

**SICB 2023, Austin, TX**  
**Meeting minutes for Division of Comparative Biomechanics**  
**January, 5, 2023**

**Kathy Dickson (NSF Program Officer)**

- Thanks to SICB members who serve as reviewers, panelists, and program officers.
- If interested in serving please sign up at the booth in the main hall for vendors.
- Stop by the booth to meet officers about potential ideas or to make an appointment.
- Sign up at the NSF web page for NSF notifications for new solicitations, job announcements.
- Virtual office hours for multiple programs, webinar format followed by Q&A.
- Rotating program director opportunities are available.
- Highlighted programs:
  - Convergence accelerator: bioinspired design workshop
  - Broadening participation
  - Mid-career advancement program for associate professors also for full professors at PUI
- NSF NEW policies and procedure manual effective January 30, 2023.
- NSF supports SICB. March 1<sup>st</sup> proposal deadline for symposia and workshop support. Contact a program officer before submitting.

**Melina Hale, President and SICB Executive Committee**

- SICB 2028: tentative Los Angeles, CA location. The Executive Committee will vote on Saturday to make the decision.

Molly Jacobs- Communications editor

- Introduced her role as an intermediate media person between members and Ex Committee.

Thomas Sanger- Program officer

- Consider submitting symposia.

IOB editor (representing Adam Summers)

- New open access journal, 3.2 impact factor.
- Multiple outreach efforts to promote papers.
- Abstracts translated in multiple languages.

Michele Johnson-Secretary

- New positions available for Society-wide offices: Secretary, Program officer, Member at large.

SICB plus: 50% committed to submit. Please submit.

**John Long- Chair**

- Approve minutes for 2022 Members' meeting– motion by T. Hedrick, Seconded by M. Butler– approved unanimously.
- Explained expenses.

**Jim Liao- Program director**

- Discussed 2023 symposia supported by DCB.
- Introduced DCB-supported symposia for SICB 2024 in Seattle.

- Consider younger scientists that will publish their research, we need to publish symposia papers as they cover the cost of the symposia. DCB does not charge fees so this is the way to offset the costs.

**Laura Habegger- Secretary**

-Thank to all regional meeting organizers.  
-Thanks to John Long for his service and dedication to the division.

**Armita Manafzadeh- SPDAC rep**

- ICVM info: student support for registration is first come first serve.  
- Need to have a society wide conversation about social media and how we want to manage it.  
- Social media management may change at the society level but for now our division will continue as it is.  
- Please contact Andrew Schulz if you want to help.

**Best Student presentation- John Long**

-Great session of excellent presentations by the eight finalists.  
-Posters were not awarded this year due to lack of submissions.  
-Many applications were not considered due to violations of submission guidelines.  
-New scoring system across divisions, piloting, please give feedback.

**Winners for Best Student Presentation:**

-Theodora Po “The collective and central control of locomotion in sea stars”  
-First runner up: Melody Young “Climbing is hard (at least for humans).”  
-Second runner up: Christian Brown “Skydiving salamanders: How some lungless salamanders jump, glide, and generate lift.”

**Gans Award- John Long**

- Award handbook- procedures used this year.  
- Thanks to JEB for their symposia support.

**Gans award winner:**

Dr. Alejandro Rico-Guevara: “Comparative Ecophysics of Avian Nectarivory”  
Runner up: Dr. Nicholas Burnett

**Gans award significant contribution- pilot project 2022**

- Only one nominee: very difficult to award under this scenario.  
- Pilot guidelines for “significant contribution”: did not work; requirements such as letters to be submitted were difficult to obtain because of the conflict of interest rules.  
- Will default back to the way it was until new ideas arise.  
- Will send info on alternative options.

**New business announcements/comments**

Andrew Schulz (SPAC)

-Current issues with Twitter as a media platform for the division will provide tentative alternatives.  
-Member suggested Tik tok, Instagram.  
-ICVM in July. -SICB has provided over 200k in support to students.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Laura Habegger