



**Minutes, SICB Society-wide Virtual Member Meeting  
27 January 2021 2:00PM–3:00PM (EST)**

1. Call to order – Beth Brainerd, SICB President  
Introduction of the Executive Officers and BAI Staff
2. Approval of the minutes of the [6 January 2020 SICB Society Meeting](#)  
Chloe Evans moved to approve, Stacey Combes seconded. Unanimous vote to approve minutes from 2020 meeting.
3. President’s Report and Recognition of Sponsors. Meeting was originally scheduled for January 7, but in the US, the events of January 6 took precedence, and so we rescheduled this member meeting to conduct business on January 27. The state of SICB is strong, with diverse engagement, strong journals, and extensive volunteerism (180 people volunteered to serve the society this year!).

Priorities for 2021 Virtual Meeting:

- Supporting early career participants
- Create an inclusive and supportive virtual meeting environment
- Broadening participation
- Transparency about planning and finances
- Flexibility and compassion in hard times

Meeting Timeline:

- Jan 3-7 Live presentations and events
- Jan 8-31 View “on-demand” talks, virtual chat with speakers
- Jan 25-29 Committee meetings week
- Feb 1-21 152 live Q&A sessions with speakers
- Feb 28 SICB Awards and Closing Ceremony

**Acknowledgement of corporate sponsors:**

- Platinum Sponsor: Sable Systems

- Gold Sponsor: Journal of Experimental Biology, The Royal Society Publishing, Xcitex
  - Silver Sponsor: Arbor Assays, Holohil
4. Brief Officer Reports (Full reports will be provided in the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 2021 Virtual Meeting)
1. Program Officer, Jake Socha. At this Virtual Meeting, 2,549 attendees from 37 countries, 1,720 abstracts, 12 symposia. 580,000 page views of the conference! We plan for SICB 2022 in person in Phoenix, Arizona, taking with us lessons learned from the 2021 Virtual Meeting to make access to SICB as broad as possible. We already have exciting symposia lined up for the 2022 meeting.
  2. Treasurer, Miriam Ashley-Ross. We completed FY 2020 in June. Transitions with our management company, BAI, have delayed final reporting for FY 2020, but we do know that the society is financially strong, with total assets over \$2.1 million. Although it has been difficult to predict, registration fees are set to make the meeting revenue-neutral. We are now developing a proposed budget for 2022, assuming that there will be an in-person meeting next year.
  3. Secretary, Alice Gibb. In last year's society elections, three society-wide officers were elected. Patricia Hernandez is President-Elect, Marianne Porter is incoming Member-at-Large, Miriam Ashley-Ross re-elected as treasurer. Thanks to all who were willing to run, and please vote in upcoming 2021 elections!
  4. President-Elect, Melina Hale. SICB (and our larger society) face many challenges right now, with COVID, racism, and climate change being among the most difficult. We are approaching future plans for SICB with these challenges directly in mind, and we welcome involvement of the broader membership in conversations as we determine directions forward.

## 5. Editor Reports

1. ICB – Ulrike Müller. Despite the impacts of COVID, we had a record number of submissions to ICB this year (190)! Thanks to all for your contributions that keep this journal strong. The editorial board is happy to hear ideas for the journal from any SICB members. The journal is also working to diversify the editorial board and the peer reviewer pool (including a new program for students/ECRs to learn the process of peer review). Please reach out if you would like to be involved.
  
2. IOB – Adam Summers. IOB is society's open access journal, with a highly supportive review process. In the first two years of the journal, each year we have seen a 50% increase in submissions, including contributions from all divisions. The journal does not yet have an impact factor, but IOB's altmetric scores are higher than any other biological journal! IOB is now fully indexed in PubMed, and applying to Scopus.
  
3. Communications Editor – Molly Jacobs. New position in SICB, and very interested in feedback from members about how communications from the society can be improved. Working on two big projects now: the new SICB website, and a new YouTube channel - look for announcements soon!

## 6. Call for New Business – Beth Brainerd

- a. President asks SICB members for New Business or Announcements
  - a. Upcoming SlicerMorph workshop
  - b. Courses at Friday Harbor Labs
  - c. Ken Sebens encouraged hybrid format for next year's SICB meeting.
  - d. Jim Murray reminded everyone about the PAC's Friday night virtual game nights. Molly Jacobs reminded us about the PAC's Wellness Wednesday events.

**RECESS to February 28th at 1 PM EST**

**28 February 2021, 1pm EST**

**SICB 2021 Awards and Closing Ceremony**

1. Society-wide Awards:

1. M. Patricia Morse Award for Excellence and Innovation in Science  
Teaching: Dr. Sara Hiebert Burch

2. Dorothy M. Skinner Awardees: Liming Cai & Anusha Shankar

2. Best Student Presentation Awards

3. Professional Development Awards from Broadening Participation Committee

4. Student Research Awards: From 101 applications received, 25 Grants-in-Aid-of-Research (GIAR) and 5 Fellowships for Graduate Student Travel (FGST) were awarded. The six top applicants were presented with named student research awards, as follows:

- Steve Vogel Award - Emily Webb
- Abbot S. Toby Gaunt Award - Victoria Farrar
- Rosemary Knapp Award - Laura Newman
- Steve Wainwright Award - Thien-y Nguyen
- William Dawson Award - Joshua Manning
- John Pearse Award - Sam Lane

5. SICB 2021 Audience Choice Awards

- Vania Assis
- Jeremy Lomax
- Kendall Moore

6. Recognition of meeting sponsors and exhibitors

7. Recognition of Service:

Committee members completing their service:

- Members rotating off the ICB Editorial Board
  - Ty Hedrick
  - Tracy Langkilde
  - Tonia Schwartz
  - Brent Sinclair

- Members rotating off the IOB Editorial Board
  - Carol Fassbinder-Orth
  - Colleen Farmer
  - Patricia Hernandez
  - Richard Satterlie
- Members rotating off the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee
  - Sydney Hope
  - Andrea Rummel
- Members rotating off the Student Support Committee
  - Marianne Moore
- Members rotating off the Development Committee
  - Terry Dial
  - Nora Terwilliger
- Members rotating off the Broadening Participation Committee
  - Kaushik Jayaram
- Members rotating off the Membership Committee
  - Marianne Porter, Chair
- Recognition of Retiring Divisional Secretaries
  - Erica Westerman, DAB
  - Tim Greives, DCE
  - Prashant Sharma, DEDB
  - Ken A. Field, DEDE
  - Martha Muñoz, DEE
- Recognition of Retiring Divisional Program Officers
  - Brian G. Walker, DCE
  - Kristi Montooth, DCPB
  - Cynthia J. Downs, DEDE
  - Todd Oakley, DPCB
  - Mason Dean, DVM
- Recognition of SICB Executive Committee Members whose terms end at the culmination of the Executive Committee meeting:

- ❑ Beth Brainerd, President
- ❑ Lou Burnett, Past-President
- ❑ Alice Gibb, Secretary
- ❑ Ajna Rivera, Member-at-Large
- ❑ Division Chairs
  - Stacey Combes, DCB
  - Cameron Ghalambor, DEE
  - Kenneth Halanych, DIZ
  - Michael Baltzley, DNNSB
  - L. Patricia Hernandez, DVM