



**SICB Society-wide Member Meeting (slide deck [here](#))  
6 January 2023 6:00-7:00PM CST**

**6:00pm**

1. Call to order – Melina Hale, SICB President
2. Approval of the [minutes of the 6 January 2022 SICB Society Meeting](#)
  - Motion called by Dr. Michele Nishiguchi and seconded by Dr. Marvalee Wake
  - Unanimous vote by others in attendance
3. Recognition of members who have passed away in last year
  - Dr. Frank Fish and Dr. Mike Rosario made the video
  - SICB members recognized included: Alan Kohn, Donald Buth, Russell Balda, Walter Bock, Margaret Simpson, and J.B. Heiser
4. President's Report and Recognition of Sponsors
  - Back to pre-pandemic attendance!
  - Fantastic student presentations - our society is in great hands for decades in the future.
  - In the past year (and few years), Dr. Melina Hale has been working to improve transparency in the society through member forums, emails, and seeking input.
  - Started year-round programming, much of this specifically to support early career colleagues.
  - Code of Conduct and Safety Allies program are in place at the annual meeting. This year there was an added program to help SICB members that are offsite to get back to the hotel safely.
  - Student housing continues to grow and change. Students have more choices about who to room with and how many people are staying in each room. These changes have added significantly to the support needed for student housing at conference and meeting attendance. The current cost of the program is now \$90,000, where \$12K is taken from the Charlotte Mangum Fund and the rest is from SICB operating funds.

- The President recognized members who have passed and thanked Dr. Frank Fish for his work on the video memorial.
- Financially, SICB is strong. Last year (2022) was rough and money was lost on the January 2022 conference. Attendance was lower than usual and funding was spent to increase health measures and safety of the meeting. SICB had significant cash reserves on hand, which allowed us to pay a deficit of \$280K. We still have \$175K in reserves, but need to get that back to \$300K. Overall, we are in good shape, looking to get stronger financially. Great attendance at the 2023 conference is a big help to reach our financial goals.
- Venue selection opportunities are decided when the Executive Committee votes on locations of future SICB meetings. There are regular requests from SICB members for options in California. Every year, BAI has tried to find California options and they have been prohibitively expensive. This fall, we have a proposal to hold SICB 2028 in Los Angeles, CA. The meeting hotel will be at a Marriott in LA Live. The proposal gives SICB a locked in rate for \$209/night. We have no comparable bids to consider, but the Executive Committee has to vote Saturday morning. Any comments from the membership are welcome. The Executive Committed aims to move around the US. Coming meetings are in: Seattle (2024), Atlanta (2025), Portland (2026), TBA (East/Midwest; 2027), LA (2028, proposed).

4. Brief Officer Reports (Full reports will be provided in the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 2023 Meeting)

1. President-Elect, Patricia Hernandez
  - a. A “Volunteers” form enables SICB members to put their names forward to participate in SICB service.
  - b. Folders are being used to help with committee continuity over the years
2. Program Officer, Thom Sanger
  - a. 2100 people at SICB. People are incredibly happy to be here. Face to face time is so important. The buzz about our symposia is energizing.
  - b. To be able to have this meeting, we wear masks. The benefits of being together far outway the inconvenience of masks.
  - c. Students are making career decisions based on interactions at the meeting. SICB has collaborative and supportive meetings - this is who we are. Let’s help the society grow.

3. Program Officer-Elect, Janet Steven
    - a. SICB+ starts in a week! It is very easy to participate, and to use SICB+ in teaching.
    - b. Look for a survey about the annual meeting. Feedback from this survey will help us make future meetings better.
  4. Treasurer, Miriam Ashley-Ross (via Brett Burk)
    - a. How are we doing financially? 2022 was rough, but SICB wanted to be inclusive of those who could come in person. There were \$150K in refunds before the meeting (no penalty for switching to SICB+). SICB lost money in investments (\$170K), but this was a 'paper loss'; we did have to sell any asset to cover our expenses.
    - b. Good news - the 2023 meeting is at pre-COVID numbers, which will help us break even for the meeting and even do a little better.
    - c. Professional financial advisors help us make smart decisions with investments.
  5. Secretary, Michele Johnson
    - a. We are working on updating the Constitution and Bylaws.
    - b. We have upcoming elections and the spring newsletter.
    - c. In the coming year, efforts will be focused on easy and efficient officer transitions and unifying judging for Best student presentations competitions.
    - d. Any questions or concerns regarding society policies.
  6. Secretary-Elect, Marianne Porter
    - a. Learning the ropes of the secretary position!
    - b. This is the first meeting as Secretary-Elect and helped with the Fall newsletter.
  7. Communications Editor - Molly Jacobs
    - a. We are making the website a cool place to visit for SICB news. If you have news items, feel free to send them to Molly and she will try to feature it!
    - b. Members - how do you like to receive info from SICB? Newsletter, monthly member updates, social media? Also, how can we support divisional communications needs?
5. Editor Reports
1. ICB – Ulrike Müller
    - a. This year was the highest impact factor yet, 3.4 - top of discipline.

