

DCE Business Meeting Minutes
SICB Annual Meeting Charleston, SC, 2012

Mark Sheridan, DCE Chair introduced the DCE officers: Steve McCormick, DCE Chair Elect (who stepped in as Chair at the end of the 2012 meeting) Rebecca Calisi-Rodríguez, Graduate Student-Post-doc Representative; Rosemary Knapp, Program Officer; Ignacio Moore, Program Officer Elect; and Erica Crespi, Secretary.

Mark also announced that the Bern Lecture will be given by Dr. Lynn Riddiford of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and University of Washington. He invited all to attend the much-anticipated talk.

Minutes from the 2011 Business Meeting were unanimously approved.

Rosemary Knapp, Program Officer, made several announcements:

DCE is co-sponsoring four symposia for the 2012 Charleston SICB meeting: "*Mangrove killifish: an exemplar of integrative biology*" (organized by Ed Orlando and Ryan Earley), "*The impacts of developmental plasticity on evolutionary innovation and diversification*" (organized by Matthew Wund), "*Comparative proteomics of environmental and pollution stress*" (organized by Lars Tomanek), and "*EvoDevo rides the genomics express*" (organized by Billie Swalla).

She announced the DCE-sponsored symposia to be held at the 2013 San Francisco SICB meeting:

- Society-Wide: Phenotypic plasticity and the evolution of gender roles
- Organizer: Janet Leonar
- DEDB, DEE, DCE: Ecological Epigenetics
- Organizers: Andrea Liebl, Christina Richards, Aaron Schrey, Armin Moczek
- DEDB, DAB, DCE, DIZ: Understanding First Order Phenotypes: Transcriptomics for Emerging Model Systems. Organizer: Suzy Renn
- DCE, DCPB, DAB: Hormone-mediated sex ratio adjustment in vertebrates. Organizer: Kristen Navara
- DAB, DCE, DEE, DCPB: Coping with uncertainty: Integrating physiology, behavior and evolutionary ecology in a changing world. Organizer: Zoltan Nemeth

Rosemary also reminded people to list their talks under Regulatory Biology in the meeting registration box so the presentation will be included within DCE; because of the interdisciplinary nature of many comparative endocrinology talks/posters, they often fall in other divisions. For the 2014 SICB meeting in Austin, TX symposium proposals will be due in August 2012.

Erica Crespi gave the Secretary's Report:

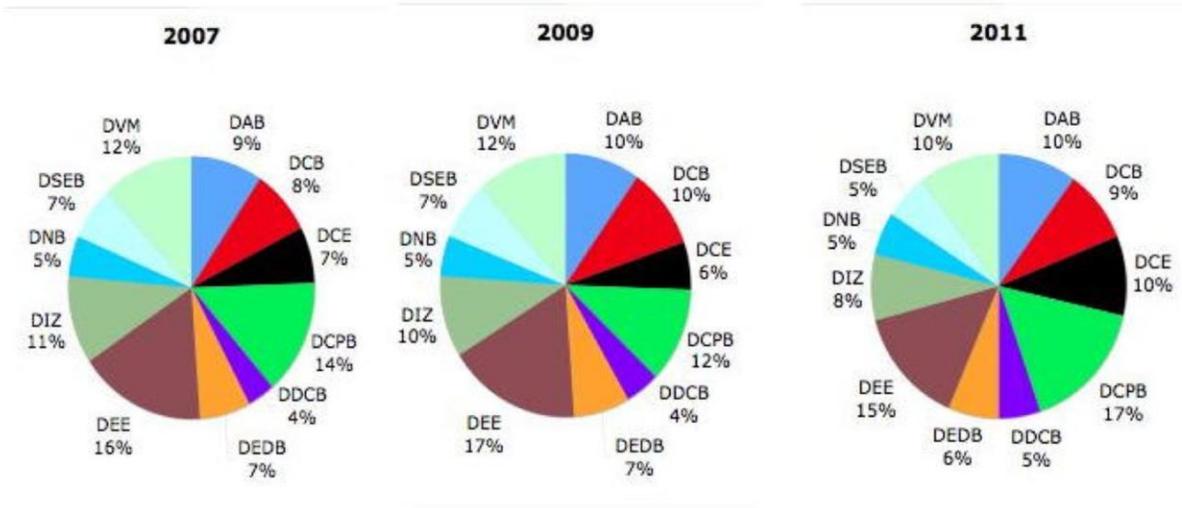
Erica announced that the DCE bylaws were voted on and officially revised to match the wording of the society-wide bylaws concerning student oral and poster presentations. She also announced that the results from last year's officer elections included Mary Mendonca as Chair-Elect, and Rachel Bowden as Secretary-Elect. SICB-wide elections for President-Elect, Program Officer-Elect, and Member-At-Large will be conducted in 2012, and DCE's own Brian Tsukimura's term as Program Officer is ending; in addition DCE Program Officer-Elect selection will occur in 2012 and a nominating committee was needed.

Erica also reported that 44 participants attended the DCE-organized biostatistics workshop "Survival Analysis: Not just for survival anymore" at the Charleston Meeting, and that a

workshop for the 2013 San Francisco meeting would be tentatively titled, "Genomics for non-model organisms" would be organized including two speakers: Jodi Schwarz from Vassar College and creator of AiptasiaBase would conduct a workshop titled, "A biologist's guide to working with large sequence datasets;" and Matthew Settles, Chief Analyst at the Institute for Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Studies at the University of Idaho would conduct a workshop on, "Methods of (free) microarray analysis."

