

Minutes of the 2018 DCPB Divisional Business Meeting (San Francisco, California)

The business meeting of the Division of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry (DCPB) was held on January 4th at the Marriott Marquis Hotel and Conference Center. Division Chair Inna Sokolova called the meeting to order at 5:50pm and introduced the SICB Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee reported that there was a need to better recognize and credit the Symposium Organizers for their efforts. They also stated that the subsequent annual conferences will be held in Tampa, Austin, Washington D.C., Phoenix, and Austin, respectively.

The Executive Committee also introduced the new online companion journal to ICB (Integrative and Comparative Biology) that will be published by Oxford Press. This journal will accept manuscripts that are not necessarily part of annual contributed symposia. Each Division will need to nominate an Associate Editor for this journal. Also, the journal still lacks a formal name and each Division should provide some suggestions (see below for DCPB suggestions).

Marshall McCue (Secretary-Elect) motioned for approval of the 2017 Divisional Meeting Minutes and Kim Hammond (Chair-Elect) seconded this motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Inna introduced (Chair-Elect) Kim Hammond, Wes Dowd (Program Officer), Andrea Rummel (incoming Student and Postdoctoral Affairs Committee member), Robin Warne (Outgoing-Secretary), and Marshall McCue (Secretary-Elect).

Wes Dowd mentioned that the DCPB agreed in January 2017 to implement an 'Extended Abstract' procedure to the Best Student Papers (poster or oral) application, but that the registration had opened this year before changes were made to the website. He notes that it will be implemented before the next submission deadline for the 2019 meeting.

Inna introduced Michele Elekonich (Acting Division Director- NSF-IOS) who mentioned that the budget is delayed and that funding support for SCIB symposium continues to be limited. She also said that symposium proposals that involved 'workshops' would be welcomed and that the most competitive proposals will involve 'forward-looking' perspectives and exhibit participation from women and minority groups. She also mentioned that there was a March 1 deadline for extensions of mid-career awards and awards for PIs to learn 'new tools' in the field. A formal solicitation for regular proposals to IOS will occur in the summer of 2018 from the Biological Sciences Directorate. Thereafter the proposals will be accepted on a 'rolling-deadline' schedule. Michele also reminded everyone of a program for 'non-model' organisms called Enabling Genomic Discovery., as well as an emphasis on EAGER and other grants aimed at investigating 'Rules of Life' topics. There will also be new information for Broader Impacts statements. Finally, IOS will receive a new Division Director in the near future.

Stephen Secor discussed that the number of PBZ submissions was down since the previous year. The average reviewing turnaround time is ~40d and the average time from submission to decision is ~55d. The rank among similar journals and the Impact factor (~2.1) remains constant. Overall, acceptance rates are around 20%.

Valeria Bajorat from the University of Chicago Press mentioned that there will be a 'focused issue' in PBZ on the topic of 'Ecoimmunology' and submissions are welcome and due by May. 1.

SICB is intending to compile a database for Supplemental Funding for Symposia.

DCPB will hold two officer elections this year. One for the Chair-Elect (who will overlap for one year with current Chair) and the other for Program Officer. Candidate statements will be due by March 2 to the DCPB Secretary for inclusion in the Spring Newsletter.

Marshall mentioned that the DCPB has established a Facebook Page that all members can join and post pertinent announcements to other members.

Wes Dowd mentioned that DCPB could sponsor a symposium for the International Congress of Physiology (in Ottawa, Canada) in August; so far no one has applied for this funding. Next year (2019) DCPB will co-sponsor five symposia; 4 of them address physiology and one is an integrative plant biology symposium to mark the start of a new plant-focused division of the society. In general, SICB is reaching out to plant biologists to expand content/topical coverage of the society. The physiology-oriented symposia for 2019 will include: Mito-nuclear Ecology, Integrative Stress Phenotypes and Fitness, Moving Beyond Static Experimental Manipulations in the Context of Climate Change Studies, and Adaptation and Evolution of Biological Materials.

Inna and Steve mentioned that we need to establish a 'Name' for our Best Student Presenters award. The name of the honorary person is typically a deceased physiologist (i.e., according to Inna "within the past century" – twenty-first century? Or past 100years?)

Marshall suggested that meeting attendees discuss possible names for the new ICB-on-line journal. The list of suggestions includes: IOB, ICB-Open, ICB-Now, ICB-Progress Series, ICB-Reports.

Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Kim Hammond.

The meeting was adjourned by Inna Sokolova at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Marshall D. McCue, DCPB Secretary