

DEDB Business Meeting Minutes – 3 January 2024

Chair's remarks

SICB-wide updates

- Social media presence. Do we need an alternative to X? Twitter was something unique, but are we piggybacking on something bad for society?
- Instagram: Visual element
- Do we need a student to run the social media platform?

SICB has 2300 members

- 335 affiliated with DEDB, 37% increase since 2022 Phoenix meeting
- We hold 14% of SICB membership
- Certain divisions used to charge fees for membership; that has gone away
- Encourage other colleagues to attend SICB; encourage SICB colleagues to identify with DEDB!

Highlights from executive committee meeting

- SICB has aligned BSP criteria
- Conflict of interest policy has been adopted in November
- Budget plans to keep SICB in the black (4% target)
- Society-wide Social Media Manager is in the works to promote SICB and its journals
- SICB received an NSF BIO-LEAPS award to advance DEI in biological sciences; this will gather information, train SICB leadership, and prepare the society to apply for a larger implementation grant in future years. Part of this is a survey focusing on demographics of our society
- SICB is preparing a five-year plan; send ideas

Best student presentation session just happened; please see best student poster competitors!

Social is this evening in the 4th floor atrium from 8:30 to 10 pm

Get involved!

Program Officer's remarks

Next meeting: Atlanta 2025

DEDB will support eight symposia!

Society-wide: Integrative Organismal Biology at HBCUs

2026 meeting is in Portland. Please send ideas for symposia! Applications are due at the end of August.

We are sponsoring four symposia this year (S5, S7, S9, S10)

NSF representative:

- Thank you for reviewing proposals! We are seeking proposal reviewers
- What's new at NSF BIO at noon tomorrow
- We are at booth 208. You can scan a QR code to get access to every presentation we are giving
- Please keep in touch with BIO. You should be getting our newsletters and blog posts.
- If ever we don't respond, ping us again on email.
- Anna Allen will be permanent developmental systems cluster NSF program officer
- Core solicitations have no deadlines. We are operating on a continuing resolution. This affects our ability to support symposia and meetings. Contact your congresspersons.
- New Int-Bio track (integrative biology). Core programs have two tracks now. Multidisciplinary approaches are encouraged for Int-Bio track; these awards have to be reviewed by two panels (two divisions).
- Safe and inclusive work plan. Fieldwork operations need this document to explain how the field site will be safe for participants.
- IOS has a call for a synthesis center for understanding organismal resilience. Synthesis centers bring IOS datasets together. Deadline for prelim proposal is January 12. Only one center will be awarded.
- Technology Innovation and Partnership (TIP) director began two years ago. NSF is not getting away from basic science, but it is looking to support plans that would have bio-economic and innovative applications. A lot of the budget is going to TIP, so consider this an option.
- Congratulations on the LEAPS award
- NSF has signed more memoranda of understanding with other international partners, such as UK, EU, and Switzerland.

Open forum:

We did not do DEDB dinner dates this year, due to transitioning of positions.

Special issue on evo-devo from ICB, will have a deadline extension (from Yui Suzuki)

Fund allocation

Mostly to social

Can invest funds elsewhere. Publications fees for award winners? Cash prizes?

Postdoc award for special seminar, to visit a PUI or HBC?

Naming our BSP prize?

Please send cool news for the newsletter!

SICB officers:

Demographic survey is key. It's on the app and at registration. Please complete it.
Strategic five year plan