

DEDB Business Meeting
January 4th, 2019, 5:45 pm
Tampa, FL

Announcement from DEDB president Kim Hoke:

1. Dierdre Lyons is now Chair-elect.
2. Introduction of current officers: Yui Suzuki is Program Officer (outgoing). Julia Bowsher is Secretary (outgoing). Amaneet Locab is the student/postdoc rep.
3. There were over 2,300 registrants for this conference.
4. The SciWow video booth has been very popular for the second year.
5. This is the first year there is a big plant symposium. They are considering making either a plant-specific division or inviting plant researchers
6. Free child care new this year. It is full. They will continue this program
7. A record number of travel awards for Broadening Participation, and some were larger for students traveling further.
8. There is an auction for the Libby Heinemann Award at the Division Social.
9. As with last year, we need to have more symposia. There was only really one symposium that was strongly Evo-devo. Dierdre is happy to help mentor postdocs through the process to encourage more symposia submissions.
10. There is a draft for specific guidelines for speaker diversity to encourage and make formal the requirements for more diversity. Also, there is a push for more diversity for awards. All the award went to men this year- please nominate broadly!
11. This is the first year that registration has been covered for symposium speakers. This is a new policy. Previously, the costs were only partially covered. Now they will be covered in full. The idea with symposia is to bring in new people and covering the registration should help with that.
12. There will also be a policy for proposing and implementing workshops. This will help to manage the increase in
13. There will be an election for secretary-elect and postdoc/graduate student rep this year. We welcome nominations!
14. The funding of the society is tied to the stock market, which has been unreliable. They are thinking of taking less from the portfolio income in the future (3% instead of 4%) to be more conservative in these times. They are looking for named awards to help continue support for student travel.
15. Broadening Participation has 103 mentees at this meeting. There is BP lunch on Sunday about inclusive teaching. Everyone is invited to the lunch and BP social.
16. Journal update: They are launching the new online journal at this meeting! Every paper in the new journal will have a blog post associated with it (hopefully written by early career scientists). Also, the abstracts will be translated into multiple languages. Talk to Adam Summers if you are interested in helping translate (or edit the translation of) abstracts.
17. Public Affairs Committee: If you are into social media, they are also interested in having help with that. Billi Swalla: she works on the SICB Facebook page. She would love to get more research and jobs on the page. She tries to get something posted once a week, and is always looking for new material, including pictures. The Division does not have a twitter or Facebook presence.

Update from DEDB Program Officer Yui Suzuki:

1. The Best Student Oral Presentation session is tomorrow at 10am-noon.
2. We are hosting five symposia next year: Genomes to Phenomes, Biology at the Cusp, Epigenetic variation in endocrine systems, Reproduction from the Female Perspective, and Melding Modeling and Morphology. He is happy to help with submissions for the 2021 meeting.
3. Matt Rockman will be taking over the PO role at this meeting.

Update from DEDB Secretary Julia Bowsher: Thanks to people who are judging presentations.

Update from Graduate student/Postdoc Representative Amaneet Locab:

1. There were coffee meetups for the first time! That allowed over 70 slots for students to meet with faculty/postdocs. Postdocs were included for the first time this year.
2. 24 hosts (14 faculty and 10 postdocs) took out 39 students (undergrad and grad) this year. 56 meetups total because some students did both coffee and dinner.
3. Any suggestions for making the process better are welcome.
4. Kim Hoke: We would like to have some postdoc mentoring. And, we have some funds that could cover it.

Open discussion:

1. Suggestions on how to increase mentoring and involvement: why not have food at the Division business meeting? That would help people mingle and encourage people to attend. There could be networking. But, the length of the meeting would need to be extended by 30 minutes, which has to be approved by the SICB leadership. What about a social at lunch time so people are not tired? What about speed dating? What about giving drink tickets to students and making faculty have to ask students for drink ticket? What about color-coded Division name tags, which would make it easy to find people? It would be great to have some mentoring for postdocs and it can be informal.
2. Journal of Evolution and Development: Craig Albertson is the new editor. The associate editors met to revitalize the journal. There are no page charges! If you have only color online there are no charges!
3. PamAm Evo-devo is in Miami in July this coming summer. Billi Swalla is the president of that society. They are also having elections for that society.

Announcements from the SICB executive officers:

1. Introduction of officers.
2. Students and postdocs are encouraged to vote in elections. The participation is now at 10% and they would like to see this increase.
3. Upcoming meetings: Austin 2020, Washington DC 2021, Phenix 2022, Austin 2023.
4. Adam Summers: Will be giving a talk (9:30 tomorrow in room 12) on how they will be managing peer review with the new open access journal and how they can help broadening participation.
5. Broadening Participation: we want to see more diversity in awards. We want to see more diversity in officer positions. Nominate people!