

**Division of Animal Behavior
Annual Business Meeting Minutes, Portland, Oregon 2016**

I. Meeting called to order by Divisional Chair, Diana Hews

1. Introduction of DAB officers (Allison Welch, program officer; Michele Johnson, secretary; Helen Chmura, student-postdoc representative; Jenny Gumm, chair-elect)

II. Report by Divisional Chair, Diana Hews

1. DAB is communicating with members using multiple social media tools – please join our Facebook Group (SICB Division of Animal Behavior) or follow us on Twitter (@SICB_DAB).
2. In the coming months, we will be naming our Best Student Presentation competitions. We'll be accepting suggestions until the end of January 2016, and then will send a poll to all DAB members to vote on the new name. We anticipate naming the competitions after an animal behaviorist who signifies the goals and mission of SICB, or an animal behaviorist who has been a significant contributor to the society.

III. NSF Representative's Report

1. NSF program officers Michelle Elekonich and Jodie Jawor provided an update on NSF activities. Michelle noted that NSF's budget is not finalized for the year, so NSF is currently operating at 90% of last year's budget.
2. NSF is interested in funding workshops and symposia at SICB, so please contact the program officers about your ideas. Support for these activities is competitive, and workshops and symposia that are forward-thinking and stimulate new conversations in the community are those most likely to gain funding.
3. Grant Supplements: For grants submitted through IOS, you need to include REU and other supplements in your full proposal. For those grants that are eligible, the deadline for this year's supplements is March 1. For PIs who are post-tenure but pre-retirement, you may also submit supplements to support your learning new research tools.
4. New Funding Mechanisms: Animal behavior researchers may be interested in the new IOS EDGE track, which supports the development of tools and methods to enable functional genomics in non-model organisms.
5. Proposal Instructions and Information: The current IOS solicitation is 16-505. (Note of caution: IOS and DEB solicitations are completely different!) You can find much information at the IOS blog at nsfiosinfocus.wordpress.com. New guidance for Data Management Plans is available on the main website of NSF. Finally, pre-tenure faculty are encouraged to submit preproposals, and whether those preproposals are invited or not, you can use the reviews to improve your CAREER proposal (which does not have to go through the preproposal stage).

IV. SICB Executive Committee introduction and report

1. This year, SICB spent \$200,000 to support students at the conference. The Executive Committee encourages all who have benefited from student support in the past to consider making a contribution to SICB.
2. Bram Lutton, chair of the Education Council, announced the development of a new digital library for the compilation of research and teaching materials. Contributions to the new library will be solicited from all SICB members.

V. Report by Divisional Program Officer, Allison Welch

1. Animal Behavior was well-represented at the 2016 Portland meeting. There were 102 oral presentations in 15 behavior-themed sessions at the meeting, and 60 behavior-related posters. In addition, there were 103 behavior-related presentations in other sessions distributed across the meeting. This large number of behavior-related presentations

makes it difficult to avoid scheduling conflicts, but the program officers continue to work to minimize obvious conflicts.

2. DAB co-sponsored five symposia at the Portland meeting (two society-wide symposia, and three regular symposia). At the 2017 meeting in New Orleans, DAB is co-sponsoring one society-wide symposium and five regular symposia. The society is currently accepting symposia proposals for the 2018 meeting, and Allison is available to help anyone who is interested in developing a proposal.
3. Allison Welch is completing two three-year terms as DAB Program Officer, and this spring DAB will be electing a new Program Officer to a three-year term.

VI. Report by Divisional Secretary, Michele Johnson

1. We have had a highly successful Best Student Presentation competition at the Portland meeting. In the talk competition, 30 extended abstracts were submitted, and the judging panel selected the top 7 for competition in a special session on Monday afternoon (one student withdrew before the meeting). In the poster competition, 28 posters were submitted, and they are distributed across the three poster sessions. A terrific group of volunteer judges are evaluating the posters in the competition.
2. DAB is going to focus this year on building an online Researchers Database to include on the SICB website. Expect to receive requests for brief descriptions of your work!

VII. Announcement of DAB's Best Student Oral Presentation Award

1. Nick Keiser won this year's BSP oral competition with his talk titled, "Variation in host behavioral type and body condition produce heterogeneity in the transmission of cuticular bacteria among group-mates."
2. DAB also awarded the Adrian M. Wenner award for strong inference to Alexandra Bentz for her talk titled, "Species-specific traits shape patterns of yolk testosterone allocation in response to competition: a meta-analysis."

IX. Meeting Adjourned