

## **Minutes for DCB Business Meeting January 4, 2017, 5:45 pm, New Orleans, LA**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Melina Hale.

### Secretary's Report (Dr. Andrea Ward)

Graduate students and PhD supervisors should check out Sandy Kawano's article in the Fall 2016 newsletter on how to get a postdoctoral position.

This year, we will be electing a program officer and secretary. Please let Andie know if you are interested in running ([secretary.dcb@sicb.org](mailto:secretary.dcb@sicb.org)).

We had great submissions for the student BSP award program, although we would like to see more poster submissions. Please follow the directions; the abstract for the award competition must be an expanded version of what is submitted for the meeting.

### Program Officer's Report (Dr. Jake Socha)

There were 1950 abstracts submitted for the meeting. DCB and DVM had 280 talks which spanned 40 talk sessions (27% of the total conference oral presentations) and 190 posters.

Student award sessions were scheduled so that there were no conflicting sessions from that division. We had 18 submissions for the talk competition and the session included the top 6 finalists. We had fewer poster submissions and would like to see that number increase.

There were 3 symposia that were co-sponsored by DCB during this meeting. Symposia numbers are down. Please consider submitting symposia proposals (due in August).

### Data Management Strategies for Videos

Beth Brainerd discussed a workshop that will be held on the last day of the meeting to establish standards for video data management. For further information and a draft version, check out: [tinyurl.com/zf966vz](http://tinyurl.com/zf966vz)

### Student/Post-Doc Representative (Dr. Sandy Kawano)

We are looking for self-nominations for a new rep. Please contact Sandy if you are interested ([sandy.kawano@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.kawano@gmail.com)).

### ICB Representative (Dr. Ty Hedrick)

The editorial board is considering an award for Postdocs, which would give them the possibility of writing a forward-looking paper for the journal. Postdocs would be nominated by divisional leadership and then the nominated author would write a one page proposal. Please contact Ty if you have any questions ([thedrick@unc.edu](mailto:thedrick@unc.edu))

### Society Executive Officers.

Five upcoming meeting locations have been confirmed (2017 San Francisco, 2018 Tampa, 2019 Austin, 2021 Washington, DC, and 2023 Austin).

There is currently a search for the founding Editor-In-Chief of ICB Open.

### Report from National Science Foundation (Dr. Emily Carrington)

The budget is not set for the current fiscal year. NSF takes diversity (e.g., gender, ethnicity, geographic area, career stage, institution type) very seriously when evaluating symposia and workshops. RETs and REUs (supplements for teachers and undergraduate participants in grant activities) should be part of parent award. There is a new IOS Core Solicitation (17-

508). This year's preproposal deadline is 1/19/2017 due to the Inauguration. NSF is interested in developing standard practices for data management plans; please refer to the biology directorate page for further information. If you are thinking about submitting a CAREER proposal, consider submitting a preproposal to get early feedback. Thank you to the panelists and ad hoc reviewers.

Report from the Chair (Dr. Melina Hale)

Please review the new Meeting Code of Conduct that was developed by the Executive Committee this past year.

We will look to switch the timing of the DCB divisional meeting so that we can announce the student award winners.

There have been several challenges with the Gans Award because it provides for two types of awards. There were two polls to give the committee more flexibility in evaluating awards. The first poll was to approve the committee giving two awards per year. The vote was unanimous in favor. The second poll was to extend the length of time for evaluating a manuscript. This was also supported unanimously. The committee will define how long a paper can be serially nominated. Thank you to the Gans Award Committee!

The 2017 Gans Award was awarded to Dr. Brooke Flammang!

Dr. Sheila Patek will be taking over as chair starting at the end of the meeting. The new Chair-elect is Dr. Stacey Combes.

Please attend the divisional social on Saturday at 9 pm.