

**Division of Animal Behavior
Minutes of the Business Meeting, San Francisco, California 2013**

- I. Meeting called to order by Divisional Chair, M. Ramenofsky
- II. Introduction of DAB officers
 - a. The Chair introduced the Chair-Elect, Diana Hews.
- III. Announcements
 - a. E-mails to entire divisions will be limited, as much as possible, to once per month; if anyone wishes to share anything with the division, they should e-mail B. Burke and he will put it in his monthly member updates.
 - b. ICB is doing well, but could do better; individuals thinking of organizing symposia need to be aware that there will be additional pressure to make certain everyone in the symposium contributes a manuscript.
 - c. The SICB website has been greatly expanded—members should look for additional information under Resources and Member updates.
 - d. SICB is now using an app to connect with members because internet access is often expensive.
 - e. Be sure to comment on the annual SICB surveys following each meeting; the program officers really appreciate the feedback.
 - f. DAB is burgeoning.
 - g. The 2014 meeting will be in Austin, Texas, followed by West Palm Beach, Florida in 2015.
 - h. B. Podalsky from the Education Committee wanted to make sure everyone knew that SICB's digital library includes numerous educational resources in addition to research resources.
- IV. Introduction of SICB officers and announcements
 - a. SICB has had four really good years; 1622 abstracts were submitted to the San Francisco meeting and there were 2100 registrants as of Monday at the meeting. The executive committee is considering ways to deal with the increasing number of presentations, such as making talks 15 minutes instead of 20.
 - b. The educational committee is considering creating a SICB teaching award and is still considering a name.
- V. Report by SPDAC representative
 - a. C. Bedore, acting SPDAC representative, noted that there were many excellent functions and workshops for post-doc and graduate students at the San Francisco meeting and urged DAB members to attend.
- VI. NSF representatives
 - a. M. Elkonovich and J. Wingfield spoke about the changes to applications in the IOS cluster and what budget sequestration means for NSF. They noted that funding for symposia is still available at any time and encouraged DAB members to put together symposia proposals that bring together groups of people that do not normally interact and proposals for Research Coordination Networks (RCNs). J. Wingfield explained that NSF was being forced to use only 80% of their expected budget through March due to fiscal considerations

and that there might be further cuts depending on Congress' ability to pass a budget.

VII. Report by DPO

- a. A. Welch reported that this was the largest SICB meeting ever and that there had been a linear increase in meeting size since 1996. The program committee is considering ways to handle this increased size and wants to get feedback on the idea of shrinking oral talks from 20 minutes to 15 minutes. Also, individuals are currently limited to presenting one poster and one talk; a suggestion has been made to limit that to one presentation total.
- b. Room for posters was maxed out at this meeting. Depending on future venues, we may need to shrink poster space or limit the number of posters.
- c. In the San Francisco meeting, there were 9 dedicated Animal Behavior sessions, 54 posters, and 6 symposia supported by DAB.
- d. DAB will co-sponsor 6 symposia at the Austin meeting, including a society-wide symposium on Epigenetics.
- e. A. Welch noted that symposia are very important to SICB and encouraged members to think about submitting symposium proposals for the West Palm Beach meeting; proposals are due in August.

VIII. Report by Secretary

- a. M. Bowlin noted that judging of the best student presentations at the meeting was proceeding smoothly. She also announced that DAB was considering using DEE's model for pre-selecting semi-finalists for the best student oral presentation award and thus confining BSP judging to a single session at future meetings.
- b. M. Bowlin then thanked the BSP judges in attendance for their efforts on behalf of DAB.

IX. Meeting adjourned