

Minutes of the DIVISION OF INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY BUSINESS MEETING, 5 January 2012, Charleston, South Carolina

Dianna Padilla, Chair of DIZ, opened the meeting. The minutes from last year were approved. The DIZ Secretary announced that anyone who wanted to submit anything for the newsletter (pictures of invertebrates or research on invertebrates, information about newsworthy things invertebrate researchers have done, paragraphs highlighting particular invertebrates, or upcoming meetings of interest) is welcome and encouraged to do so, email things to her (iyengar@muhlenberg.edu). The Program Office, John Zardus, said there were 1431 abstracts submitted for the 2012 meeting, and 7 symposia sponsored by DIZ. For San Francisco (2013), there were 31 symposia proposals at the Society level, and 11 were chosen, 6 of which will be sponsored by DIZ. Sally Woodin commented from the floor that better proofing of the one page summary meeting schedule is needed. Erika Iyengar commented from the floor that there appears to be an increasing number of undergraduates presenting at the conference, and to encourage them to continue to do so, asked whether DIZ should provide a certificate of recognition to them for great presentations, even if they do not win one of the official awards. Rachel Merz mentioned that her undergraduates liked being treated as everyone else at the conference and probably would not like to be singled out in that manner. Bob Podolsky asked whether undergraduates might like a society-wide undergraduate award, and said he would look into the data about that. Sara Lindsay proposed that the Student Awards Committee discuss among themselves the best way to approach this issue, and that motion was passed by those in attendance.

Sarah Berke presented information about the student presentation awards in Beth Davis-Berg's stead. There were 25 posters involved in the competition and 24 talks. The new tradition of having a poster of the previous year's winners on display was continued this year and widely approved. Dianna Padilla reported, in Jennifer Burnaford's stead, that the Libbie Hyman award of \$1100 went last year to Nathan Farrar, who attended a course during the summer at the Friday Harbor Laboratories.

Karen Chan, the Graduate student/Post doc representative said that there was a job search workshop this year, as well as a new piece of information centering on suggestions for students on how to survive and thrive at the meeting that is sent out ahead of time entitled "Notes from Aboveground," (as a counter-point to the "Notes from the Underground" which lists good local places to eat near the conference, etc.). Bruno Pernet announced that the journal *Invertebrate Biology* had 4 issues published last year and will have another 4 this next year, and he thanked the editors, reviewers, and those who submitted articles for those issues.

The NSF Officer emphasized that when you submit a proposal in Fastlane, tick the specific proposal that you are applying to, not the General Program Guide, or else your submission goes into limbo and is delayed. She also pointed out that there is a new solicitation on ocean acidification, and a vision and change fellow program that comes in response to the vision and change report by AAAS, where NSF is looking for individuals with experience in academic planning and programs and their charge is to instigate the items identified in the visions and change report. NSF supports symposia at conferences such as SICB, with a maximum award of \$15,000—for pre-proposal process questions, see representatives in IOS.

Dianna Padilla provided an Executive Committee Meeting update, reporting that there were 1795 pre-registrants, and likely 1900 people, at the meeting in Charleston, which is SICB's largest meeting ever, but San Francisco in 2013 is expected to be even bigger (and SICB got great rates at the hotel there). SICB 2014 will be in Austin and SICB 2015 will be in

West Palm Beach, Florida. A new feature on the SICB website is the emails of all executive committee members, in case you have comments for them. All the bylaws for DIZ have now been completed and updated. Good news: SICB 2012 ran in the black, even when you account for the money charged by the people running the meeting. The journal Integrative and Comparative Biology is now in pubmed, and its impact factor is 2.685 and going up. Last year the journal published 80 papers and rejected 6. The Grand Challenges papers have been widely cited. If an author publishes a symposium paper that is longer than 12 pages, per page charges will be applied.

The Executive Committee stopped in and the Education Council reported that there is now a new section/database with your teaching information on it that is available once you log in as an educational tool. Not many people have entered their information in there yet, so please do so to make this a useful and widespread tool. There was a question as to whether the education talks and posters could be posted online, and Bob Podolsky said he would look into it.

This was Dianna Padilla's last meeting as Chair of DIZ, as she was handing over the reins to Jim McClintock after the conference. There was a nominating committee (Rachel Merz and Amy Moran) for the position of DIZ Secretary, and that election will be held Spring 2012. Vertebrate Morphology this year was doing a session where all the talks are only 5 minutes in length, and DIZ had a discussion as to the efficacy of changing talks to 5 minutes. There is a link on the meeting page that has information for session chairs as to what is expected of them. At SICB 2013 in San Francisco there will be an auction to benefit the Libbie Hyman fund. If you would like to volunteer to be an auctioneer, email Jennifer Burnaford or Erika Iyengar (iyengar@muhlenberg.edu). There were new Division discretionary funds allocated this year that came from the extra fee assessed to conference registrants. DIZ is anticipating about \$900 as of 1 July. This fund money will be available each year and unspent funds can roll over to the next year. If you have ideas as to what these funds should be spent on, send them to the DIZ Chair (Jim McClintock) and he'll bring these ideas to the meeting next year for discussion. A motion was made and passed that, at the end of the year, any unspent funds do not get rolled over to the next year but instead go to increasing the principal of the Hyman fund. Finally, there was discussion about turning old binders of the Division Chair's notebooks into electronic format, thus eliminating the need to pass on cumbersome hard copies.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Erika Iyengar, Secretary of DIZ