

SICB DOB Member Meeting 2/9/2022

Chris Martine called the meeting to order. Started with Introductions.

Present: Chris Martine, Janet Steven, Morgan Furze, Karolina Heyduk, Chris Muir, David Sleboda, Jenna Miladin, Kendra Maclaine, Trinity Depatie, Beth Brainerd, Brett Burk, Patricia Hernandez

Beth Brainerd: Thanks Janet for organizing the DoB social at DBG during the in person meeting, reminds us that SICB+ is ongoing - extended until April 8th. Mentions SICB forum meetings that are coming up.

Patricia Hernandez: President Elect. Seeking DOB members to serve on committees (there are forms online for this, please reach out). Looking to make playlists of favorite SICB+ talks.

Brett Burk: SICB will also be doing some workshops, especially for ECRs, during the course of the year. SICB+ had >900 registrants (on top of those already registered as in person attendees).

Brett: Options for social/field trip for DoB for next year's meeting are pretty wide open. SICB office can help organize this and find locations.

Janet: Giving an overview of the in person meeting, mentions there's larger representation of plant talks on SICB+. Put together a "pollination playlist" that features both plant and animal (pollinator) talks. DBG social was great, people appreciated getting out of the conference center. Unclear how many in person DOB talks were given in person because of last minute cancellations.

Chris Martine: This is an opportunity to gain momentum before next year's meeting. We have >100 members, but we have many more followers on Twitter, so opportunity to expand. Meeting in Austin in January is another opportunity to expand and attract new members.

Chris Martine: Finding engagement on SICB+ is very low - no comments, etc. Would be good for DoB members to watch and comment. SICB+ experience has been demoralizing for folks who didn't go in person, not getting much out of the online conference.

Beth: This isn't a DoB thing in particular, it's across the board.

Chris Martine: Best student talk and poster awards! Best student talk winner in Kendra Maclaine, Best student poster winner is Trinity Depatie.

Janet: We will send out links to the winning talks/posters in the next newsletter.

Chris Martine: Changes in officers. Chris Muir stepping off as secretary, Karolina Heyduk now starting. Morgan is starting as Program Officer position, Bryan MacNeill is new Student and PostDoc Rep.

Chris Martine: IOB journal update. DoB members continue to be encouraged to submit papers, they want to see more! Janet is an editor there, so there's a plant person to handle!

Beth: Peer review at IOB is double blind, and reviews are edited (redact, rephrase) for unnecessarily harsh or unprofessional. Great for student submissions, for that reason.

Janet: It's also open access, but charges are modest. Have waivers available.

Beth: Also great promotion of papers. Every paper gets a cover, gets promoted on Twitter etc. High altmetrics.

Chris Martine: reminds everyone to follow SICB_DOB on twitter.

Morgan Furze: ICB is leading two botany focused bundles. One is organismal - contact Morgan directly if you want to submit a paper, please feel free to pass info along to colleagues. There will also be a plant and animal bundle of papers in the next year or two. Hoping to host a series of workshops to engage both botanists and animal scientists from SICB (and outside, to draw others in). Bundle is a group of 10-12 papers of a similar theme.

Janet: At the austin meeting next year, there is a symposium co-sponsored by Sam Sharp (DoB member) on sex expression ("beyond the binary") in plants.

Beth: Symposium proposals are due in August for the following year (18 months out); welcome symposia proposed by members at all levels, including grad students and post docs. Usually 2-3 organizers. Symposia are 10-11 talks. The lead time allows organizers to get funding to support speakers.

Student award winners encouraged to submit their work to the ICB bundles!