

DAB Business Meeting Minutes January 8th, 2021

Kendra Sewell, DAB Chair

(Note that, while Kendra had planned on running the Members Meeting, a snow storm disrupted her internet connection and Secretary Erica Westerman and Program Officer Kathleen Lynch helped lead the meeting when Kendra's audio was unpredictable)

Introduced new secretary Allison Welch

Thanked members for coming to the virtual members meeting. Mentioned how proud of she was of the DAB member support for each other and for our students during these difficult times. Asked members to please continue to participate, both in future meetings and throughout the rest of this meeting.

Many thanks to those who were poster judges, to those who judged the Zuk award, and to all student presentation competition participants. The student presentations were outstanding, which made it very difficult to pick a winner. We were also impressed by the diversity of study systems and research questions represented in the Zuk Award session. Announced winner of the Zuk Award for DAB Best Student Talk: Elizabeth George.

DAB always needs support and feedback from members, particularly with new ideas and new leadership.

DAB Elections

With that in mind, the Chair position is up for election this coming year! Kendra will be rotating off at the end of the annual meeting in 2022. This is a great opportunity to formally participate in the society, and in DAB in particular. New this year, postdocs are also eligible to run for office, it is not just for faculty. If you are interested, please reach out to Kendra or the other officers- Kathleen Lynch (PO), Allison Welch (incoming Secretary), or Erica Westerman (outgoing Secretary).

This is our second year of the DAB Mentoring Program. A big thank you to Rindy Anderson for help organizing the mentoring program. This year we matched 17 teams of mentors and mentees. Thank you for participating, and please give us feedback on the mentoring program so we can improve it for future years.

Kathleen Lynch, DAB Program Officer

There were many great Symposia this year, which have been streaming "live" all week. As we think about future SICB meetings, think about future ideas for Symposia. We are particularly interested in ideas incorporating multiple levels of analyses. If you are interested in organizing a symposium, or have an idea for a symposium, please contact Kathleen. Kathleen can work with

you to develop the symposium proposal. She is happy to give advice, and to help through all levels of the process. Postdocs and graduate students are also welcome to propose ideas.

NSF Program Officer Discussion Points

Jodie Jawor (permanent), Colette St. Mary (permanent), Patrick Abbot (rotating)

Thanks to DAB members for serving as reviewers on panels and as adhoc reviewers! If you would like to be a reviewer, please send an e-mail with CV and research interests to any of the program officers so you can be included as a reviewer for future panels etc.

The NSF virtual booth is in the virtual exhibitors hall has numerous resources and pdf packets of all current funding opportunities. Please stop by and check it out.

On Jan 19th 3-4:30pm EST there will be an informational workshop: You can find this under workshops on the SICB conference schedule. We will talk about current and upcoming funding opportunities and be taking questions.

There are a number of new research funding opportunities that we wanted to highlight here. NSF is having a big push on integrative work, which is something many of you in DAB are already doing, keep it up! Mechanism underlying behavior.

Biology Integration Institutes- large collaborative groups asking broad questions
Integrative Research in Biology-smaller, collaborative projects, still integrative
Also welcome integrative work to core solicitation 21-506, no deadlines, no limitations on number of submissions.

There are two associated Dear Colleague letters: Integrating Mechanisms of Adaptation in Genes in Networks Across Environments (IMAGINE), look at organisms in dynamic environments, and genomics that facilitate a complex phenotype, in this case behavior.

Many integrative research opportunities to check out! Talking Points PDF has been sent to Erica, and has been uploaded to DAB Members Meeting page in Pathable.

One additional funding opportunity the program officers wanted to point out was specifically for faculty at the Associate Professor Level. There is funding for Mid-Career Opportunities, which are specifically for mid-career faculty to gain a new skill to help them expand their research program in new directions.

NSF has Monthly Virtual Office hours, and for IOS (Integrative Organismal Systems, which houses the Behavioral Systems Program) those office hours are the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 1pm Eastern. They are on different topics each month. This month's upcoming office hour are specifically for INBIO opportunities, so please attend this month if you are interested in those opportunities.

NSF also funds symposia. NSF supports forward looking symposia, not retrospectives, and is always looking for new topics and new groups of people coming together. Please reach out to a Program Officer if you are interested in organizing a symposium.

If you have an ongoing award, there are supplements available, such as REU, RUI, or Career-Life Balance, are due March 1st, 2021.

DAB Member Question about being a US Citizen, but doing research in Canada- can a student/postdoc get funding from NSF while abroad?

Response: Maybe a GRFP, but this would depend on the situation. Postdocs can work collaboratively and work with an international lab, but you have to be based at a US institution.

