

Secretary's Notes from the DEE Members Meeting
2024 Annual SICB Meeting
January 4, 2024

Secretary: Ryan Earley

Visit from Program Officer from NSF (IOS) – EDGE as well

- What's new in NSF bio presentation
- Come down to NSF booth and QR code associated with student stuff (Wed?)
- PO's from IOS and every cluster except Plant Genomics; information available
- Has sent all info to Tonia Schwartz
- BIO piloting **safe and inclusive environment plan** for proposals that include international field research
- BIO priorities align with SICB research
 - Building resilient planet
 - Integration across biological scales
 - Creating opportunities everywhere
 - Advancing BIO economy (translational bent; NSF making stronger push on basic research to nudge on translational opportunities); do NOT veer away from translational slant; plant-biotic interactions with Ag; biomechanics proposals – show up in BROADER IMPACTS; NOT every proposal needs it

Update on officers; welcome to Ariel and Morgan

- Chair: Tonia Schwartz (1/2023 – 2/2025)
- Chair-Elect: Christian Cox (1/2023 – 2/2025)
- Secretary: Ryan Earley (1/2023 – 2/2025)
- **Secretary-Elect: Ariel Kahrl (2/2024 – 2/2025)**
- Program Officer: Martha Muñoz (1/2022 – 2/2024)
- Program Officer-Elect: Kristi Montooth (2/2023 – 2/2024)
- **Student/Postdoc Representative: Morgan Muell (2/2023 – 2/2025)**

Accepting nominations for program officer elect!

Status of DEE

- DEE is the biggest division in SICB.
- DEE membership is up from COVID years.
- 891 DEE members this year

2024 meeting statistics

- 311 presenters selected DEE as their primary SICB divisional affiliation

- This is up from 2023 (262) and 2022 (208)
- 188 oral presentations
- 123 poster presentations

Social Media

- Everyone will get invitation for survey about social media
- Need feedback from members about where you go for social media
- Volunteers for social media liaison □ social media ambassadors to create content that'll be monitored by committee for appropriate/inappropriate content

Huey Awards, Best Student Presentation for 2023

- Best Talk: Julia Kendrick from Queen's University Kingston, Ontario
"Beetlejuice: anal secretions as a competitive strategy in the burying beetle, Nicrophorus orbicollis,"
- Best Poster: Noé Reyna from the University of Texas at Austin
"Coming to one's senses: stickleback molecular processing and neuroanatomy vary across environments."

DEE Social and Mentoring Events

- JOINT SOCIAL – breakfast at Waterfall Suite outside poster hall 9:35-10:45 am
- Beer and Brains UP from 60 to 100 and we got 25 mentors!

BUDGET

- DEE gets a set amount of Annual Funds from SICB Executive Committee for:
 - General Social,
 - Best Student Presentations,
 - supporting Symposiums
- Discretionary Funds from SICB membership dues
 - \$5 for each DEE member / number of divisions selected. *
 - for our mentoring event, Beers and Brains
- Currently we have very very low Discretionary Funds, due to
 - Reduced membership previous years due to COVID
 - Inflation increasing costs of conducting our Beers & Brains event.

□ Last year we voted to have DEE membership dues of \$5

□ constraints with the website has prevented us (and all divisions) from being able to collect these divisional dues.

* Proposed increase to SICB dues ->

\$10 for each DEE member / number of divisions selected

Example: \$10 / 3 divisions selected = \$3.33 to DEE

DISCUSSION Points

Future of Beers & Brains

- Currently
 - On-Site Venue: Ensure safety and comfort of all attendees * Need to use conference/hotel catering
 - Fit between poster session and Key Note (*need to provide food)
 - SICB covers venue costs
- Dinner and One Drink provided. ~\$50 / person Standard Rates
- **This is more than we take in for Division fees!**
- Change how paid for?
 - This year SICB is paying for ~ 75% of this event * on the request we discuss the future of this event.
 - Request consistent support from SICB (50% of costs)?
 - Open to other divisions/share cost?
 - Big Donor?
- Change the style /cost of putting on this mentoring event?
 - Snacks instead of dinner; move to non-meal -time (first day)?
 - Adjust size of event based on number of members?
- **Open up for feedback - Discussion Points**
 - B&B boondoggle for mentors; mentors pay fee to cover costs?
 - Mentors volunteering time and maybe let's not penalize
 - Not a heavy ask to have mentors cover a part of it?
 - Optional payment for mentor and grad students
 - Perhaps cut out the meals to save money
 - Larger B&B serves a larger portion of membership; never really had strong divisional social so perhaps use funds from social; maybe have divisional social with a mentorship structure – maybe reduce 2 events to ONE
 - Do we have data available about the other divisional participations?
 - Maybe Company of Biologists?
 - Might send out a survey to a bigger audience about this.

Visit from Program Officers

- 2-4 things that would be good for our division and get them to the exec by June to assist with strategic plan

- Molly Jacobs – social media (where should we be investing our social media)
- Notify winners and send a photo
- Michelle Johnson (Secretary) – secretary facilitates elections; at any given point, we have 75 officers; if asked to run, you're in great company
- Marianne Porter (Secretary-Elect) – put out newsletters
- Nish – President elect; recruiting volunteers for committees
- Tom Sanger – PO
- Melina Hale
- Miriam Ashley-Ross – treasurer (we are solvent; evangelize meeting to students)
- Janet Steven – PO elect; things you like or don't like about the meeting
- Adam Summers – IOB editor; journal is doing well, 200 papers in 5 years; just under 2000 citations
- Brian Tsukimura – treasurer elect; SICB awarded \$500K; increasing diversity, equity and inclusion by training executive staff to make SICB even more welcoming; collecting data for the grant and could apply for \$2 million; fill out demographic survey; link is currently on the app.

DEE STRATEGIC PLANNING

2-3 goals to Exec Committee

What can SICB do to help our division?

How can SICB improve?

- Will send out survey and set up Zoom meetings to brainstorm