DCPB Business meeting minutes - January 5th 2025

Meeting called to order by DCPB chair, **Jason Podrabsky**.

1. **Kathy Dickson** provided an update from NSF
    a. NSF BIO PSS is always looking for new reviewers to participate and members can contact POs directly to volunteer.
    b. NSF provided three workshops/presentations at SICB 2025 with information on current funding opportunities, including PRFB and other student support mechanisms. All of these presentations are available online if folks missed them but still would like to watch them.
    c. Kathy emphasized the three FY 2025 NSF priorities:
        i. Building a resilient planet
        ii. Accelerating interactions between AI and biology
        iii. Building the bioeconomy
    d. Note the new PPARG change that requires mentoring plans for grad students (no longer just post-docs).
2. **Brian Tsukimura** (SICB Treasurer-elect) presented on the SICB-wide Strategic planning efforts and the current plan
    a. SICB-wide strategic plan is available through SICB leadership
        i. Some specific near-term items that will come-down associated with the SICB EDU BIO-LEAPs award are associated with leadership training to support the development of “more inclusive activities” both within and across divisions.
        ii. SICB is also aiming to shore up the financial sustainability of the significant student support mechanisms associated with SICB
    b. **Brian Tsukimura** noted the DCPB may benefit through greater representation at the SICB-wide leadership level
3. Our DCPB member meeting immediately followed the Future of Physiology at SICB joint discussion with DCE. Chair **Jason Podrabsky** started by offering an opportunity to continue the discussion within our membership meeting.
    a. **Attendees** agreed that the most salient points had been addressed in the joint meeting, and the general consensus remained that a merger would be ultimately positive for the divisions and SICB broadly.
    b. A few important points for further discussion were raised by **membership in attendance**:
        i. Merging divisions will (under the current SICB allocation model) *decrease* society-directed resources for the division. This presents some concerns for supporting symposia and other divisional activities.
            1. We should consider advocating for more proportional resource allocation for symposia in particular
        ii. There is strong support for maintaining both the Bart and the Bern lectures. Both are supported by specific funding pots that are outside of the general SICB budget allocations such that financial

support for each is likely not a concern. SICB leadership also is supportive of maintaining these.
    1. One challenge is the cost of the socials , which are a significant proportion of our budget. This should continue to be carefully considered.
4. We announced the BSP winners:
    a. BSP Talk (Winner): Emily Lau
    b. BSP Poster (Winner): Stephane Saruhashi
    c. BSP Poster (Runner-Up): Mary E. Gabrielle
5. Our newly elected officers were introduced:
    a. **Wendy Hood** as chair-elect
    b. **Danielle Levesque** as program officer as of the end of this meeting.
6. Chair **Jason Podrabsky** presented the budget and emphasized the challenge of managing/planning with the budget because the year-to-year income from memberships is highly variable.
    a. **Jason Podrabsky** advocated for a 3-year-running average to help with budget projections and management.
    b. **Brian Tsukimura** suggested that a push for a great amount of money from membership dues to go towards divisional budgets would be positively received by SICB leadership
7. Program Officer **Alex Gerson** reported out on the strength of DCPB-associated presentations and competitions at SICB 2025
    a. >3000 abstracts submitted from >250 DCPB-affiliated members
    b. All presentation slots for the meeting were full - there is not space to expand the presentation opportunities.
        i. This is extremely important when considering the leadership plan to grow the society. It is not clear how SICB could accommodate that growth without starting to limit presentation opportunities (i.e. reject abstract submissions), which is currently a big strength of the meeting.
    c. Programming for SICB 2025 utilized AI to help organize sessions based on submitted abstract text. **Alex Gerson** solicited feedback from the **membership in attendance** on the quality of the programming.
        i. The overall reaction was extremely positive. No specific concerns were raised in the meeting, and several **members** expressed that the programming was some of the most cohesive and interesting in recent years.
    d. More symposia are needed - **Alex Gerson** requested that folks reach out to him to help develop and organize ideas if interested.
8. Becky Byron presented updates on EEP
    a. EEP impact factor will be a little wonky while the journal name transitions, but it is otherwise holding steady.
    b. EEP would like to see more submissions
9. Micahel Hendrick presented updates on CBP journals
    a. CBP remains a strong set of journals with good submission rates

b. CBPA is looking for two new associated editors. The positions are compensated - please reach out to Micahel Hendrick for further info.
    i. The journal is specially interested in folks with expertise in:
        1. Vertebrate endocrinology (preference for fish)
        2. Oxidative stress
        3. Eco-immunology