

**Minutes**  
**Division of Neurobiology, Neuroethology, and Sensory Biology**  
Saturday, Jan. 4, 2019; 5:45 pm, Lone Star F

1. Introductions
  - Mike Baltzley—Chair
  - Lisa Mangiamele—Secretary
  - Jeff Riffle—Program Officer
  - Maryam Kamran—Student/Postdoc Representative
  
2. SICB Officers visit
  - Introductions
  - IOB editor (Adam Summers) wants manuscripts from DNNSB. We are underrepresented in member submissions.
  
3. Best Student Presentations
  - i. thanks for judging! Lots of people signed-up to judge!
  - ii. oral presentations
    - last 5 years--6 submissions, 7, 15, 7, 21 this year
    - 8 selected to present—talks are tomorrow at 8 am.
  - iii. posters—17 in 2018, 20 in 2019, 20 this year
  - iv. Exec Committee revised rubric. Send feedback to Mike.
  
4. Spring elections—Division Chair
  - a. by-laws state we expect to have 2 candidates for each position
  - b. We have one currently, but we need one more candidate. But current chair cannot run for re-election for a consecutive term —do we want to change this?
  - bylaws change could happen this year
  - Are there term limits? Not for any exec officers in the division.
  - Action Item: Mike will draft bylaws change to make chair position more in line with other exec positions in our division.  
  - c. SICB annually solicits nominations for Society-wide positions
    - i. This year President, Treasurer, member-at-large
      - you can see on the SICB website who is up for election/re-election and when [Resources Tab]
    - ii. List of committees on SICB website
      - [What are the committees?]
      - let me know, or Melina Hale—President Elect—if you're interested
  - d. Lack of participation by grad students and post-docs in voting
    - If attended 2020, can vote in 2020 election
  
5. Symposia
  - a. We co-sponsored 5 Symposia this year (We had 21 proposals to choose from this year)
  - b. SICB Exec has asked all divisions to be more proactive with symposia proposals

Jeff: -- Symposium AND Workshops are possible mechanisms to bring in new people to SICB, and to integrate the SICB Divisions.  
-- Advantage of workshops is shorter timeline (due in Aug this year for meeting next year). A good way to generate ideas for a workshop or to generate review papers.  
-- 4 Symposia that we funded coming up next year [Titles].  
-- Symposia are a big revenue source for SICB.  
-- Exec comm will be meeting about symposium ideas this week.

6. Code of conduct

a. Been in place for several years, SICB making an effort to make reporting easier, more clear.

- Online reporting
- Safety Ally buttons

b. Unrelated to Code of Conduct, but about making SICB welcoming to everyone—quiet room this year

7. Funds

i. SICB general funds

- a. \$2000 to support symposia, distributed by Division Program Officer
- b. \$800 to support social
- c. \$300 for Best Student Presentation awards (\$150 each) and subscription to *J of Experimental Zoology Part A: Ecological Genetics and Physiology*

ii. we get \$5 per DNNSB member, or a portion of that \$5 if you are a member of other divisions

- a. we can spend that money on regional conferences, supporting external conferences, extra \$ on social, increasing student awards
- b. current balance is ~\$4000, we have spent \$800 of that to sponsor the Spatiotemporal Dynamics in Communication Workshop

What should we do with this money? Ideas to Mike.

- Make available some funds for Grants in Aid of Research to undergraduates.
- Broadening participation (within grant in aid of research)
- Offer complementary membership for early career researchers.
- Undergraduate presentation award separate from graduate research award? Possible alternative could be honorable mention in our BSP without monetary award. → Could we put this as bylaws change for this year?
- Pay an undergrad/grad student to be Social Media Chair.

c. Mentorship program?

- Lunch with an endocrinologist, coffee with a prof (DEDDB)
- organized by Student/Post-doc Rep in DEDB

iii. Society fundraising

- a. have moved towards having fundraising goals for all of our named funds
- b. double-your-dues campaign

8. General

a. SICB journal info

i. Integrative Organismal Biology wants more neuro submissions

TO DO: Alert someone at Burke that no one

ii. Integrative Comparative Biology. Neuro/sensory themed aren't being cited as much as other articles. Looking to improve impact factor for neuro articles. Journal overall is in top 10 in terms of impact factor for zoology journals.

b. give us pictures for website and newsletter, profiles on website

c. Membership—over last decade, fluctuated between 10-16% of SICB members identify as DNNSB. 250 members of SICB are in our division.

d. Discussion happening about whether to move 2023 SICB to Indianapolis (currently scheduled for Austin). Texas has some anti-LGBTQ+ laws, and people from California can't use state funds to attend meetings in Texas. Guess is that meeting won't move because of cost to get out of contracts.

e. 2024 Seattle, 2025 Atlanta

9. Social—South-East Lobbies, 8:00 on Sunday

10. NSF Program officer, Colin Saldanha

-- Booth 501

■ Presentation in Lone Star C, Monday at Noon

11. Student/Postdoc

-- Transitions in Science workshop/panel. Go To for alternative positions in Science.

-- "How To" at SPDAC Booth.

**Action Items:**

-- **Bylaws changes: (1) Chair term, (2) Undergrad award**

-- **Social Media/Outreach Chair position**

**Symposia Ideas**

-**Vision, Dan Speiser [Mike]**

- **Individual Variation/Outliers, Angela Freeman/Chelsea Cook [Lisa]**

- **Personality**

- **Anthropogenic Effects on Sensory/Nervous Systems**