- b. Two new things we're doing: we will continue to publish issues based on symposia and we will also publish themed issues (5-15 papers). These themed paper bundles helped maintain publication numbers during COVID.
    - c. The ICB editorial board increased in size during COVID. There is a new initiative for early career scientists: join the editorial board as editorial reviewers! ICB editors will provide training and you review some papers from symposia.
  - 2. IOB – Adam Summers (Marguerite Butler gave the report)
    - a. First impact factor at 3.2, after only four years!
    - b. The IOB journal mission is to make scientific publishing supportive, and increase diversity in scientific publishing.
    - c. SICB members can join as a volunteer for science outreach or translating abstracts.
  
- 6. Society-wide Awards:
  - 1. Awards and major lectures
    - M. Patricia Morse Award for Excellence and Innovation in Science Teaching: Bob Podolsky
    - Dorothy M. Skinner Awardee: Tosha Kelly
    - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice awards: Amani Webber-Schultz, Researchers for Diverse Scientists, Christofer Brothers
    - Inaugural Science and Society Lecture: Beronda Montgomery
    - Moore Lecturer: Kimberly Tanner
    - Gans Award: Alejandro Rico-Guevara
    - Bartholomew Lecture: Eric Riddell
    - Bern Lecture: Tyrone Hayes

7. GIAR and FGST Awards

8. Named Student Research Awards

9. BPC Professional Development Grants

10. Recognition of Service

Committee members completing their service:

- Members rotating off the ICB Editorial Board
  - Sharlene Santana (associate editor)
  - Chris Richards (assistant editor)
  - Paul Schafer (guest editor)
  - David Hu (DCB)
  - Gaby Palacios (DCE)
  - David Plachetzki (DEDB)
  - Joel Slade (DEDE)
  - Ben Dantzer (DEE)
  - Petra Lenz (DNNSB)
  - Brooke Flammang (DVM)
- Members rotating off the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee
  - Armita Manafzadeh
  - Ryan Hulett
  - Anusha Shankar
  - Rebecca Varney
  - Emily Lessner
- Members rotating off the Broadening Participation Committee
  - Gabriel Rivera
  - Crystal Reynaga
- Members rotating off the Membership Committee
  - Joe Sisneros, chair
- Members rotating off the Educational Council
  - Lisa Whitenack, chair
  - Greg Davis
- Members rotating off the Nominating Committee

- Billie Swalla, chair
  - Andrew Clark
  - Alice Gibb
  - Kakani Katija
- Recognition of Retiring Divisional Secretaries
  - Christine Lattin, DCE
  - Leslie Babonis, DEDB
  - Patricia Lopes, DEDE
  - Christine Miller, DEE
- Recognition of Retiring Divisional Program Officers
  - Mike Sears, DCPB
  - Laura Mydlarz, DEDE
  - Karen Chan, DIZ
  - Jeff Riffell, DNNSB
  - Nicole Danos, DVM
- Recognition of SICB Executive Committee Members (other than committee chairs) whose terms end at the culmination of the Executive Committee meeting:
  - Division Chairs
    - John Long, DCB
    - Fran Bonier, DEE
    - Chris Martine, DOB
    - Rick Blob, DVM

Patricia Hernandez, President-Elect stepped in to thank society-wide officers

- Marianne Porter, Member-at-Large - rotating off early to become Secretary-Elect
- Beth Brainerd, Past President
- Melina Hale, President

#### 11. Call for New Business – Melina Hale

- a. President asks SICB members for New Business or Announcements

- Noah Bressman: Noah manages social media for society. On social media there is talk of a transition from Twitter to Mastodon. Twitter is still our SICB mainstay, and only 20 of 7500 followers moved. We have added sicb@ecoevo.social to Mastodon. A Tiktok account @SICB\_ has been started, and the Instagram account is @SICBgram. Ww will use social media to promote what the society is doing. Noah is recruiting 30 sec promotions of your talks for SICB+!

Adjourned at 6:53pm.