

DVM Business Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2016, Portland, Oregon

Andrew J. Clark, DVM Secretary

Thanks to everyone who attended this year's business meeting! The agenda for our meeting was to: 1) acknowledge outgoing and incoming members in service, 2) update the division on upcoming elections, 3) discuss the division's current funding status, 4) encourage members to propose symposia, and 5) discuss the prospects of SICB introducing an online Open Access journal.

Acknowledgements

The Divisional Executive Committee and Members acknowledge Casey Holliday's service as DVM Secretary since 2013. Andrew Clark will be replacing Casey as Divisional Secretary. Thank you, Callum Ross (DVM Chair) for representing our division on the SICB Executive Committee, and thanks also to Manny Azizi (DVM Program Officer) for representing our division on the Program Committee. Lara Ferry has been serving as our divisional representative on the *ICB* Editorial Board since 2010 and we thank her for the years of dedication. We welcome Sharlene Santana as our new representative on the *ICB* Editorial Board. Sharlene was also honored with a Carl Gans award at this year's meeting. We also thank our committee of DVM judges for their evaluations of the Liem and Davis Award presentations. Morgan Burnette has served as our DVM Student/Postdoctoral representative on the SICB Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee since January 2014 and will be rotating from his appointment in January 2017. Thank you for your service, Morgan! Phillip Anderson has volunteered to serve as our next Student/Postdoctoral rep, as well as chairing the student award judging.

Nominating Committee for 2016 Elections

Thanks very much to the DVM Member volunteers who have offered to serve on the Nominating Committee for the upcoming spring 2016 elections. This year, we are in search of candidates for DVM Chair-Elect and DVM Secretary-Elect.

Funding

Callum Ross informed us that the Society received a generous amount in donations this year, and DVM also responded well to the fund raising drive! The Davis Award Fund is currently over \$20,000, with special thanks to Ken Dial's significant contribution. In order to reach the \$25,000 target set by SICB, DVM will acquire the remaining money from dues until the award reaches the \$25,000 goal. There was agreement that the DVM operating fund would be used for supporting regional DVM meetings (up to a few hundred dollars) and for helping supplementing symposium travel costs.

Symposia

There was encouragement raised by some members for more applications for SICB symposia (the next application deadline will be for the 2018 meetings in San Francisco). The symposia are an important part of the Society's mission as they are published in *Integrative and Comparative Biology*, which is the biggest source of income for the society.

Consideration of an online open access journal

There was a mixed reception from the DVM membership, with many people wanting more information before committing. There was especially concern about the costs to students, postdocs, or faculty without grant money and a source of funding for open access page charges. Another issue raised was the high volume of open access journals already available.

Other announcements

Friday Harbor Laboratories (U. Washington) will be offering a research project-oriented course on the Functional Morphology of Marine Fishes (Summer 2016 – to be co-instructed by Adam Summers, Alice Gibb, and Andrew Clark). In this course, students 1) learn to collect and identify an astonishing diversity of fishes in the Pacific Northwest (intertidal and subtidal environments), 2) experience various techniques in functional morphology (e.g., electromyography, materials testing, rapid prototyping and 3D visualization and modeling), and 3) with these skill sets, conduct independent research projects.

FHL is also offering a program called the Karel Liem Bio-visualization Center, a free-of-charge facility for resident and visiting researchers.

The International Congress for Vertebrate Morphology (ICVM) will be held this summer in Washington D.C. For more information check out ICVM.org and Facebook.

We received the depressing news about Thomas H. Frazzetta's death late in 2015.