

Minutes of the DCPB Business Meeting, Jan. 4, 2010, Seattle, WA

Divisional Chair Joe Williams called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

Joe announced the Divisional Chair-Elect Jim Hicks sends his regrets that he could not attend due to an emergency in his department.

Joe introduced Trish Schulte, who with Katie Gilmour are the new co-editors of *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology*. Trish reported that the editorial transition from Jim Hicks will not involve any major changes. All issues from 1928-2003 are now available on JSTOR. Trish and Katie's editorial goals include continuing to maintain the focus of PBZ on ecological and evolutionary physiology. Additionally, they plan to maintain or increase the impact factor from the current 2.5, which falls 3rd compared to other journals in the field. Reducing time to acceptance and reducing time between acceptance and publication also are also major goals for the coming year, because the time between acceptance of a manuscript and publication averaged 178 days since 2005. Trish and Katie hope to reduce the time between acceptance and online publication to 40 days. For 2009, PBZ accepted 12%, rejected 62%, and had 25% of the manuscripts in process, or returned to the authors for resubmission. Focused issues have contributed to the increase in impact factor over the last several years, and they are seeking suggestions for a focused issue topic for publication in 2011. Finally, if anybody is interested in serving as assistant editor, please contact Trish (pschulte@zoology.ubc.ca).

Pat Walsh from *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology* sent his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting. In Pat's place, Joe announced the journal stats for 2009, including 1247 manuscripts submitted. The time to review is 3-4 weeks and the average time from acceptance to online publication is less than 3 weeks. If anybody would like to serve on the editorial board for CBP, please contact Pat (pwalsh@uottawa.ca).

In order to show our appreciation, Joe will present a plaque to Jim Hicks and Andrea Canfield after the meeting.

Jon Harrison announced the 2010 American Physiological Society (APS) Intersociety Meeting on "Global Change and Global Science: Comparative Physiology in a Changing World" to be held in Westminster, CO, on Aug 4-7, 2010. This intersociety conference is one of the two largest international conferences in comparative physiology with six participating societies including: SICB (DCPB), APS, Society for Experimental Biology, Canadian Society of Zoologists, South American Society of CPB, and the Australian and New Zealand Society for CPB. In addition to eleven scheduled symposia, plenary lectures will be given by George Somero and Beth Brainerd. In contrast to previous meetings, students will be allowed to give oral presentations, with a special session dedicated to students held at a time without conflicting symposia talks. There are many trainee travel awards and presentation awards available, so don't forget to apply for those when you submit your abstract! Abstracts will be accepted until **May 3, 2010**. For more information, contact Jon (j.harrison@asu.edu) or see <http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/aps/comparative/index.htm>.

Joe mentioned the need to organize a nominating committee for the Divisional positions of

Chair-elect and Program Officer-Elect. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or are interested in nominating a colleague for one of these positions, please contact Jim Hicks (jhicks@uci.edu) or Anna Ahn (aahn@hmc.edu).

Joe welcomed the new Bartholomew Award Committee members, Drs. Christopher Guglielmo (U. Western Ontario), Art Woods (U. Montana), and Adam Summers (Friday Harbor).

Lastly, Pat Walsh is our representative to the International Congress of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry (ICCPB). The next meeting will be held May 31 - Jun 5, 2011 in Nagoya, Japan. The DCPB symposium will be entitled "Balancing Oxygen: A Tribute to Steve Morris (1956-2009)" and organized by Lou Burnett and Nora Terwilliger.

Mary Chamberlin announced that there is no more stimulus money at the NSF. Mary will be staying with NSF as part-time rotating program director until June 2010. If you are interested in becoming a program director at NSF, please contact NSF.

Joe adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM.