

SICB Division of Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology
2020 Business Meeting
4 January 2020
Minutes

Travis Wilcoxon called to order 5:45

1. Annual Meeting Data / Updates

Meeting is smaller than last year in Tampa, but still at a sustainable size. It was discussed if hosting the meeting in Texas caused a decrease in size due to the California law that prevents state funds to travel to locations that discriminate against LGBTQ+ people. The data suggest that there are no fewer attendees from California, although it was probably a hardship for some.

2. Officer Updates and Nominations

Current Officers:

Chair 01/2018-01/2020 Travis Wilcoxon

Chair-Elect 01/2019-01/2020 Laura Zimmerman

Program Officer 01/2019-01/2021 Cynthia J. Downs

Secretary 01/2019-01/2021 Ken Field

Student/Postdoc Representative 01/2019-01/2022 Ashley Love

Nominations will be needed for Chair-Elect

Using a nominating committee: Travis Wilcoxon, Cynthia Downs, and Patricia Lopes

Members are urged to contact one of them if they are interested in standing for election or have questions about the position.

Joel Slade taking over for ICB DEDE representative.

3. SICB News / Actions since 2019 meeting

Travis Wilcoxon announced the upcoming meeting locations: 2021-Wardman Park, DC; 2022-Phoenix, AZ; 2023-Austin, TX; 2024-Seattle, WA; 2025-Atlanta, GA

Discussed restrictions from California. Austin TX is probably still going to happen. Discussed supporting those students directly from SICB.

Discussed Code of Conduct and Inclusivity.

4. Journal Updates

IOB is doing better than anticipated. Goal was 20 and 49 achieved (42 peer-reviewed). Discount for SICB Members.

Symposia do not always translate into citations in ICB. Want to see more in “Stress and Immunity”.

Cynthia Downs encouraged members to talk to her about proposals. Next year we don't have a true DEDE symposia (cosponsoring a couple) so the following year we should have one (Phoenix).

5. Visitors – Executive Officers & NSF

SICB President Beth Brainerd, and the SICB Executive Officers introduced themselves and reminded us about the Monday evening society-wide meeting.

NSF Ted Morgan, IOS Program Officer introduced himself and had a number of announcements for our membership:

- Thank you for serving on panels and as reviewers.
- All core programs are on no deadline with no caps on submissions.
- Monday noon-1:30 information session.
- NSF BIO is very interested in integrative biology. Rules of Life (span divisions, i.e. IOS to DEB). Advise contacting program officer to check that it qualifies for Rules of Life. New solicitation for Biological Integration Institutes. Enabling Discovery through Genomic Tools- new solicitation that expands the program significantly, now includes hypothesis testing and focused on non-model organisms. DEB also has new Bridging Ecology and Evolution program.
- Sexual Harassment policy now part of all awards.
- Funding for symposia is still continuing - IOS wants to see forward-looking meetings that define where the field is going. Wants to see speakers with diverse identities and career levels.
- Supplement requests are available for existing funding.

Marty asked about REUs. Ted Morgan suggested to check with program officer to see if available. REU supplements are small.

- Overall number of submissions is down (lack of deadlines). For this reason they have removed the cap on the number of proposals per investigator.

Patricia Lopes asked what is advantage of applying to Rules of Life?

Ted Morgan replied that it allows NSF to use multiple pots of money to fund the proposal. Disadvantage is that two panels review each proposal (but funding rate is no lower).

6. Lunch with an Ecoimmunologist Update

Scheduling was difficult and next year we are going to 6 mentors and 20+ students.

Division funds \$117.44

At least we are in the black this year.

7. Best Student Paper Award

Strong session today. Sticking with single-session format for the future.

Do we want to name the poster award or talk award? It wouldn't take any money and could recognize a leader in the field.

8. Other Business

Ashley Love announced that the Student-Postdoc booth has good info sheets for new ppl in field.

Approval of 2019 meeting minutes

Cynthia Downs moved to approve, Lynn Martin seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:29pm.