

**Division of Comparative Endocrinology
Business Meeting
Saturday January 5, 2020 5:45-6:30**

- **Welcome and announcements – Loren Buck**
 - Announced encouragement to submit to IOB
 - Ignacio Moore reported additional information about IOB:
 - high alt-metrics impact
 - Abstracts translated to multiple languages by native
 - If submit picture the journal will create custom cover of IOB
- **SICB Executive Committee visit**
 - Introduced themselves
 - Encouraged members to fill out broadening participation survey
 - Solicited manuscripts for IOB
 - Encouraged members to think about symposium ideas. Especially younger members should think about this.
 - Comment/discussion about virtual meeting opportunities to increase accessibility
- **NSF visit**
 - Colin Saldahna – BIO IOS PO
 - NSF Booth – come over to make appt. to talk to a program office.
 - Will discuss current solicitations tomorrow Lone Star C.
- **Introductions of Divisional Officers and reports:**
 - **Program officer—meeting stats**
 - Provided report from this year's meeting
 - Next year – 4 DCE co-sponsored symposia
 - **Secretary**
 - **approval of minutes from 2019**
 - Joe Casto moved to approve
 - Michael Romero seconded
 - Unanimous approval of 2019 minutes
 - **Reported election results.**
 - Rachel Bowden – Chair elect
 - Christine Latin – Secretary elect
 - **Reported approval by-laws to extend term of PO to a three year term.**
 - **Post-doc –**
 - Encouraged following DCE twitter
 - Reported on Lunch with comparative endocrinologist and thanked those who participated
- **We have no divisional election this year**
- **Announcements (continued)**
 - Bern Lecture – Dr. George Bentley 7:00-8:00, Lone Star C&D, A Bird's Eye View of Reproductive Endocrinology

- Thanks to the officers for their efforts in the selection process
- Divisional Social (jointly sponsored with DEDE, DAB, and DNNSB) 8:00-10:00
 - **Judging student oral and poster presentations**
 - Thank you for to the many judges for this year's competition.
 - Winner of the best oral presentation to be announced at the Social
 - **Finances:**
 - **Bern Fund Status:**
 - Current Account balance is \$47,112. Up from \$42,386;
 - Encouraged members to donate to the Bern Fund
 - **Symposia**
 - DCE sponsored or co-sponsored 3 Symposia this year
 - Need more symposium ideas
 - Contact any DCE officers with ideas you might have for future symposia.
 - This would be for Phoenix in 2022
 - **Discussion on rebranding of DCE.**
 - Proposal to form ad hoc committee. Would come up with some suggestions on what reorganized division would look like and named. This would then could be published in spring newsletter could be voted on by membership.
 - Ignacio Moore and Ned Place volunteered. Will recruit additional members for committee with goal of including young voices as part.
 - Number of members of DCE haven't been increasing. Have been losing number of abstracts submitted with DCE categories selected over time as well.
 - If we are going to rebrand – what would this division look like?
 - Some new suggested names were offered. Try to attract new members that we think would be a good fit
 - E.g. Bring in people who work in zoos to be part of this division
 - Endocrine disruption would be another group that could be attracted.
 - This would not be to try to disenfranchise or make current members feel left out. Try to broaden the breadth of the division
 - Possible proposal to host a special session at the DC meeting in Jan 2021 to bring in speakers that exemplify the broadened direction of a new Division. E.g, 2 zoo leaders, 2 endocrine disruption leaders and 2 'classic' DCE types.
 - Question from grad student about is this a DCE problem or SICB problem (declining membership). \$10 additional fee for DCE discouraged membership. It is not clear what that 10 fee is for?
 - Talked about waiving fee for grad students and post-docs – will need to work with SICB to get this to happen (rumors that this is difficult logistically to have a fee for some members and not others).
 - Michael Romero provided some history on this problem and the fee.
 - We are a part of the international society of comparative endocrinology. This is a large budget item that requires the fee to be collected. Questions about whether

we would want to maintain this membership in this international society or remove ourselves from this society.

- John Wingfield commented that this effort to think about refocusing/rebranding is a good idea. Comparative endocrinology has become much broader in N. America. We have the opportunity to be unique globally.
- Howard Bern nominations...put forth your nominees and we'll follow-up with you with nomination information.