

Minutes of the 2019 DCPB Divisional Business Meeting January 5, 2019

Convention Center, Tampa, Florida

The business meeting of the Division of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry (DCPB) was held on January 5th at the Tampa Convention Center. Division Chair Kim Hammond called the meeting to order at 5:50pm. Chair Kim Hammond motioned for the approval of the 2018 Divisional Meeting Minutes and they were approved by the attendees. No objections were noted.

Kim Hammond introduced the Chair Elect (Ken Welch) who will start his term at the end of this conference. Kim will step down at the end of the 2020 conference. She also introduced the outgoing Program Officer (Wes Dowd) and the incoming Program officer (Kristi Montooth) who will start her term January 8. Kim Hammond introduced the secretary (Marshall McCue) and mentioned that we need to look for two nominees (full members) for the Secretary Election which will take place Spring 2019. Andrea Rummel the Divisional Student and Postdoctoral Representative was introduced as was Valentina Di Santo who has been overseeing the Student Awards program for the division.

This year students entering the Best Paper awards submitted an extended abstract, and that process seemed to have gone well. There was discussion and consensus among the officers and non-officers attending the meeting that Student Oral Presentations that are selected for competition (~n=8) be grouped into a single session (programmed early in the week) to celebrate their achievement and to facilitate judging. After further discussion there was also consensus that the Student posters selected for competition (~n=8) be shown in their respective topical sessions, but that they be given a special badge or certificate noting/recognizing the fact that they were selected among others for the competition. There was brief discussion, but no consensus about the official name (celebrating a deceased Comparative Physiologist) of the Student Awards.

Kim reported that SICB provided \$7000 towards child care and that this program was well received.

Kim also noted that the registration costs will be waived for symposium participants, but this effort was contingent on the submission of a related manuscript to the journal ICB.

Kim reminded members that the policy for Broadening Participation within the society was being developed and a draft had recently been made available for comments/inputs.

Kim reported that the NSF had provided ~\$100K in funding to support the 2019 Conference, and no NSF representative was present at this conference.

Kim reported that the Bartholomew Award committee was historically comprised of only previous Bart award recipients and thus constituted a level of diversity that was suboptimal and stated her intent to ensure the committee included the past-chair (or the Chair or Chair's designee if the Past-Chair is not available) of the DCPB as well as other Divisional/Society members. The final recommended awardee is then forwarded to the Chair of DCPB for approval. There was also discussion among the group about formal and informal selection criteria and considerations that could ensure the award is given to the most meritorious person each year.

Andrea Rummel volunteered to begin a Divisional Twitter Group. This was completed the following day.

Update on the status of the journal, Physiological and Biochemical Zoology was given by Stephen Secor. He started by highlighting an open call this Spring for a special volume focusing on Functional Morphology and Biomechanics – particularly as it pertains to understanding ecology and evolution. In 2018 PBZ processed ~300 manuscripts and acceptance rate held steady at 29%. The mean time for first decision and final decision was 41d and 77d, respectively. Impact factor increased from 2.0 to 2.3. Ted Garland has committed to continue serving at the editor for another five years, and Andrea Canfield will remain managing editor – and remain headquartered in southern California.

The SICB Executive Committee joined the Divisional meeting for a few minutes and each member introduced herself or himself. Alice Gibb strongly encouraged student and postdoc involvement in the annual Divisional elections. Currently the participation rate is as low as ~20%.

Adam Summers encouraged all members to submit their best manuscripts to the Society's new Open Access Journal.

The meeting was convened at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by
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