New journal, Adam Summers is new editor – need good suggestions for the name, need broad participation on editorial staff – soliciting associate editors interested in being on the forefront of new way of publishing. Need early career people who are savvy at social media to shepherd papers post peer-review. The journal will be published by Oxford University Press. Full length manuscripts are the aim. Looking for manuscripts that are too broad and integrative for the go-to journals for great manuscripts. Entirely electronic format.

**VII. Report by Divisional Secretary, Michele Johnson**

- 1. Introduce Erica Westerman as the incoming Divisional Secretary, thank Michele as the outgoing Divisional Secretary

**VIII. Announcement of DAB's Best Student Oral Presentation Award**

- 1. Sydney Hope of Virginia Tech is the first Marlene Zuk award winner for her oral presentation "Incubation temperature and social context affect nest exodus performance of precocial ducklings".

**IX. Meeting Adjourned**