

DVM Business Meeting Minutes held on January 6, 2017, in New Orleans, Louisiana

Andrew J. Clark, DVM Secretary

Acknowledgements

The Divisional Executive Committee and Members want to acknowledge Callum Ross and Manny Azizi for their service as DVM Chair and Program Officer since 2015. Christopher Mayerl organized the judging of student posters and talks for the Davis and Liem awards. We also thank our committee of DVM judges for their evaluations of presentations. Excellent work! John Hutchinson and Brooke Flammang are replacing Callum and Manny this year. L. Patricia Hernandez (DVM Chair-Elect, 2017-2019) and Laura Ekstrom (DVM Secretary-Elect, 2017-2018) have also joined our team. Welcome aboard!

Symposia and Lightning Talks (Message from DVM Program Officer)

This year SICB received 1910 abstracts, and with 461 submissions from DVM and DCB, we continue to be a strong division in the society. DVM sponsored two symposia in New Orleans; however, we are encouraging more proposals for future symposia. SICB symposia proceedings comprise a huge portion of the literature in ICB, which is a major revenue source for the society. We also want to encourage more applications from DVM members for future BSP awards.

This year, we had few submitted abstracts for the five-minute “Lightning Talks.” At this year’s meeting, each lightning talk was ten minutes as a result of low submission. The goal for these talks are to be five minutes long, plus an additional 1.5 minutes for Q&A. To fix these submission problems, we proposed to grant the authors submitting lightning-talk abstracts the option for presenting a poster of their research, in the event of receiving too many submissions. In the future, if too many abstracts are submitted for lightning talks by authors who do not wish to present their talks as posters in case of overcrowding, some of these abstracts will be declined to fit the time-block allotted for the short talks.

Executive Committee Board Visit

The locations for future meetings were announced (Washington D.C. in 2021; Austin, TX in 2023; currently 2022 is TBA). The ICB Open Access is searching for SICB members interested in serving as the founding Editor-in-Chief for the journal.

Workshops

The Executive Committee also encouraged more submissions for symposia, and the possibility of setting up a Workshop on Symposia Preparation has been discussed. Beth Brainerd reminded us of Sunday’s SICB workshop on video data management plans.

Nominating Committee

We received three volunteers to serve on our nominating committee for this spring’s elections for DVM Program Officer.

Funding (Message from the DVM Chair)

With the goal of raising the Davis Fund to \$25,000, we solicited donations from members. In 2015, the DVM voted to raise membership fees (\$10 for full members and \$5 for students and post-docs). None of four regional DVM/DCB meetings from 2016 were funded. We are pleased

to say that the \$25K target will be achieved, and we hope to allocate some of these funds for regional meetings and other expenses. Last year's DVM/DCB Social Event was a big hit in Portland and for this year's meeting the DVM/DCB Social was held at the Maison Penthouse. The Harassment Policy was also discussed and the membership is encouraged to give feedback on this policy to the Executive Committee of the Society.

Message from the DVM Chair-Elect

John Hutchinson commented on planned updates for the DVM Facebook Page and encouraged increased involvement in social media.