

Minutes of the DIVISION OF INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY BUSINESS MEETING, January 3, 2008, San Antonio, TX

Janice Voltzow (DIZ Chair) opened the meeting by requesting motions to approve the minutes of the previous year's meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Renae Brodie (DIZ Secretary) welcomed James McClintock, the newly-elected Program Officer, and thanked John Zardus for running. She also announced that the proposed changes to the DIZ Bylaws had passed last spring and thanked DIZ members for voting. Renae encouraged members to submit material for the Researchers database: a short paragraph summarizing major research questions and approaches and a picture of the researcher engaged in said work can be emailed directly to Renae at rbrodie@mtholyoke.edu. She also announced the new website design and encouraged members to check and update their personal information online.

Amy Moran (DIZ Program Officer) reminded members to submit proposals for late breaking symposia by August for the 2009 meeting in Boston. Proposals should be sent to Program Officer Jim McClintock at mcclinto@uab.edu and will be voted on by the program officers. Funding is available, but not guaranteed. This year in San Antonio, DIZ sponsored a late breaking symposium: Recent Advances in Crustacean Genomics. Amy was thanked by Janice for her service as DIZ Program Officer and given a certificate and invertebrate-themed bag.

The SICB officers arrived and were introduced: John Pierce (President), Linda Walters (Program Officer), Ron Dimick (Treasurer), and Brett Burk (Executive Director). John encouraged DIZ members to attend the business meeting, where awards would be given for service and outstanding performance. Members were also encouraged to approach John or the President-Elect, Richard Satterlie, with any problems or concerns. The annual meeting will be held in Boston next year, but the location for 2010 is still undecided. A West Coast location is sought. San Francisco and Portland have been rejected for logistical reasons; Seattle and Long Beach are possibilities. Suggestions are welcome.

Kenneth Hedgpeth inquired about NSF funding for symposia. Ron Dimick (SICB Treasurer) responded that SICB has a symposium enhancement fund that was seeded with \$100K by the executive committee and has received an additional \$7,450 in member donations. This fund is growing.

Billie Swalla added that NIH has funded symposia in the past and members interested in submitting a proposal should do so by the end of the fiscal year in April.

Ben Miner (Student Awards Committee) announced that 27 students applied for the Best Student Paper and Adrian Wenner Strong Inference awards for the 2007 meeting. The best paper went to **Alison Sweeney**, the best poster to **Ben Lake** and the Wenner award to **Dawn Vaughn**. In 2008, 23 students competed for the awards. Ben thanked the judges and encouraged DIZ members to volunteer for next year. He mentioned that DIZ would like to make student winners more visible. One possibility is to put up a poster at the next meeting with pictures of the winners (ESA does this). Tom Wolcott suggested including pictures in the spring newsletter. Sally Woodin added that the subject of

student recognition for all SICB divisions should be brought up at the executive meeting. Janice also thanked the judges and acknowledged Oxford University Press and Wiley Publishers for donating certificates for a free book to all student winners.

Goggy Davidowitz from NSF introduced himself as the program director for Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS). The latest reorganization of programs is working well and funding rates are high at 17.1%, with 60% of proposals in the High Priority category receiving funding in IOS. He encouraged members to pick up a CD with funding opportunities of interest to SICB members; members can also email him for this CD and a handout of funding opportunities underused by SICB members (gdauidow@nsf.gov). Examples include programs that fund workshops and working groups, like Research Coordination Networks (RCN, multiple year funding), National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent; 1 time funding), National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS; 1 time funding). The FIBRE program has been replaced by Ventures in Integrative Research (VIR) and \$7 million in funding has been awarded this year. NSF has unveiled a new "My NSF" application on their web site (click on "Get NSF updates by email" on upper right of homepage). Enter your email address and specify what news, funding opportunities, etc. you would like to be notified of by email.

Bruno Pernet (New Chair, Libbie Hyman Memorial Fund Committee) acknowledged the service of Sid Bosch the previous chair of this committee. Will Jaekel, Sid Bosch, John Zardus and Bruno Pernet will review applications in 2008. The 2007 winner, **Johanna Cannon**, used the 1 K award to take the Invertebrate Zoology course at Friday Harbor Labs and presented a poster at the San Antonio meeting.

Scott Nichols announced that his term as student representative had ended and introduced and welcomed the new representative, Jann Vendetti (UC Berkeley).

Janice announced that the auction to raise money for the Libbie Hyman fund will be held at the 2009 meeting and encouraged everyone to think about what they would like to donate and buy. She announced that the Libbie Hyman fund is doing well at \$30K, and she hoped that the executive committee would match any funds that are raised. Checks and credit cards will be accepted at the auction.

Fred Harrison asked how members might donate materials early and Janice promised to get back to members about this.

Janice encouraged everyone to come to the division social.

Pat Reynolds gave a report on the status of Invertebrate Biology, a journal sponsored by DIZ and AMS. Submissions are up 60% and have quadrupled since 2004. The acceptance rate is under 30% and the impact factor is rising. The review process is fast at around 30 days. Online early publication occurs 30-40 working days after acceptance and 2-3 issues before the printed version. Pat thanked the editors Louis Page, Nora Terwilliger, Bruno Pernet and Michael Hart. He welcomed two new editors: Greg Rouse and Bob Thacker.

Judith Winston encouraged DIZ members to join the American Microscopical Society.

Janice announced that *ICB* and *American Zoologist* are online and can be searched by SICB members free of charge (a benefit of membership).

Jim McClintock reminded members of the North American Echinoderm Conference (20-25 July 2008), which will also be a celebration of the career of John Lawrence. The abstract deadline is 1 May 2008.

Frederick Harrison announced the 1st International Congress on Invertebrate Morphology to be held in Copenhagen 17-21 August 2008. The abstract deadline is 1 February 2008. For more information, contact Claus Nielson cnielsen@zmuc.ku.dk.

Janice announced that a nominating committee was needed for a new chair elect and asked for volunteers. Ben Miner, Beth Davis, and Ken Halanych volunteered for the nominating committee.

Frederick Harrison asked about holding a SICB meeting in New Orleans. Janice responded that this was being pursued for 2011.

Submitted by Secretary Renae Brodie