

**Division of Comparative Endocrinology
Business Meeting
Friday January 6, 2017 5:45-6:30 pm Convention Center 214**

1. Welcome

2. NSF Program Officers visit

- 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. NSF is interested in funding symposia for SICB, in particular those that are forward thinking and encourage “broad participation”
 - ii. Announcement of a mid-career PI supplement, as well as other changes to programs and solicitations
 - iii. Broadening participation social announced

3. Introductions of Divisional Officers

- Michael Romero, Chair
- Ignacio Moore, Program Officer
- Sarah Woodley, Secretary
- Christine Lattin, Student/Post-doctoral Rep
- Loren Buck, Chair-Elect
- Sharon Lynn, Secretary-Elect

4. Recent Elections

- Brian Walker will begin as Program Officer -Elect Jan 9
- Election will be coming up this Spring for Chair-Elect and Secretary-Elect. Bio and statement need to be included in the Spring Newsletter (March).
 - Michael Romero solicited nominations for these two positions. The division will need two people to run for each position.
 - Michael also announced that DCE needs a new student/post-doc rep and solicited nominations
 - Henry John-Alder’s term as DCE rep to ICB is also ending, so we will need a new representative for that.

5. Announcements

- Bern Lecture – Dr. David Crews 7:00-8:00 pm, Room 208/209/210
Thanks to the Selection Committee: Loren Buck, Sarah Woodley, Ignacio Moore, and Christine Lattin
- Divisional Social (jointly sponsored with DEDE) 8:00-10:00 pm, R02/R03 featuring 5th Annual Data Blitz organized by Rebecca Calisi-Rodriquez

6. Approval of 2016 Business Meeting Meetings and Secretary Report – Sarah Woodley

- a. This report focused on membership numbers in DCE (Mary Mendonca, previous DCE chair, had previously requested that this information be gathered). The report included the following information:

- i. Membership is holding steady. DCE has 274 as of a few weeks ago (very close to last year). DCE membership accounts for 6% of total SICB membership, so we are generally a small division
- ii. DCE's Facebook page currently has 230-ish members. A place to post job ads, questions, etc. Sarah encouraged students to join page.
- b. Michael presented Sarah with a framed plaque to thank her for her service as DCE secretary

7. **Program Officer Report** – Ignacio Moore

- a. Ignacio reported that this year's meeting is the largest SICB conference ever, including 1952 abstracts (115 of these were submitted by DCE members). The 2017 conference included 11 symposia (DCE is supporting 6 of these).
- b. SICB 2018 (San Francisco) – the society wants ~12 symposia for conference. Currently there are only 10, and DCE is in charge of 2 of these.
- c. Ignacio indicated a need for ideas for future symposia and urged members to develop ideas for symposia. Ignacio reminded attendees that NSF support is possible, and individuals don't need to be senior members to propose a symposium.

8. **Journal Reports**

- a. ICB – Marty Martin
 - i. Marty reminded attendees that ICB is the “lifeblood” of SICB.
 - ii. He proposed an idea for potential discussion: divisions recruit papers from post-docs (“rising stars”) and discussed pros and cons of this approach. He then asked the question “if you have your best work to publish, would you consider ICB?” Discussion followed.
 - 1. Creagh Breuner proposed the idea of having a “top 5 best postdocs in DCE” symposium as another means of helping to increase post doc visibility in ICB. Ignacio indicated that this would need to be a special session rather than a symposium due to timing (must propose 18 months in advance).
 - iii. Marty reminded everyone that the review process for ICB has changed, and urged attendees to contact him with questions about this new process.

9. **Judging student oral and poster presentations.** Presentation Judging Committee Chair:

Laura Carruth

- a. 7 competitors for the Aubrey Gorbman Best Oral Student Presentation chosen by the Selection Committee. Student awards from 2017 conference will be announced at social tonight.

10. **Finances:**

A) **Bern Fund Status:** Current Account @ \$34,000

Costs: We want approximately \$3,000 per year to cover registration, travel, etc.

We can expect @ \$1,000 return on endowment for every \$25,000

This means we need \$75,000+ in the fund eventually – about half way there!

- a. Michael discussed the need (articulated above) to continue adding to the Bern Fund to reach this \$75,000 goal, which would make the fund self-sustaining.

B) Current DCE Budget: Balance: \$3,802.89.

Use of Funds:

- a) Payment of dues to IFCES (International Federation of Comparative Societies) will continue based on the discussion at the 2016 business meeting.
- b) Supplement Bern Fund Endowment
(Currently insufficient endowment, need to supplement)
- c) Discussion of augmentation of the SICB allotted funds for our Symposia/Social
 - i. There is talk of increases in funds for socials next year
 - ii. Michael pointed out co-hosting the social with DEDE continues to be mutually beneficial
 - iii. Michael solicited feedback about whether DCE should start considering off-site socials, and discussion ensued
 1. Some pros that were identified: this would make the social less expensive overall, drinks less costly. Cons: some expressed concerns that people will disperse after Bern lecture; there would still be a rental fee (currently covered by SICB b/c social is at SICB's venue)
 2. The suggestion was made to separate the DCE/DEDE social from the Bern lecture, and have it start earlier in the evening.

11. SICB Executive Committee visit

- a. Introductions of members of the SICB executive committee, who then made the following announcements:
 1. At executive committee meeting, the following sites for future meetings were approved
 - a. 2021: Washington DC
 - b. 2023: Austin TX
 2. SICB is planning to start a new open access journal. Searching for new founding editor in chief (want someone from within SICB) – soliciting applicants. Members stressed that this is a unique opportunity, and that the society is hoping this will become premier journal in integrative and comparative biology
 3. Attendees were encouraged to submit symposia applications. We were reminded that symposia define the content of ICB. Junior members were encouraged to consider submitting applications.
 4. Educational council trying to rebuild educational library (now called RER, research and educational resources database). The society is looking for teaching materials from members from their divisions (pedagogical tools, case studies, etc.) as well as research materials (protocols, etc.). This would be managed through the division. Division officers can work on disseminating need for these materials. Items will be peer-reviewed. DCE members were encouraged to submit materials.

12. New Business:

- a. Michael reminded attendees of the new SICB meeting code of conduct and urged members to read it.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm
Submitted by SEL