



**SICB Society-wide Member Meeting, Phoenix
6 January 2022 5:45-6:45PM MST**

5:45pm

1. Call to order – Melina Hale, SICB President
2. Approval of the minutes of the [27 January 2021 SICB Society Meeting](#)
1 abstention, 0 nays, all others in attendance voted in favor
3. Recognition of members who have passed away in last year. Video memorial project led by Frank Fish, honoring Thomas Kunz, Bill Dawson, Stephen Wainwright, John Pearse, Mary Rice, and David Wake. SICB is looking for ways to honor society leaders who have passed recently. This is a new effort for the society, and we aim to continue and increase this recognition.
4. President's Report and Recognition of Sponsors
Melina Hale offered gratitude for our meeting sponsors, exhibitors, and NSF program officers for their contributions to the meeting. Looking ahead, we have plans to increase our society's focus on supporting students and early career scientists. We will also continue efforts to enhance SICB community engagement, working to increase transparency and strengthen communication among members and officers.

President Hale introduced the executive officer team, a group that meets at least once per week all year to conduct the business of the society and prepare for the annual meeting.

4. Brief Officer Reports (Full reports are provided in the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 2022 Meeting)
 1. Program Officer, Jake Socha. Before the meeting, 1500 people were registered, and ultimately around 1000 attended. SICB+ was designed as a mechanism for people around the world who could not be here, to share their work and take part in our science. SICB+ will last 10 weeks, through the end of March. Last year, we planned a virtual

conference out of necessity - it was the only way we could meet. This year, we are able to meet in person because we followed all federal, state, and local guidelines, with additional safety measures, including all socials occurring outside. Those who met in person and can contribute to SICB+ are providing a service, in the spirit of our community.

- a. Program Officer-Elect, Thom Sanger. We've proven we can hold a large meeting safely, and we'll take what we've learned here to make things even better at future meetings. Symposia are a special part of our program, and we're adding new incentives for organizers. These incentives include: SICB will provide publication costs for IOB, and cover funds for organizers to bring a student to the following conference. We are also changing the process for reimbursement to make symposia more accessible for participants.
2. Treasurer, Miriam Ashley-Ross (via Zoom). The Society is financially strong, with total assets of \$2.5 million (most in investments). The Finance Committee aims to set registration/membership fees each year so that we do slightly better than neutral on operations. Returns from our investments are used to support students and named awards. and our investments have generally kept pace with market gains. Last year, our investments earned ~\$120K. The financial implications of this meeting aren't yet clear. In planning for the meeting, we anticipated a loss of \$90K, but that number will be higher. Planning for next year is still uncertain. Budget planning for FY 2023 will be presented to the Executive Committee tomorrow, who will vote on the 2023 budget in the spring.
3. Secretary, Michele Johnson. Over the past year, our Society and divisional leadership have proposed a number of amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws that have updated our governing documents to be more transparent and inclusive. We are exploring new formats of communicating with members through newsletters.
4. President-Elect, Patricia Hernandez. The President-Elect is charged with managing volunteers for the society. Please reach out if you are interested in contributing to our work together!
5. Communications Editor - Molly Jacobs. Communications Editor is a new position, coordinating the communications efforts of the society. This past year, Editor Jacobs has supervised completion of the new website, and maintains updates to the website.

5. Editor Reports

1. ICB – Ulrike Müller (via Zoom) ICB has the highest impact factor in the journal’s history (3.3), and our highest rank yet (7 of 175 in biology journals). Editor Müller shared a list of 10 authors who most contributed to the rise in impact factor. She gave a call to SICB members to propose or contribute to “topic issues” ICB has recently had topic issues on Stress and a group of 30 papers from Jumpstart Biology, and lots more on the way in the next few years. Please join ICB on the journal’s new DEI Task Force, or as editor or reviewer.
2. IOB – Adam Summers. This is the third year of IOB. We have observed a 25% drop in submissions this year (due to the pandemic, and the difficulties for AEs to recruit submissions when not attending meetings). Altmetric scores for the journal are incredibly high; people read and cite these papers, and the general public reads about them. We will receive an impact factor soon, and it is predicted to be above 5! Editor Summers offered an invitation for members to submit your best work to this journal.

