

Minutes of the DCPB Business Meeting, Jan. 4, 2011, Salt Lake City, UT

Divisional Chair Jim Hicks called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

Jim introduced Hannah Carey, from the PSS (Physiological & Structural Systems) cluster of the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS) of the NSF who had 3 main messages:

1. There is currently no FY11 budget for funding grants. As of now, the continuing resolution requires them to be conservative and go on a budget of 85% of last year's budget, which approximates 2008 levels. The FY10 funding rate was 10-16% depending on the panel.
2. Think about "big picture" organismal issues through the grand challenges program. Get involved and let the community know. This is a community-driven event. Think about the fundamental questions we think are important. Demonstrate the importance of biology to the public. The initiative can be found at SICB/Challenges. IOS thinks the voice of organismal biology needs to be heard. This is not an attempt to change, fundamentally, how biology is done, but rather a way to let it be known that we are a diverse community. There will also be a discussion at the Experimental Biology meeting in the spring.
3. NSF is developing a research coordination network (RCN), in which proposals work to fund new collaborations, new tools, and new directions into your area. Funds are given for training students in a lab and move the area forward in a certain topical area -- something that will bring people together. If you have any questions, feel free to send a brief synopsis (1-2 paragraphs or 1 page) to your Program Director at NSF who will be happy to provide input.

Jim gave the editor's report for Pat Walsh, who is the Co-Editor in Chief of the journal *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology*. Pat sent his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting. Jim reported the journal stats for 2010, including 1370 manuscripts submitted, which represented a 9.9% increase over 2009. CBP had a 68.7% rejection rate and 26.6% acceptance rate. The impact factor was 2.196. The submissions were up and the quality of manuscripts continues to increase. If anybody would like to serve on the editorial board for CBP, please contact Pat Walsh (pwalsh@uottawa.ca) directly.

Jim introduced Trish Schulte, who with Katie Gilmour are the new co-editors of *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology*. This journal produces 6 issues per year. The journal webpage has migrated to JSTOR, where all issues from 1928-present are now available. Last year, 170 papers were submitted, which is a decline from the previous year due to a decrease in contributions from Americans. The acceptance rate was 21%, while 59% were rejected. PBS has an impact factor of 2.19, which compares to CPB-A (2.196), JCB-B (1.8), and JEB (2.7). The process of manuscript review begins with Trish & Katie reading each submitted manuscript to determine if it should be sent out for review, or desk rejected without review. In 2010, 37% of the manuscripts submitted were desk rejected, 23% were rejected following review, and the remainder were accepted or are still in revision. The time between acceptance to online publication has decreased from 160 days in 2008 to 88 days in 2010. The goals for 2011 include: 1. decreasing the time from acceptance to online publication, 2. maintaining the rejection rate, 3. increasing the impact factor. Stephen Secor is now a new associate editor. Trish gave a special thank you to Ted Garland and Jon Harrison. Trish plans to produce a focused issue in 2012, with a submission deadline late in 2011. This focused issue will include 3-4 invited review papers and primary papers in that area to be solicited via a call for papers. Jim thanked Trish for her service to the journal.

Jim welcomed our new Divisional Program Officer, Kristin O'Brien. Jim thanked Kathy Dickson, whose term ends in Jan 2011, noting that the Program Officer does the most work of everybody and needs extraordinary organizational skills. Jim then announced we should

start thinking about 2013 symposia, which drive papers in ICB journal and drive programming at the meeting. He noted that acceptance of papers from symposia presenters is not automatic in ICB.

Jim introduced the executive leadership of the Society: Rich Satterlie (President); Bob Roer (Treasurer), Brett Burke (Executive Director), and Brian Tsukimura (Program Officer). Brian reported that we especially need symposia from this division. Brian will work with Kristin and Jim to come up with forward-looking symposia. The papers from the symposia comprise the only content in the journal. The success of the journal is tightly correlated with the success of the society, because the society relies on the income provided by the journal. It all ties together.

Jim reminded us there will be an election in the spring for the DCPB Secretary. Also, Jenny Ro is the outgoing DCPB representative of the Student Postdoctoral Affairs Committee (SPDAC). Anybody who knows of a student or postdoc who would like to be more involved in the society should forward their names to Jim Hicks. They can be foreign students, but they would be expected to attend the meetings.

Jon Harrison, the SICB Program Officer-Elect, made a few announcements. First, if anybody has any workshop ideas, please contact Jon directly (j.harrison@asu.edu). Jon also relayed a suggestion by Adam Summers, who believes SICB should institute 5-minute lightning talks. These shorter talks would make the meeting more inclusive by allowing more talks, especially since not all talks need 20 minutes. Trish Schulte commented that the lightning talks are a tough format, but it can work when the talks are selected or invited from the poster abstracts. Those speakers would present a lightning talk in addition to presenting a poster. Jon suggested perhaps the sessions might include just grad students, like at APS. Don Mykles thought the poster session could be expanded to 3 hours, but would have to reduce the number of oral presentations. We would also want to avoid overlapping symposia with the poster sessions, because students are required to stand by their posters. Trish noted the CSZ makes the poster session a part of the social. Joe Williams commented that the ability to buy lunch or refreshments at the poster session has been useful, so one does not have to leave to get food. Trish mentioned that CSZ includes food at every social, so it can be done. Please contact to Kristin (kmobrien@alaska.edu) or Jon (j.harrison@asu.edu) with any additional ideas.

Jim mentioned that nobody has applied for the travel grants for students, postdoc, and young faculty to attend ICCPB in Nagoya, Japan. Jim also requested that if you have any ideas, please feel free to send any office an email. We want to hear from members.

Jon H. suggested that having this business meeting during a meal may serve to improve attendance of this meeting. Two journals could donate money to provide free food, which would attract students and/or free alcohol, which would attract everybody.

With that, Jim adjourned the meeting at 6:08 PM.