

## **Minutes – Annual Meeting of Division of Comparative Biomechanics**

January 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Mark Denny.

Report from the Chair. Melina Hale was introduced as the new chair of DCB and Sheila Patek was introduced as the chair-elect. There were no nominees or applications for the Carl Gans Award. Please remember to nominate your untenured colleagues. Individuals can also apply directly.

Report from NSF. Steve Ellis reported that NSF is at a 90% budget level due to the continuing funding resolution. The funding for symposia and workshops is tight; these events need to be focused on moving the field forward. REU supplements need to be put into initial proposals. They will continue to accept REU supplement applications for a few more rounds. The deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. There was also a reminder that supplements are available for mid-career scientists (defined as between tenure and retirement) “to acquire the skills to use genomics and bioinformatics tools and/or novel technologies to answer organismal questions.” The timing of the CAREER grant deadlines allows for individuals to receive comments on a pre-proposal.

Report from SICB Executive Board. The proposed budget is in the black. Please consider donating to the endowed funds. The new ICB editor will be Marty Martin. If you are interested in getting involved in the administration of the society, please contact the Executive Committee.

Report from the Program Officer. Joe Thompson announced that of the 1508 abstracts for the annual meeting, approximately 300 were from DCB. There were 33 oral sessions. Keywords are absolutely critical. Abstracts are primarily sorted by the first keyword.

Report from Best Student Presentation Selection Committee. Jake Socha reported that in previous years we had received 60-70 submissions for the best student presentation award. Scheduling of judges had become problematic and we wanted to be able to announce the winner at the annual meeting. This was the first year of our new system. In this system, students submit an extended abstract in addition to the normal meeting abstract. The committee then picks 5-7 finalists. All of the oral presentation finalists present during the same session and the poster finalists are also highlighted during the same session. This year we had approximately 20 applications and 7 finalists for the presentation award and four finalists for the poster award. The oral presentations were extremely well attended and next year we will make sure we have a bigger room.

Report from the Secretary. Andie Ward announced that members are encouraged to submit to the researcher’s database. Send any submissions to [secretary.dcb@sicb.org](mailto:secretary.dcb@sicb.org). We had several votes during the spring 2014 elections. Sheila Patek was elected as chair-elect. We also had a vote to name the best student presentation awards as voted on during the 2014 business meeting. The finalist names for the Oral Presentation award were Mimi Koehl and Steven Wainwright and the finalists for the Poster Presentation award were Steven Vogel and Steven Wainwright. A discussion of the procedure followed and paper ballots were passed out for voting. The final result was a tie for the oral presentation award. It will be called the Koehl-Wainwright Best Student Presentation Award. Steven Vogel received the most votes for the poster presentation award and it will now be known as the Steven Vogel Best Student Poster Award.

The meeting was adjourned by the chair, Mark Denny.