

Minutes of the DVM Business Meeting - Jan 5, 2011

2011 SCIB Meeting – Salt Lake City, UT

Called to order by Captain Mark Westneat at 5:15 pm

Mark introduced Hannah Carey, Rotating Program Manager from IOS/PSI Cluster at NSF. Hannah invited people to talk with her about proposals; always welcome. She also informed us of NSF-wide budget information: recall NSF is on a 'continuing resolution' and therefore operating on 85% of the FY'10 budget. She also reminded us of the Grand Challenges workshops via SICB, and the Research Coordination Network funding at NSF

Mark reminded us that we have to elect a new Chair-Elect for DVM. Kiisa Nishikawa takes over as chair at the close of this meeting, and we need to elect the person that will replace her in two years. We are also in need of a new member for the Student Postdoctoral Affairs Committee. A replacement will be appointed by the DVM Executive Committee. Melina Hale will retire as the DVM representative on the SICB Editorial Board and a new candidate is being nominated (to be named once approved by that committee). Harold Heatwole will continue as society wide Editor for another 5-year term.

Mark recapped the SICB Executive Committee Meeting. Fiscally we are quite sound, dues may be raised by \$5 in order to give divisions discretionary funds. DVM currently gets only \$2000, which is already fully allotted for meeting symposia and the social. These extra funds could be used to fund symposia more fully, for regional meetings, or the like. Mark noted that the Dwight Davis fund, which funds the best student paper and poster awards each year, has dwindled, and the principle is under \$2000. Members *need* to donate. Mark will find out specific information about Wiley's contribution to the fund, and send out a divisional email with those details and the specific need.

Mark introduced the SICB Executive Committee who said a few words of welcome.

Cheryl Wilga provided an overview of the Broadening Participation program. They fund grants to people from under-represented groups. They are applying for an NSF grant to increase the amount that they can provide to people. They also have workshops and socials, which are open to all levels, not just students. The Broadening Participation social is Thursday evening – please come!

Mark discussed the notion of speed or 'lightning' talks at the meetings. There may be special sessions with these 5-minute talks. There was some discussion of this.

Program Officer's Report by Rick Blob – Rick reminded people to use the keywords. If you do not list Morphology, or something similar, as your first keyword, it won't go to your DVM PO. Rick thanked Andrew Clark for organizing the judging of the BSP awards. The social is tonight, which is a joint social using pooled funds so that there is a reasonable spread. There are three symposia at this meeting that DVM contributed to. For 2012 we are contributing to four symposia, two on locomotion, one on seasnakes (tribute to Harold Heatwole), and an Evo Devo symposia. Deadlines are mid-August for 2013 symposia. Talk to Rick soon. There is a form to be used. Ideally you can garner support not just from other divisions, but outside sources such as NSF or corporate. Try to address the Grand Challenges initiative. Try to bring in diversity (different career stages, institutions, etc.). Try to think about the organization of any associated sessions and how your symposia could contribute and maximize impact. Remember the regional meetings.

Secretary's Report by Lara Ferry – Lara thanked people who have submitted their information to the researcher database, and invited more submissions. Lara recognized Susan Williams as the Incoming Secretary in two years.

Sharon reminded everyone that the society wide meeting is tomorrow night. They will be giving out the first ever Carl Gans award tomorrow, it is going to a Vertebrate Morphologist, so go.

Mark handed the helm to Kiisa Nishikawa, and adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.