

**Minutes of the DIVISION OF COMPARATIVE PHYSIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY  
BUSINESS MEETING, January 3, 2008, San Antonio, TX**

The Division held its annual business meeting January 3, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 5:17 PM by outgoing chair Pat Walsh. The following items were discussed:

1. The minutes from the 2007 business meeting were approved by general acclamation of those present.
2. Election news – Three new division officers were introduced: Joseph B. Williams (chair), Allen Gibbs (secretary) and Jennifer Ro (Student/Post-doc Representative).

Upcoming elections for 2008 include the president-elect and program officer. Please forward any recommendations for these posts to the nominating committee (Pat Walsh, Don Mykles, William Kier). Elections will be held this spring.

3. Certificates were presented to outgoing officers Jonathon Stillman (Secretary) and Joanna Joyner-Matos (Student/Post-doc Representative), in appreciation of their efforts for the division. It was also announced that the SICB general business meeting would be expanded to include presentation of awards for society service and student awards. It is hoped that this will attract enough attendees to have a quorum when issues arise that we need to vote on.

4. Student awards – The Bartholomew Award Endowment is in sound financial shape (~\$160,000). 4-5% per year is used to cover travel, one year's membership, accommodations and a cash award for the winner, as well as the reception following the Bartholomew lecture.

A second student award is the Dorothy Skinner Award (<http://www.sicb.org/students/awards.php3#skinner>). Pat Walsh asked for donations to support the fund.

5. Pat Walsh presented the program officers' report for Don Mykles, who could not be present. DCPB had 67 oral and 82 poster presentations at the San Antonio meeting (overall 1005 abstracts). DCPB supported 2 symposia: Late Breaking Crustacean Genomics, and Evolution vs. Creationism. The division is sponsoring a symposium on Biomaterials and co-sponsoring one on Insect Evolution at the 2009 meeting in Boston. Note that it not too late to suggest late-breaking symposia for the Boston meeting, and not too early to begin thinking about symposia for the 2010 meeting.

NSF will consider symposium proposals for support in April and October of each year. To be competitive, symposium proposals must include a diverse group of participants, including age, gender and ethnic diversity.

6. Members of the SICB executive committee and Brett Burke attended briefly to discuss upcoming meetings and general SICB business. The 2009 meeting will be held in Boston. The site for the 2010 meeting has not been chosen.

6. Other meetings – Lou Burnett, who represents the DCPB to the International Congress for Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry and the International Union of Physiological

Sciences, introduced Malcolm Gordon, who discussed the IUPS meeting in Kyoto in 2009 ([www.iups2009.com](http://www.iups2009.com)). This meeting will have a significant comparative component, including two plenary lectures (the Knut Schmidt-Nielsen and August Krogh lectures). The overall theme of the meeting is Function of Life: Elements and Integration. Satellite meetings on "Survival in a Changing World" and thermal physiology are also planned. Lou Burnett also noted that the next ICCPB meetings will take place in Nagoya, Japan in 2011. Additional information on these meetings will be included in future newsletters. The division helps to sponsor both the IUPS and ICCPB meetings.

7. Journals – Pat Walsh reported that Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology is doing well. Approximately 1100 manuscripts were received in the past year, of which 52% were accepted. The median time from manuscript receipt to a decision is down to 26 days. CPB Part D is not yet included in MedLine, but the process of having it listed is in progress. The journal's 50th anniversary will be here in 2010/2011. A special issue is planned.

James Hicks reported that Physiological and Biochemical Zoology (now in its 80th year) is also doing well. 208 manuscripts were submitted in 2007, with an acceptance rate of 34%. Several focused issues have been published in recent years, with two more planned for 2008. New associate editors (Jon Harrison, Ted Garland, Kathleen Gilmour, Patricia Schulte) are in place after Al Bennett and Tim Bradley stepped down, with Hicks remaining as editor-in-chief. PBZ will be added to JSTOR this year. Hicks also noted that PBZ articles are downloaded frequently (one has been downloaded over ten thousand times!). The journal has a new web site, and the manuscript turnaround time is 4-5 weeks.

8. NSF – Program officer Goggy Davidowitz discussed the recent restructuring of the division of Integrative Organismal Systems. The funding rate for regular proposals is 17-18%. He also noted that there are several programs for which comparative physiologists could apply, but generally have not. These include Research Coordination Networks, the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, and the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center. The FIBR program is no more, but a similar type of program will likely replace it.

9. Student awards – David Tapley was thanked for organizing the judging of student presentations and posters. In recent years, the awards have been named in honor of a division member. This year's awards will be named for Robert Terwilliger. Suggestions were put forth for naming next year's award.

10. By-laws – Changes to SICB and division will be approved by the executive committee, and a ballot on their acceptance will be held this spring. Lou Burnett noted that the DCPB by-laws need only minor changes to correct conflicting sections and omissions.

11. Floor items – No motions were heard from the floor.

Pat Walsh adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Allen Gibbs