

Division of Neurobiology, Neuroethology, and Sensory Biology

Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, 5:45-6:45, Lonestar G

Agenda (plus visit from NSF program officer)

1. Introductions

- Jim Newcomb — Chair
- Jessica Fox - Secretary
- Jeff Riffell — outgoing Program Officer – thank you!
- Jamie Theobald - incoming Program Officer – welcome!
- Loranzie Rogers – SPDAC representative (first year – welcome!)

2. Best Student Presentations

- Thanks for judging!
- New uniform judging rubric across divisions
- Oral presentations
 - Session was this morning
 - 8 student presenters, selected from 18 submissions

Year of Meeting	Number of Student Applicants for Oral BSPs
2016	6
2017	7
2018	15
2019	7
2020	21
2021	31
2022	15
2023	18

- Poster presentations
 - 41 this year!

Year of Meeting	Number of Student Applicants for Poster BSPs
2018	17
2019	20
2020	20
2021	6
2022	21
2023	41

- We need help judging, with one more set of posters going tomorrow. Please see me if you are interested in judging some posters tomorrow.
- What do people think about restricting the number of poster BSPs, like we do with oral presentations? **Members brought up the fact that students appreciate the chance to compete and to receive feedback on their work. We don't want to restrict students from competing if at all possible. We will need to recruit more judges, especially from the postdoc ranks, if we want to ensure that all posters are judged. A small incentive, like a drink ticket for the social, may be considered.**
- What do people think about having a DNNSB poster BSP session, rather than having them spread out? It would make the coordination of judging easier.

3. Update on SICB Executive Committee meeting (agenda can be found [here](#))
 - a) Divisional dues
 - i. The new database system will not allow SICB to charge additional, division-specific dues, above the standard divisional dues (this does not affect us because DNNSB does not have any additional dues)
 - ii. Divisional dues are therefore proposed to be raised for everyone by \$10
 - iii. First increase in quite some time
 - iv. There has been discussion about preferred model for funding divisions, such as through a distributed model (like now) or a pool of money that is more centralized and divisions apply to access
 - v. SICB is concerned about large pots of divisional money sitting in the budget and going unused (some divisional budgets are >\$30K...DNNSB's is only about \$6K)
 - b) 2028 meeting opportunity in LA
 - i. Unusual opportunity to get a California location (LA) at good price for 2028, but decision must be made by end of this meeting
 - ii. Upcoming venues: '24 Seattle, '25 Atlanta, '26 Portland, OR, '27 TBD
 - iii. Any questions/issues pre-vote, reach out this week by email and/or visit Melina (President) and Brett (Executive Director) at drop-in hours from 3-4 tomorrow (Friday). Exhibit Hall, Booth 100
 - c) Membership year timing
 - i. Membership year starting in March is off from other fiscal/calendar cycles
 - ii. Awkward with typical renewal around time of meeting with registration
 - iii. Suggest moving to align with the fiscal year
4. Changes to bylaws
 - a) This year, the membership voted to add Chair-Elect, Secretary-Elect, and Program Officer-Elect positions to the DNNSB executive board
 - b) These will be one-year positions, and will be filled in the year prior to the end of term for a Chair, Secretary, or Program Officer
 - c) Will make for a smoother transition between officers and better long-term development of the division
5. Spring elections—Chair & Secretary-Elect
 - a) By-laws state we expect to have 2 candidates for each position
 - b) Is anyone interested? Recommendations? Please point potential candidates or their names to anyone on Executive Committee ***We have identified two candidates for each position.***
6. Symposia
 - 1. Symposia for SICB 2023:** We have two outstanding DNNSB-related symposia for next years meeting: "*Neuroethology in the age of gene editing: New tools and novel insights into the molecular and neural basis of behavior*" from Beau Alward; and "*The role of mechanosensation in robust locomotion*" from Katie Stanchak. There was a slight dip in the number of submitted proposals for 2023 (only 12 were submitted, and SICB typically has 12 symposia), so please think about submitting a proposal. This leads us to...
 - 2. For 2024,** please discuss with your colleagues about submitting a symposium proposal. The process is easy and straightforward, and DNNSB-related symposia are always highly ranked because of their interdisciplinary nature. If you have any questions, please let Jim or any of the division officers know.

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/DNNSB member or portion of that \$5 if one is a member of other divisions (typically about \$600/year)

- a. we can spend that money on regional conferences, supporting external conferences, extra \$ on social, increasing student awards, etc.
- b. DNNSB balance as of 6/30/22 = \$5356
 - Used additional \$300 to support joint DAB/DNNSB/DCE social (at 8:30 this evening at the Brazos room!)
 - So balance, before 2023 meeting registration = ~\$5056
- c. possible uses
 - Based on last year's member meeting discussion, one of the favored ideas is to provide an award to compensate an invited speaker
 - Grow DNNSB membership
 - Recruit younger faculty, who will then bring their students
 - Emphasis on under-represented groups
 - Thoughts?

8. SICB+

- a) Will occur January 16 – March 17
- b) If you or your lab members presented here in Austin, please consider uploading your talk/poster to SICB+
 - i. You have to wait until after the meeting to upload your talk/poster
 - ii. The deadline for uploading talk/poster will be January 13

9. Integrative Organismal Biology

- i. Open-access journal for SICB
- ii. SICB members get discount on pricing (\$1935 – typical cost; \$1355 – for SICB members)
- iii. Double-blind peer review
- iv. Available in PubMed
- v. Awarded impact factor in 2022 of 3.2
- vi. Would like more submissions, especially for DNNSB-related manuscripts
- vii. Would DNNSB consider using divisional funds to contribute to publishing cost for DNNSB members?
 - a) Maybe one such “award” could be provided each year, with preference for early-career scientists
 - b) Another division has started to do this, so we could look at their procedures that they have implemented

10. Social—soon after this meeting (8:30 pm) in Brazos room

11. Other thoughts or questions?