6. Society-wide Awards:

1. Awards and major lectures

- First Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice award - Mary Salcedo. Rita Mehta, chair of BPC, gave a video introduction of this new award and Mary Salcedo.
- M. Patricia Morse Award for Excellence and Innovation in Science Teaching: Michele Nishiguchi
- Dorothy M. Skinner Awardees: 2021 Liming Cai & Anusha Shankar, 2022 Armita Manafzadeh and Yusan Yang.
- Moore Lecturer, Sarah Brownell
- Gans Award, Talia Moore
- Bartholomew Lecture, Martha Munoz
- Bern Lecture, Tyrone Hayes (postponed to 2023 meeting)

7. Student Research Awards

From 91 applications received, 23 Grants-in-Aid-of-Research (GIAR) and 10 Fellowships for Graduate Student Travel (FGST) were awarded. The six top applicants were presented with named student research awards, as follows:

- Steve Vogel Award - Kiersten Formoso
- Abbot S. Toby Gaunt Award - Eric Gulson-Castillo
- Rosemary Knapp Award - Isaac VanDiest
- Steve Wainwright Award - Erik Axlid
- William Dawson Award - Pearl Rivers
- John Pearse Award - Lisa Couper

8. Professional Development Awardees from Broadening Participation Committee

9. Recognition of Service

Committee members completing their service:

- Members rotating off the ICB Editorial Board
 - Robert Cox
 - Michael Dillon
 - Ryan Earley
 - Anjali Goswami
 - Kathryn Wilsterman
- Members rotating off the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee
 - John Hutchinson, chair
 - Maryam Kamran
 - Morgan Furze
 - Ashley Love
 - Carla Madelaire
- Members rotating off the Student Support Committee
 - Brandon Jackson
 - Krista Todd
- Members rotating off the Public Affairs Committee
 - Shaz Zamore, chair
 - Misty Paig-Tran
- Members rotating off the Development Committee

- Lara Ferry, chair
 - Linda Mantel
 - Members rotating off the Broadening Participation Committee
 - Rita Mehta, chair
 - Members rotating off the Membership Committee
 - Alice Gibb, interim chair
 - Members rotating off the Educational Council
 - Josh Drew
 - Jennifer Burnaford
 - Members rotating off the Nominating Committee
 - Susan Williams, chair
 - Karen Martin
 - Eric McElroy
 - Ajna Rivera
- Recognition of Retiring Divisional Secretaries
 - Emily Kane, DCB
 - Heather Liwanag, DCPB
 - Justin McAlister, DIZ
 - Lisa Mangiamele, DNNSB
 - Christopher Muir, DOB
 - Haley O'Brien, DPCB
 - Angela Horner, DVM
- Recognition of Retiring Divisional Program Officers
 - Matt McHenry, DCB
 - Matthew Rockman, DEDB
 - Sarah Diamond, DEE
 - Janet Steven, DOB
- Recognition of SICB Executive Committee Members whose terms end at the culmination of the Executive Committee meeting:
 - Jake Socha, Program Officer
 - Kakani Katija, Member-at-Large

☐ Division Chairs

- Kendra Sewall, DAB
- Kathleen Hunt, DCE
- Ken Welch, DCPB
- Deirdre Lyons, DEDB
- Laura Zimmerman, DEDE
- David Blackburn, DPCB

11. Call for New Business – Melina Hale

Jim Murray asked, have we considered giving indigenous land acknowledgements at conferences? Program Officer Jake Socha explained that prior to this meeting, he spent substantial time talking with a local indigenous person, but that individual pointed out that SICB's plans were not long-term commitments to the indigenous community in Phoenix and so a land acknowledgement statement was not welcomed.