

DCPB Member Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by DCPB chair, Jon Harrison, Jan. 4, 2023, 5:45 PM

There were approximately 35 members present.

Our newly elected officers were introduced: Jason Podrabsky as chair-elect (chair as of 2025) and Alex Gerson (program officer as of the end of this meeting).

Open comment period: The members present were asked for any suggestions to improve the meeting. Some spoke in favor of adding more networking opportunities for students, such as DEE's Beer and Brains program. There were also comments in favor of doing more to promote mixing in the social.

The SICB EC introduced themselves, and discussed some SICB issues such as the LA meeting.

Members were informed about the issues with divisional dues, the shift in the membership year, and the societal financial losses at the Phoenix meeting due to covid issues. There was some discussion of LA as a site for the 2027 meeting, mostly positive.

Current division finances were reviewed. The division received about \$12K in income in 2022, including \$2K for symposia support, \$800 for the social, and \$300 for the best student paper competition (these are all use it or lose it funds). We received an additional about \$2K/year from the divisional allocation of SICB dues and the DCPB divisional dues. The Bartholomew fund yields about \$7K/year. In 2022, we spent about \$10,600, including all of the "use it or lose it funds", about \$4800 for the social, and the remainder for the Bartholomew award winner. We discussed the fact that DCPB occasionally funds events outside of SICB, including recently \$750 for an SEB symposium and \$6K for the APS Intersociety Meeting in Comparative Physiology.

We discussed a request from Mason Dean for support for a "Filters in Biology and Biomimetics Conference. It was felt that there was insufficient physiology in this conference to justify DCPB support.

We discussed the fact that our current bylaws indicates that we will choose a new name for the best student paper award each year. The current officers were unable to choose names for this year's awards, and felt that this is challenging to do for many reasons. Overall, the members present seemed to like keeping the name as Best Student Oral (or Poster) Presentation. This argues for changing the bylaws.

Mike Sears reported that DCPB had 129 abstracts out of the 1800 for the conference, and reported on the six symposium DCPB is co-sponsoring.

We discussed the need for and value of members putting in symposium applications for the 2025 meeting, which are due in August of this year.

The Secretary's report discussed how the newsletters have highlighted DCPB member's achievements. Please notify Caroline Williams (our Secretary) of significant achievements so we can publicize them! DCPB has 182 members, down from 246. Please check your affiliation!

We need a new representative for SPDAC as Maria Stager has started as an Assistant Professor at Univ Mass, Amherst. If you are a graduate student or postdoc and are interested in this low-cost way to network and be more involved in SICB, please contact DCPB chair, Jon Harrison (chair.dcpb@sicb.org).

Elections will be held for DCPB Secretary this spring. Ken Welch and Maria Stager are the nominating committee. Please reach out if you are interested in this opportunity to become involved!

Kathryn Dickson did a great job informing us about some new opportunities at NSF.

Andy Seagram, for U Chicago Press, gave a report on Physiological and Biochemical Zoology. He informed us about the Chicago Emerging Nations initiative, which is providing free journal access to 11,000 institutions in 125 countries. The journal has a new official subtitle: Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology. Submissions were down significantly in 2022, and DCPB members were urged to consider PBZ as an outlet for their science due to the strong reviewing by experts in ecophysiology, timeliness, decent impact factor (2.6), association with SICB, and very reasonable open access fees (\$1K).

The winner of the Best Student Oral Presentation in DCPB for this year was announced. Congratulations to Aurora Alvarez-Buyllia of Stanford University.