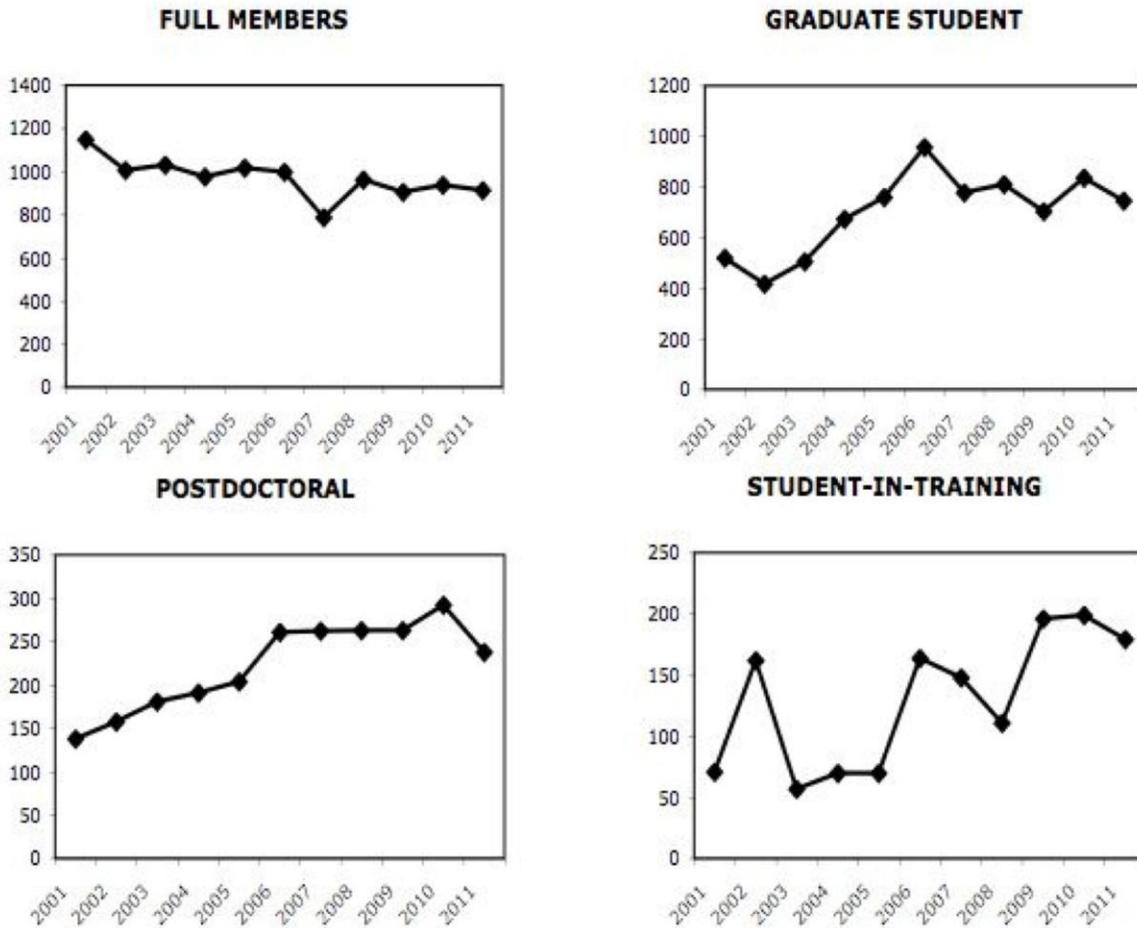
Erica also announced that efforts will be made to use Facebook and wikipages to help with more modern forms of communication among division members. Finally, Erica presented some pie graphs showing the trends in DCE membership in the recent past.

DCE Percent of total SICB membership



Percent of DCE membership relative to the total SICB membership.

DCE Membership 2001-2011



DCE membership between 2001-2011 by membership category.

SICB Officer Update:

The SICB officers, including Richard Satterlie (Past President), Robert Roer (Treasurer), Brett Burke (Executive Director), and Brian Tsukimura (Program Officer), made several announcements. They invited everyone to attend the society-wide business meeting, to be held the following evening.

NSF Update:

John Wingfield, the Assistant Director for the Directorate of Biological Sciences, addressed the division membership. He announced the new pre-proposal system adopted by IOS and DEB Divisions, which will reduce the number of full proposals submitted each year, but increase the percentage of proposals to be awarded at that time. He assured everyone that the percent awarded would not decrease due to this procedural change. He also announced that the NSF budget did not decrease in 2012, and actually increased slightly.

General and Comparative Endocrinology (GCE) Update: Bob Dores was not in attendance at the meeting, but he sent the 2011 GCE Annual Report for Mark Sheridan read in his place. The impact factor for GCE is up to 3.2, the highest ever for GCE. 473 manuscripts were

submitted to GCE in 2011 (new high), with a rejection rate of 39% at our half year review (July, 2011); we won't have the final numbers until sometime in January.

The 50th Year Anniversary celebration was very successful (23 reviews published; papers from the NASCE conference). Projects that will appear in print in 2012 will be:

- NASCE/ISAREN special issue (early Spring 2012)
- Eric Roubos - Profiles in Comparative Endocrinology (late Spring of 2012)
- Proceedings from the International Symposium on Stress Physiology Endocrinology, Kerala, India (mid-summer 2012)
- Proceedings from the Asia Oceania Conference, Malaysia (late summer 2012)
- Mark concluded that 2012 should be another good year for the journal. On a final note, he announced that Deborah Power will be replacing Ian Henderson as GCE Editor-in-Chief.