

DEDB Business Meeting, January 4th, 2022, 5:45 pm
Phoenix, AZ

In attendance: Approximately 35 persons over the span of the meeting

Announcements from NSF Program Directors Ted Morgan and Matt Herron

1. NSF thanks past and current reviewers for their service and encourages anyone interested in reviewing to reach out
2. NSF Program Officers will be at the exhibitor booth throughout the meeting in Phoenix and will attend SICB+ to answer specific questions. You can also ask questions at the monthly “office hours” offered virtually. Check the blogs for details.
3. If you are interested in being a rotating program officer, please reach out
4. Check out NSF’s blogs for the latest and greatest news
5. See additional announcements/updates from NSF appended to the end of this document

Announcement from DEDB Chair Deirdre Lyons:

1. Deirdre Lyons will be stepping down after the conclusion of SICB 2022. She is honored to pass the torch to Chair-Elect Dave Angelini.
2. Introduction of current officers and officers elect: Matt Rockman (Program Officer), Frank Smith (Program Officer-elect), Leslie Babonis (DEDB Secretary), Allison Edgar (DEDB Secretary-Elect), and Ryan Hulett (Student/Postdoc Rep).
3. DEDB has a Twitter handle - @SICB_DEDB; follow us and send your images
4. As a reminder, the Program Officer and SPDAC representative serve 3-year positions, the Chair and Secretary serve 2-year positions. There will be an election for Chair-Elect this year. We welcome nominations! Self-nominations are completely acceptable.
5. Reminder of SICB-sponsored journals: *Integrative and Comparative Biology* and *Integrative Organismal Biology*. Encouragement to submit.
6. Many thanks to Ryan Hulett for his continued support of the DEDB dinner date and coffee meet ups program. DEDB can do a better job of supporting the Broadening Participation events at SICB.
7. Encouragement to attend DEDB social event, which is coordinated with other divisions.
8. The Division welcomes volunteers to host and/or suggest symposia, as always. Let’s make a concerted effort to make SICB the home of Evolutionary Development Biology in years when PanAm EvoDevo does not hold a meeting (currently odd years).

Update from DEDB Program Officer Matt Rockman:

1. Former chair of SICB DEDB – Cassandra Extavour - has recently become an HHMI investigator. Congratulations, Cassandra!
2. This will be Matt’s final meeting as DEDB Program Officer; he is honored to pass the torch to Frank Smith.

3. Encouragement to attend the DEDB Best Student Presentation sessions (talks and posters) and to volunteer to judge the BSP contest at future meetings.
4. The symposia for the 2023 meeting in Austin include six EvoDevo oriented themes, including:
 - a. Pathways to adulthood: environmental, developmental, and evolutionary influences on the ontogeny of form and function
Organizers: Terry Dial and Mark Mainwaring
 - b. Biology at birth: the role of infancy in providing the foundation for lifetime success
Organizers: Christopher Mayerl and Rebecca German
 - c. Micro-scale life
Organizers: Jeanette Wheeler and Karen Chan
 - d. Genomics of Marine larval evolution and development
Organizers: Christina Zakas and Chema Martin Duran
 - e. Visions for a Diverse, Inclusive & Safe Future for Field Biology
Organizers: Vanessa Hilliard Young and Corrine Richards Zawacki
 - f. Sex Diversity and Variation - Talks covering the diversity of organismal life and also perspectives on human sex diversity and variation
Organizers: Kelsey Lewis and Sam Sharpe
5. BSP winners will be announced at the SICB+ member meeting, with notification in the newsletter.

Announcements from SICB Executive Committee

1. Introduction of officers
2. Reminder of upcoming meetings
3. Encouragement to vote in SICB-wide elections, especially for junior scientists.
4. Request from President Melina Hale – please let the leadership know how they're doing. Feedback is the best way to make positive change
5. Covid update: The Phoenix meeting has over 1000 attendees; all are masked and over 99% are vaccinated
6. Melina Hale and Brett Burk will hold "office hours" from 3-4pm on Thursday
7. Encouragement to attend the SICB member meeting Thursday after posters 5:45-6:45
8. Encouragement to submit manuscripts to ICB and new open-access journal IOS
9. Everyone is looking forward to SICB 2023 in Austin, TX

Update from DEDB Secretary Leslie Babonis:

1. Special thanks to judges of poster and BSP session. Your service is very much appreciated.
2. DEDB is searching for a new Chair-elect this year; please volunteer or volunteer your friends. Interested parties should submit their bios by the end of SICB+ to be included in the spring newsletter
3. We have updated/revamped our newsletter! Check out our new segments: "Forgotten heroes of EvoDevo" and "Diversity Spotlight"
4. We need to make some minor/administrative changes to our bylaws this year; please look for the updates and vote when called.

5. DEDB hosted the first annual Faculty Launch Workshop at SICB 2022 in Phoenix, which was well-attended with 31 student, postdoc, and assistant professors in attendance. We hope to grow this workshop at future meetings so please help us by responding to future surveys.
6. Encouragement to follow @SICB_DEDB on Twitter
7. Encouragement to attend future DEDB member meetings (including the 2022 virtual member meeting hosted via SICB+ Jan 28 3-4pm)

Update from Graduate student/Postdoc Representative Ryan Hulett postponed until SICB+

Open discussion from the membership:

1. Billie Swalla (former chair of DEDB) suggested Libbie Hyman as the next "Forgotten hero of EvoDevo".
2. Billie Swalla puts in a plug for coordination with the Pan-American Society for Evolutionary Developmental Biology (PASEDB). Their next meeting will be jointly held with Society for Developmental Biology (SDB). May be an excellent opportunity for cross-pollination of efforts and ideas.
3. Deirdre Lyons and Leslie Babonis encouraged attendees to get involved in DEDB. We have money, we need people to suggest good ways for us to spend it.