

Division of Comparative Endocrinology
Business Meeting
Friday January 5, 2018 5:45-6:30 Convention Center 214

1. **Welcome** – Michael Romero, DCE Chair.

2. **NSF visits – Jodi Jawor**

- a. Jodie Jawor, NSF PO from the Behavioral Systems Cluster at IOS, reported that there is no 2017 budget yet, and that the budget is on continuing resolution. She also made the following announcements:
 - i. The NSF will continue to support SICB symposia on a competitive basis. They are specifically looking for forward looking proposals that bridge ideas and bring together new areas. The NSF is also looking to broaden participation, and thus is important that symposium proposals make a point of showing how a given symposium will do this.
 - ii. Reminder that supplement requests due by March 1.
 - iii. NSF will no longer have preliminary proposals, and is moving to no deadlines. However, investigators cannot submit anything until the new solicitation is posted (between June and August).
 - iv. Some opportunities will still have deadlines: see NSF website for details
 - v. Broadening participation social announced

3. **SICB Executive Committee visit**

- a. Introductions of members of the SICB executive officers, who then made the following announcements:
 - i. SICB's next 5 years of annual meeting venues are set:
 - 1. 2019: Tampa, FL
 - 2. 2020: Austin, TX
 - 3. 2021: Washington, DC
 - 4. 2022: Phoenix, AZ
 - 5. 2023: Austin, TX
 - ii. The executive committee will be working on redesigning the SICB website in the next year. There is a team working on this, and this team will be interacting with divisional officers and others for input.
 - iii. Reminder of the importance of program for the success of the SICB conferences. The core of the program was identified as the symposia, which also drives the content of the ICB journal. The executive committee is trying to find ways to better support symposia organizers.
 - iv. Report on the SICB journal (Oxford University Press; Adam Summers has agreed to be editor-in-chief). This journal will create a new open access platform for the society. The idea is to encompass all sorts of science that define us as integrative and comparative biologists.
 - 1. Name of the journal has not been finalized yet.
 - 2. Need a team of associate editors (currently only have 2). Executive committee has solicited nominations of people who are active, open access advocates
 - 3. Need an outreach associate. This individual will shepherd publications post-publication, and engage scientific community and general public. They are especially looking for early stage career individuals for this position.
 - 4. The official launch of this journal will be next year

4. **Introductions of Divisional Officers**

- a. Ignacio Moore, Program Officer
- b. Sharon Lynn, Secretary
- c. Suzanne Austin, Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Representative

- d. Loren Buck, Chair-elect
- e. Brian Walker, Program Officer-elect

5. Recent Elections

- a. Tim Greives will begin as secretary-elect Jan 9
- b. Kathleen Hunt will take over as chair-elect
- c. The election will be coming up this spring for Program Officer-elect. Biographical sketch and statement of interest need to be included for each candidate in the DCE spring newsletter. Michael Romero solicited nominations, which may be brought to any member of executive committee.

6. Announcements

- a. Bern Lecture – Dr. David Norris, 7 pm. Thanks to selection committee: Loren Buck, Sharon Lynn, Ignacio Moore, Brian Walker, Suzanne Austin. Michael Romero.
- b. Reminder about the Divisional Social – this will be a joint social, to be held off-site. There will be no Data Blitz this year.
- c. Creagh Breuner, Member at Large, described her role as Member at Large. She solicited ideas, proposals, etc. that are of interest to members of DCE that she can share with executive committee. Meeting at beginning and end of conference.
 - i. One focus this year: providing better support for parents of young children at conferences (based on recommendations in a manuscript authored by Rebecca Calisi and others). The committee is looking for volunteers for ad hoc committee to help with this.

7. Approval of 2017 Business meeting minutes and Secretary Report – Sharon Lynn

- a. 2017 DCE business meeting minutes approved (posted on DCE website). Majority vote to approve.
- b. Reported that the DCE Facebook page has ~250 members. This is a great place to post job ads, questions, announcements, etc. Please join if you have not already, encourage students, etc to join. Email Sharon if you have any questions or are having difficulty joining the group.

8. Program Officer Report – Ignacio Moore

- a. Reported that SICB 2018 has been the largest SICB meeting ever—2300 individuals preregistered, and this meeting had the largest number of presentations as well.
- b. Pointed out that DCE’s “composition” is changing: the DCE program for this year contains a large number of stress talks/symposia; in addition, the division appears to have lost involvement of fish researchers.
 - i. Please encourage students and collaborators to attend. Come up with appealing symposia. Advertise symposia on Facebook site.
 - ii. Mary Mendonca suggested that we encourage more outreach as well.
 - iii. A discussion ensued on the impact of NASCE on SICB attendance.
 - iv. If you have ideas for symposia, please talk to Ignacio Moore and/or Brian Walker. They can help shepherd interested individuals through process.

9. Journal Reports

- a. ICB – Marty Martin

10. Judging student oral and poster presentations

- a. Thank to Bobby Fokidis for stepping in to organize the judging and evaluation efforts at the conference. Results of the competitions will posted soon.

11. Finances

- a. Bern fund
 - i. Fund is growing nicely (currently at \$41,206+). The goal is to make this an 80,000 endowment. Michael encouraged attendees to think about donating.
- b. DCE budget
 - i. Current DCE budget is substantial, but may not be accurate because the IFCES annual dues may not have been paid yet.
 - ii. Michael Romero reported on two changes to IFCES bylaws that affect us: Dues are not due annually, and the chair of DCE automatically becomes a member. This is expected to increase communication.
 - iii. Supplement Bern Fund Endowment

12. New Business

- a. SICB executive committee requests feedback on code of conduct. Please contact Michael Romero or anyone on executive committee with any input that you have on this.
- b. Reminder of the upcoming update of SICB website
- c. New apparel store – 15% of money goes to support student travel or research funds.
- d. Discussion of potentially changing DCE bylaws to have Program Officer serve a 3-year term instead of a 2-year term, recognizing that a third year will leverage experience gained in the first year, which benefits the division as well as the Program Officer. A straw poll showed strong support for this idea.
- e. Presentation of certificate of appreciation for Ignacio Moore and Michael Romero in thanks for their service as DCE Program Officer and DCE chair, respectively.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm
Respectfully submitted, SEL