

SICB 2025, Atlanta, WA.

**Meeting minutes for Division of Comparative Biomechanics
January, 5, 2025**

Number of attendees: 108

DCB Chair - Brooke Flammang

Vote on 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to Vote on minutes: Ty Hedrick
- Second: Nicolai Konow
- All in favor (unanimous, no against, no abstentions)

SICB is need of a rep for the ICB journal: COntact Assistant Editor or Brooke Flammang (DCB Chair) for more information

SICB Program Officer - Matt McHenry

Discussion of SICB Strategic Plan

- This year there was a meeting to build SICB's 5-year strategic plan
- This meeting was facilitated by an external facilitator
- The details are out in an email to all members of SICB and is available on the SICB website
- In this plan they built a hierarchy from "BOLD STEP" to "TACTICS" (aspirational to specific)
- BOLD STEP 1: Career Support and Mentorship
- BOLD STEP 2: Building a scientific culture of belonging for all
- BOLD STEP 3: Financial Stability
- BOLD STEP 4: Membership Growth and Engagement

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DCB Funds Report

- Increase in DCB membership means an increase in allocation from SICB
- Funds for regional meeting, symposia, best student paper, social, and the Gans Award

SICB 2025 Symposia - 4x this year in 2025

SICB 2026 Symposia - 6x

SICB 2027 Symposia - looking for proposals (reach out to DCB program officer - Glenna Clifton - for more information or with any questions)

Acknowledgement of 3 regional meetings in 2024

- Northeast, Southeast, Southwest (see DCB newsletter for more information)
- Call for requests for funds for new regional meetings
- "How to Host a Regional Meeting" materials available on the website

DCB SPDAC Rep - Andrew Schulz

Booth in Poster Session room to meet SPDAC reps

- Aiming to increase funding for postdocs and visiting professors to attend SICB
- There has been a postdoc member decline in attendance at SICB since covid

SPDAC Strategic plan (full plan available online)

SPDAC hosted Workshop on Academic Adjacent Careers

50 DCB-DVM mentor-mentee pairings at SICB 2025: Most other divisions modifying their plan based on DCB/DVM

Survey for faculty recruiting students (REU, lab-tech, masters, postdoc, etc)

Upcoming Conferences

- ICVM 2025
- ISB 2025 (and pre-meeting for folks working on muscle-tendon mechanics)
- AMAM/LokoAssist 2025
- SEB

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Best student paper (Acknowledgements of participants and winners)

- Presentation Winner: Olivia Walthaus
- Poster Winner: Heiko Kabutz
- Thank you to the judges!
- Comments from judges to presenters will be available

Carl Gans Award

- Young Investigator Award: Kory Evans
- Significant Contribution Award: David Labonte
- Thank you to the Gans award selection committee!

Monica Dailey

NSF Funded Integrative Movement Sciences Institute Summer Program

- Look for add in February 2026
- Summer program for 15 fully funded 6-10 week projects

Kathy Dickson (NSF Program Officer)

Thank you to everyone who has served as a reviewer and panelist (if you want to serve send your CV and note about your interest)

Booth down in poster session room

- Make an appointment for one-on-one discussions or stop by for information about new/current programs/calls
- Go to NSF page to sign up for notifications on when new things come out
- There are also blogs for all of the individual divisions and the general biology group
- There are division specific virtual office hours every month (Schedule on the NSF website)
- CAREER proposal deadline in July

Bio Priorities for 2026

- Building a resilient climate
- Building a Bio-Economy
- Artificial intelligence

New Policies from NSF

- Revised yearly (this update is 2024-1)
- New requirement for mentoring plans (need to include plans for both postdocs AND graduate students)
- New for now but soon will become a non-compliance issue (proposals will be desk-rejected without this)

DCB PO - Glenna Clifton

Announcement of DVM/DCB/DEDB Social (Jan 6th 2025 8-10pm)

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Call for any other news/announcements/questions

- Paleo-Connected Regional Meeting (ad will go out soon)
- Jungle Biomechanics Lab (Applications open at the end of Jan 2025)
- Second call for Symposia proposals for 2027

Motion to end the meeting

- Motion: Talia Moore
- Seconded: Ty Hedrick