

SICB 2024, Seattle, WA.

**Meeting minutes for Division of Comparative Biomechanics
January, 4, 2024**

Number of attendees: 104

Kathy Dickson (NSF Program Officer)

- Thanks to SICB members who serve as reviewers, panelists, and program officers.
- If interested in serving please sign up at the booth in the main hall for vendors.
- Stop by the booth to meet officers about potential ideas or to make an appointment.
- Sign up at the NSF web page for NSF notifications for new solicitations, job announcements.
- Virtual office hours for multiple programs, webinar format followed by Q&A.

- Highlighted programs:

- Core programs-no deadlines
- Special programs do have deadlines
- Adding a Safe and inclusive requirement-2 page plan talk to Collete about
- Building a resilient planet

Brooke Flammang-Chair

-Approved minutes for 2023 Members' meeting– motion by J.Long, Seconded by M. Butler– approved unanimously.

-Goodbyes and welcome

Incoming: Program Officer-Glenna Clifton
Secretary: Cassandra Donatelli

Outgoing: Program Officer-Jimmy Liao
Secretary: M.Laura Habegger

-Explained expenses and budget

- Symposium supported by DCB for 2024 and 2025

-Upcoming elections for Chair-Elect (term starts 2025)

Andrew Schultz- SPDAC rep

- DCB+DVM- Mentor-Mentee Survey (23 pairs)
- SPDAC booth and poster on AI and CV tools in research
- SPDAC workshop-faculty job application
- Further connections with industry
- Social media- looking at LinkedIn
- Hosting an rSICB GitHub resource guide with regional meetings information

Best Student presentation- Brooke Flammang

-New scoring system across divisions

Winners for Best Student Presentation:

Mimi A. R. Koehl and Stephen A. Wainwright Award: David Cuban “Feeding efficiency of sunbirds and comparisons with other nectar-feeding birds”

Steven Vogel Award: Clitali Ramirez “Seafaring with Added Cargo: Simulations of Swimming Blue Blubber Jellyfish with Prominent Oral Arms”

Gans award winner: Dr. Michael Granatosky-New York Institute of Technology “Decoding Behavioral Innovation Beyond Anatomy”

New business

Comparative Neuromuscular biomechanics group

-Facilitate collaborations between comparative and human focused researchers

-The group was born at SICB and is highlighting the lack of interaction between biological and biomechanics societies

-ASB (small number of abstracts with comparative work) and SICB (small number of abstracts with human based work)

Grad course- Ecological biomechanics course FHL next summer

-Financial aid for tuition is available

Matt Kolmann and Cassandra Donatelli

FHL-Semiannual fish class – Summer B deadline March 1st the course runs from 7/14-8/16

9 graduate credits

Financial aid

Nicolai Konow

SEB Prague 2024

July 2-5

Abstract open on Monday 1/8

Conference registration opens 1/15

SICB Executive Committee

Patricia Hernandez-SICB President

-Introduced the strategic plan and requested each division to create four goals for the division in one page summary by July.

Molly Jacobs- Communications editor

- Introduced her role as an intermediate media person between members and Ex Committee.

Thomas Sanger- Program officer
-Consider submitting symposia

Adam Summers-SICB Journal
-Updated about the journal

Michele Johnson-Secretary
-Check for divisional elections

Respectfully submitted,
M. Laura Habegger