

Minutes of the Division of Ecology and Evolution Business Meeting (January 4, 2011)

The meeting began at 17:18, with approximately 15 attendees, including Michele Nishiguchi (Chair), Art Woods (Chair-elect), Michael Sears (Program Officer), and Michael Finkler (Secretary).

We began the meeting with introductions of the divisional officers.

The chair made several announcements. She called for symposia for the meeting in San Francisco in 2013, specifically symposia that address grand challenges and integrative ideas. She also encouraged symposia with broad speaker lists, with a blend of both junior and senior researchers from the U.S. and abroad. She also called for candidates for Program Officer-elect in the elections to be held later this year. She also noted that membership rates will be increased to provide a \$5 per member fund for the divisions which will be allocated based on proportional affiliation with the divisions. As DEE is one of the larger divisions, the division will likely receive a sizeable proportion of this revenue. The chair urged members of DEE to submit manuscripts addressing grand challenges in Ecology and Evolution. Finally, the chair noted that Trish Moore (the division's AAAS representative) has called for nominations for AAAS fellows.

The chair also discussed her activities with the SICB Broadening Participation committee, which works to increase underrepresented minorities in the society. She noted that the committee provided funding for ~10 postdocs and one faculty member to attend this year's meeting.

The secretary commented on the progress of the Division's Best Student Presentation program. The number of presentations this year (57 total) was down from the previous year, likely reflecting the decrease in overall attendance to the meeting this year. The secretary expressed his appreciation for the 52 division members who agreed to serve as judges and the society webmaster for his efforts in streamlining the online judging system.

The program officer noted that DEE partly sponsored eight symposia this year. However DEE was not the primary division for any of them, and urged the membership for symposia ideas that originate within DEE. He also solicited feedback on the extension of the meeting into the afternoon of the last day of the conference.

The meeting adjourned at 18:15.