

DEDB Business Meeting, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2017, 5:45 pm  
New Orleans, LA

Meeting opened with announcements from the SICB executive officers:

1. Upcoming meetings: San Francisco 2018, Tampa 2019, Austin 2020, Washington DC 2021, 2022 TBD, 2023 Austin.
2. ICB Open: The society will be launching a new primary research journal of high quality called ICB Open. The society is searching for founding editor and chief right now. The publisher has not been decided yet, nor has fee structure for publication. Peter Wainwright can be contacted with suggestions for editor. Why another journal? This journal is an opportunity to create a journal that captures the breadth of the society. The society will become associated with the journal - reciprocal exposure. There isn't a journal currently that has this breath.
3. Promote the submission of symposium applications. ICB depends on symposia papers. Grad Students, post docs and anyone else are able to put in an application.

NSF Update from Bill Zamer:

1. Budget is continuing resolution until April 2017, so spending limits are in effect. This has slowed ability to fund recommended grants. Support of SICB symposia will be highly competitive: must be forward-looking, identify ways to get around scientific bottle-necks, solve problems. The associated ICB paper would recommend a way forward through those challenges. Standing policy: Must have women and under-represented minorities in the symposium to ensure funding.
2. REU supplements must be integrated into proposals at the full submission stage, cannot be asked for after the fact. If you have an opportunity that was not known at the time of submission, can request as a supplement, and those are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Why is this called a supplement? It is called a supplement foundation-wide and this is funded under participant support.
3. Mid-career (tenured, not retired) funding to obtain new training or tools. Talk to program director before hand. Build it into grant submission at pre-proposal or full submission level.
4. (Solicitation NSF-17508) Preliminary proposals due Jan 19<sup>th</sup> this year - a THURSDAY - because of Inauguration. Due 5 pm local time. Changes to solicitation: description for the symbiosis program has changed because plants have moved into a plant-biotic interaction program, which is cross USDA and NSF. This is still a basic research grant mechanism. Full submission only, due April 21.
5. EDGE has been removed from the current solicitation, and a new solicitation will appear soon with modified scope. Stay tuned.
6. CORE program solicitation for IOS and DEB. These solicitations are very different at this point, although they both involve preproposals. The templates and deadlines are different.
7. Data Management Plans: BIO Division has guidance on the content and implementation of DMPs. Annual project reports need to fit to the DMPs.
8. CAREER: advice to submit a pre-proposal for your CAREER idea. This will give you merit review feedback that you can use for your CAREER submission later that year.

9. Broadening Participation Social. 8 pm Saturday at Dragon's Den. Please come to the social and support NSF's support of broadening participation.
10. Is amount of money allocated to Divisions related to the number of submissions? PGRP was moved into IOS because of proposal load. But there are also long historical norms that regulate the budget; there is not a one to one correspondence between number of submissions and award dollars allocated. But, submitting two preproposals doubles your shot for invitation of a full proposal.

Announcement from outgoing DEDB president Cassandra Extravour:

1. Other meetings in 2017 of potential interest to DEDB members: SDB in Minneapolis. IC DB in Singapore (this meeting happens every four years), Indian society of DB, Puna India, ICIM in Moscow in August, Pan-Am Evo-Devo in Calgary in August
2. ICB Journal update: SICB needs symposia, which support the journal, which supports the society. New Type of Paper: submissions by Postdocs via nomination/award/competition. Could be prospective, synthesis, or methods paper. Divisions will nominate postdocs for this honor. They are not promising all submissions will be automatically accepted for publication. What do you think? This could be linked to a symposium - like a best postdoc talk symposium. Good because postdocs need papers. Would they have to pay? Waive page charges, color figure charges? Competitions make it hard to choose people, not always fair and objective.

Update from DEDB Program Officer Yui Suzuki:

1. Only 13 Symposia proposals were submitted. They accepted all proposals. They would like this to be more competitive process. Yui can provide examples of successful proposals.
2. DEDB funded four of the upcoming Symposia for 2018 in San Francisco.
3. When you submit abstracts for the annual meeting, be careful of your topic selection. The abstracts are sorted and assigned to Divisional Program Officers by the first topic selected only. Make sure that the first topic you select is the one most relevant to your abstract. Otherwise, your abstract may end up in a section that is less relevant for your research.
4. Reminder: DEDB Social: Sat Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm.

Update from outgoing DEDB Secretary Greg Davis:

1. Best student oral competition will be 1:30 pm Friday in room 224. Judges who sign up must judge all the oral presentations. Thanks to judges for talks and posters. Students were select to be considered for best student oral presentation. A committee selects from the abstracts based on specific criteria (on the website). Some divisions do a special poster session, which we might consider because it makes judging easier. (comment: but it is helpful that posters are grouped by topic.)
2. Thanks to Amada Kahn for organizing the dinner dates. She has done a great job.
3. Positions are open for new Secretary and Program officer. There will be bios in the newsletter, and an election following. Duties of Program Officer - review abstracts, organize the program, select symposia for funding. Duties of Secretary - student competition, newsletter, make sure others are doing their job. Must be a Full Member (cannot be a student or postdoc) to be nominated to run.

Update from outgoing Postdoc Representative Amanda Kahn:

21 faculty took out 36 students (undergrad and grad) who participated this year. Biggest year ever. Any suggestions for making the process better are welcome.

What is the enrollment like in DEDB?

We are holding steady in enrollment. 100 abstracts were associated with DEDB. Our divisional budget is dependent on affiliations, so encourage people to affiliate.

End of August is symposia proposal deadline.