

Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
Annual Business Meeting
December 27, 1996

I. Welcome

Michael G. Hadfield, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He commented that the Annual Meeting had been a success thus far and noted that 678 people were in attendance.

II. 1996 in Review

Dr. Hadfield reviewed several new Society initiatives since the last Annual Business Meeting. Dr. Hadfield cited the generous bequest of Dr. Charlotte Mangum, the successful Grants in Aid of Research Program, the creation of the SICB long range plan and the new *American Zoologist* initiatives including consideration of a new title and image.

III. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Susan Peters, Secretary, reviewed the 1995 Annual Business Meeting minutes with the group and asked for approval. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

B. Review of Election Results

Dr. Peters reviewed the election results with the group.

President-Elect:	John G. Hildebrand
Treasurer-Elect:	Kimberly G. Smith
Member-at-Large:	Mark Q. Martindale

C. Constitution and Bylaw Amendments

Dr. Peters reviewed the changes to the constitution and bylaws which will be inserted in the Spring Newsletter and voted upon by the membership.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Mary Beth Saffo, Treasurer, noted that SICB's financial reserves equaled approximately \$340,000. Although SICB has a strong financial position, Dr. Saffo noted that the Annual Meeting was still being heavily subsidized with *American Zoologist* subscription revenue. Dr. Saffo stressed the importance of increasing membership and attendance at the Annual Meetings. Lastly, Dr. Saffo encouraged her fellow colleagues to continue contributing to the Society in any way they could.

Dr. Saffo also commented that SICB is reviewing alternative sources of income and has created a Development Committee to recommend fund raising initiatives.

V. 1997 Initiatives

Dr. Hadfield noted that SICB is continually undertaking new projects and initiatives and reviewed a few of them with the group.

- 1) The SICB web site has been redesigned and moved from its Berkeley site to the Business Office.
- 2) Beginning in 1998, SICB will be offering the journal *Integrating Biology* as a member benefit.
- 3) SICB is continuing to invite other societies to participate in the Annual Meeting. He noted that three societies, The Crustacean Society, the American Microscopical Society and the Animal Behavior Society, had co-sponsored the Albuquerque meeting. The Ecological Society of America and the International Society for Reef Studies will be joining SICB in Boston.
- 4) SICB will be focusing on membership in 1997 and developing a membership campaign for implementation in 1998.

Lastly, Dr. Hadfield thanked the Society in general for supporting him during his tenure as President and then thanked specific officers and Committee Chairs individually for their contribution and support.

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VI. President-Elect Report

Alan Kohn, President-Elect, thanked Michael Hadfield for his outstanding leadership and initiative during his term. Dr. Kohn asked the group to thank Dr. Hadfield by acclamation.

VII. Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, Dr. Kohn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.