

DEDB Members' Meeting, January 4th, 2023, 5:45 pm
Austin, TX

In attendance: Approximately 21+ persons over the span of the meeting

Announcements from NSF Program Officer – Ted Morgan

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 Austin to answer specific questions. You can also ask questions at the monthly “office hours” offered virtually. Check the blogs for details. Lots of folks from IOS, one from DEB, one from DBI onsite.
3. If you are interested in being a rotating program officer, please reach out. Open search in Developmental Biology right now – for permanent and rotating program officers. NSF needs dev bio specifically. Deadline is soon! Even if your interest is 3-4 years out, start the conversation now – they will schedule around your needs.
4. Check out NSF's blogs for the latest and greatest news
5. Programs that align with NSF strategic plan – DEB: Biodiversity on a changing planet, DEB/IOS - organismal responses to climate change. Both programs have deadlines.
6. See additional announcements/updates from NSF appended to the end of this document about ongoing funding mechanisms, updates to PAPPG, funding for SICB symposia (especially those that bring together folks who don't normally interact – diverse career stages, diverse institutions, other axes of diversity).

Announcements from SICB Executive Committee

1. Introduction of officers
2. Communications officer (Molly Jacobs) offered to help DEDB with website updates
3. Upload presentations to SICB+ - it's here to say (Thom Sanger, Program Officer)
4. Encouragement to organize a symposium – think: which 10-15 people do you want to bring together into one room to brainstorm
5. IOB is SICB's open access journal – has received an impact factor 3.2!
6. Please sign up for SICB service (Marguerite Butler, Member at large). SICB president maintains a list of willing volunteers for service to SICB and each division.
7. Reminder of upcoming meetings – 2026 will be in Portland, 2028 will be in LA

Announcement from DEDB Chair Dave Angelini:

1. Introduction of current officers and officers elect: Frank Smith (Program Officer) - present, Leslie Babonis (Secretary) - present, Allison Edgar (Secretary-elect), and Ryan Hulett (Student/Postdoc Rep).
2. Prashant Sharma (DEDB Chair-elect) introduced himself
3. DEDB is searching for a new SPDAC rep, please encourage interested candidates to contact the Chair or Secretary.

4. What should we do as a division to build up our community? More social events? Funds for awards? Support open access fees for SICB society journals?
5. SICB is considered abolishing division-specific fees (DEDB doesn't currently have division fees so this doesn't directly affect us.) SICB leadership would like to know: could we use more funds to support our division? Do we have enough to do what we want? What would we do with these funds?
6. SICB 2028 is likely to be in LA (usually LA is too expensive but we are getting a special rate) – this decision needs to be made right away (SICB will not be evaluating multiple options this year so the leadership wants to feel sure that people support this decision)
7. How is our governance structure working, as a society? Should we do away with the requirement that the division chairs serve on the executive committee?
8. Timing of dues renewal will change, upcoming
9. Reminder: DEDB has a Twitter handle - @SICB_DEDB; follow us and send your images
10. Proposal to create divisional social media manager? Ensuing discussion: Should DEDB get off Twitter? Comment from the audience: Let's not abandon science twitter yet – there's still a vibrant group of users and a good stockpile of information. For context, the SICB Facebook page was started by Billie Swalla – now there are 2000 users and it runs itself
11. Encouragement to attend DEDB social event, which is coordinated with other divisions.

Update from DEDB Program Officer Frank Smith:

1. Encouragement to attend the DEDB Best Student Presentation sessions (talks and posters) and to volunteer to judge the BSP contest at future meetings.
2. The symposia for the 2024 meeting in Austin include six EvoDevo oriented themes
3. Please suggest symposia! SICB and associated agencies are clamoring to help you develop a symposium and to provide funding (company of biologists, PanAm Evodevo, SDB, NSF – all happy to fund)
4. PanAm funded the larval genomics symposium at the 2023 Austin meeting
5. Encouragement to attend the DEDB social tomorrow
6. Clarifying some confusion: the DEDB BSP session goes until 12:30, please stay for all the talks
7. BSP winners will be announced after the Austin meeting, with notification in the newsletter.

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 program officer-elect and secretary-elect this year; please volunteer or volunteer your friends. Interested parties should submit their bios to the new DEDB secretary (Allison Edgar) by the end of SICB+ to be included in the spring newsletter

3. DEDB hosted the second annual Faculty Launch Workshop at SICB 2023 in Austin, which was well-attended. The workshop focused on “Nailing the Zoom Interview” and was attended by 39 students, postdocs, and professors. We hope to continue to grow this workshop at future meetings so please help us by responding to future surveys.
4. Encouragement to follow @SICB_DEDB on Twitter
5. Encouragement to attend future DEDB member meetings