

**Division of Animal Behavior
Annual Business Meeting Minutes, New Orleans 2017**

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

1. Introduction of DAB officers (Allison Welch, program officer; Michele Johnson, secretary; Helen Chmura, student-postdoc representative; Scott MacDougall-Shackleton, program officer-elect; Tracy Langkilde, DAB representative on ICB editorial board).

II. Report by Divisional Chair, Jenny Gumm

1. SICB has recently established a Code of Conduct for our meetings, available on the SICB website. This Code is proactive, not reactive, and describes how we want to behave with each other.
2. SICB is establishing a new open access journal – to be named ICB Open, and a search for a founding editor is underway. The fee structure for publishing in this journal (and other structural decisions) will be determined after an editor is in place.

III. SICB Executive Committee introduction and report

1. Executive officers Lou Burnett, Billie Swalla, Sherry Tamone, and Brett Burk visited the DAB business meeting.
2. The executive officers announced the locations of upcoming SICB meetings: 2018, San Francisco; 2019, Tampa; 2020, Austin; 2021, Washington DC; 2022, TBA; 2023, Austin. More than half of the attendees of the conference are students, and the time of year of our annual conference has been chosen to be as accessible and affordable as possible for our student members.

IV. Report by Divisional Program Officer, Allison Welch

1. Animal behavior was well-represented at the 2017 New Orleans meeting. There were 109 oral presentations in 16 behavior-themed sessions at the meeting, and 102 behavior-related posters. In addition, there were 99 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 six symposia at the New Orleans meeting (two society-wide symposia, and four regular symposia), and we will sponsor a similar number at the 2018 meeting in San Francisco. The society is currently accepting symposia proposals for the 2019 meeting, and Allison is available to help anyone who is interested in developing a proposal.
3. At the end of the 2017 meeting, Allison Welch completes two three-year terms as DAB Program Officer. Scott MacDougall-Shackleton is the new incoming Program Officer for our division.

V. Report by Divisional Secretary, Michele Johnson

1. We have again had a highly successful Best Student Presentation competition at the New Orleans meeting. In the talk competition, 22 extended abstracts were submitted, and the judging panel selected the top 7 for competition in a special session on Thursday afternoon. In the poster competition, 42 posters were submitted, and they are distributed across the three poster sessions. We have an astounding 50 volunteer judges evaluating the posters in the competition.
2. At the 2018 meeting, Michele Johnson will complete her three-year term as DAB Secretary, and this spring DAB will be electing a new Secretary to a three-year term.

VI. Video data management announcement, Beth Brainerd

1. Beth Brainerd, SICB President-Elect, announced a new effort in data management and archiving. On the last day of the conference, there will be a lunchtime workshop on video data management to work toward establishing community consensus on standards for handling video data. Animal behaviorists are particularly welcome to join this effort.

VII. NSF Representative's Report

1. NSF permanent program officer Michelle Elekonich 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. As you develop symposia, keep in mind the BIO-wide policy that requires the participation of women and minorities in symposia and/or symposia-related activities.
3. Grant Supplements: For grants submitted through IOS, you need to include REU, RET, ROA, and RAHSS supplements in your full proposal. If an unexpected opportunity has arisen since a grant was funded, the deadline for this year's supplements is March 1. PIs who are post-tenure but pre-retirement may also submit mid-career supplements to support learning new research tools.
4. New Funding Mechanisms: Animal behavior researchers may be interested in the IOS EDGE track, which supports the development of tools and methods to test questions of gene function in non-model organisms. This year the EDGE track will have its own solicitation (it is no longer in the core IOS solicitation).
5. Proposal Instructions and Information: The current IOS solicitation is 17-508. (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).
6. IOS has recently had an external evaluation of the preliminary proposal model, which has now been in place for five years. A report from this evaluation is expected soon, and other proposal models may be under consideration, pending the recommendations in the report.

VIII. Discussion of naming Best Student Presentation awards

1. After a year-long process of gathering nominations for scientists for whom our DAB student presentations may be named, we have gathered a list of approximately 40 names, a list that is far too long to include on a ballot. The divisional officers led a conversation at the business meeting to determine the priorities of our membership regarding the new award names. We discussed the relative merits of naming the awards after scientists important in the field of animal behavior versus those involved in SICB, and of naming the awards after scientists still active in the field versus those no longer active. We agreed on the value of including groups underrepresented in science (women and minorities) on the ballot, and that the names on the ballot should represent scientists whose legacy makes us proud. We also agreed that the awards should be named for scientists who are integrative and comparative in their work in animal behavior, as that approach defines our division and our society.
2. The divisional officers and immediate past divisional officers (Jenny Gumm, Allison Welch, Michele Johnson, Helen Chmura, Tracy Langkilde, Scott MacDougall-Shackleton, and Diana Hews) will take the preferences voiced in this discussion, and

from all of the nominations received, we will create a ballot from which DAB members will vote for names for the Oral and Poster competitions this spring.

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

1. This year there were two co-winners of the BSP oral competition. Chris Goodchild of Oklahoma State presented "Animal personality explains among-individual variation in antipredator strategies," and Rachel Crane of Stanford presented "Strategic strikes: how mantis shrimps crack open different prey."

X. Meeting Adjourned