The Executive Committee attended the meeting and introduced themselves to the DAB membership.

Eight members of the executive committee introduced themselves, including the current president (**Beth Brainerd**), current president elect (**Melina Hale**), Exec. Director, (**Brett Burk**), Secretary (**Alice Gibb**), Treasurer (**Miriam Ashley-Ross**), Secretary Elect (**Michele Johnson**), Integrative and Comparative Biology Editor (**Ulrike K. Muller**), and our Communications Officer (**Molly Jacobs**). Five officers could not attend but were mentioned to the members: Incoming President elect (Patricia Hernandez), Past President (Lou Burnett), Program Officer (Jake Socha), Program Officer elect (Thomas Sanger), and Integrative Organismal Biology Editor (Adam Summers).

The executive board commented on the following: They were excited about broadening participation, expanding diversity and inclusion, and how the virtual nature of this year's meeting addressed many of the Society's principles of inclusion and access. They are currently discussing how to incorporate virtual content into access for future meetings. There will be a post-meeting survey at end of meeting in February, which will have questions addressing this topic. Please look for this survey!

Many members think of SICB as these few days in January, but the society is more than that. The society is an advocate for NSF, we have journals that put out content throughout the year, and, there are other SICB associated activities going on all year around. The Executive Committee is working towards building new ways for members to engage with each other throughout the year, including activities like virtual forums.

From the Treasurer: Thank you for making this virtual meeting a success! And for enthusiastically embracing this virtual platform. A note all financial information for DAB is available to the DAB Chair via the SICB Dashboard on line.

Michele Johnson is new Secretary for the Society. Societal elections are coming up this spring. These are free and fair, and all members (including students!) can vote in these elections. New this year, Postdocs can run for positions as well as faculty! Elections will happen during month of April. If you are a member now (paid dues as part of your meeting registration) you can vote in this spring's election! Please vote. It is important that your voice is heard.

Molly Jacobs is the Society Communications Officer. This is a new Position! She will manage communications between executive officers and divisions, to ensure lines of communication are clear. She will also manage Communications related questions for the society.

ICB Editorial Report: We had a record numbers of submissions to ICB. The journal is doing well, though we are always looking for new symposium ideas. The symposia are the backbone of our journal. Please reach out for help to develop ideas further, if you are interested organizing a symposium.

The Exec. Board mentioned that the summer virtual ABS meeting helped them design the SICB virtual meeting. Nice to have the connection between ABS and SICB-DAB.

Future Annual Meetings

Phoenix, AZ (2022), Austin, TX (2023), Seattle, WA (2024), Atlanta, GA (2025),

The DAB Social

The DAB Social will be virtual and right after this Members Meeting.

Student-Postdoc Representative, Sydney Hope

As the DAB Student-Postdoc rep, she is part of the Student/Postdoc Committee for SICB

The Student/Postdoc Committee (SPDAC) has a Booth at Exhibitors Hall, which can be visited by going to the Exhibitors Tab, and clicking on Student/Postdoc Affairs.

At the booth there are numerous How to Brochures that have been assembled by the committee. They include topics such as job opportunities, teaching statement, diversity and inclusion statement, etc. It is also possible for meeting attendees to chat with Student/Postdoc Committee members in the discussion tab of the Pathable Meeting Page for SPDAC.

They will run a virtual workshop about transferable skills January 15th for students and postdocs. This workshop is currently full, but will be recorded, so interested parties can watch the workshop later. It should be available for viewing at the end of January. For any students who are first-time attendees at SICB, there is a First-Time Student Orientation Video, which is currently available for viewing.

Sydney is rotating off the SPDAC at the end of this meeting, and will be replaced by Conner Philson, who is our new DAB Student/Postdoc Representative as of the end of the SICB meeting 2021. Welcome Conner!

If you have any questions or comments on how experience for students or postdocs in SICB could be improved, please contact either Conner or Sydney.

Michele Johnson- Students do so much work for these workshops! It's excellent, these resources are fantastic, please check out these resources! They are Fantastic. Links to these brochures will be in the DAB Members Meeting Chat.

Erica Westerman, DAB Secretary

Thank you all for joining the Members Meeting, and for baring with our technical difficulties. Please join us after this meeting for our DAB Social, where we will have a series of break out rooms to talk about Symposia Ideas, Mentoring, Student/Postdoc Opportunities, and also have the opportunity for some classic Meet and Greet. We look forward to seeing you all next year, hopefully in person, and hope you all stay healthy and well in the meantime.

Meeting adjourned.