

DIVISION OF COMPARATIVE PHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY BYLAWS

Proposed Amendments, March 2023

Rationale: This proposed amendment aligns with the proposal for a shift of officer terms across SICB. Officer terms now end at the end of the Annual Meeting, but substantial work often remains for officers after the Annual Meeting (for example, selecting and communicating with Best Student Presentation winners, compiling minutes of Members Meetings, resolving expenditures from the Annual Meeting). In practice, officers whose terms have just ended often continue to work to complete these tasks, or new officers must step in to complete tasks they were not previously involved in. By shifting officer terms to begin and end 4 weeks after the annual meeting, terms will better align with the work expected of officers. In practice, we will aim for this transition to occur around February 1 each year.

Article IV. Officers

Officers of the Division shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect, a Past Chair, a Program Officer and a Secretary. Elections of officers shall be held by appropriately secure electronic ballots. A brief biography of each candidate shall be made available on the ballot. The term of office of all elected officers and appointed representatives shall begin **four weeks after** ~~at the end of the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to begin and will end **four weeks after** at the adjournment of the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting~~ in the year the term is to expire. The Officers plus the Student/Postdoctoral Representative shall constitute an Executive Committee responsible for divisional affairs.

In the circumstance where an elected officer is unable to complete their term of office, the following provisions are made: If the office of Secretary or Program Officer is vacated early, the Chair, in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee, will appoint someone to serve until elections can be held to fill the position. If the office of Divisional Chair is vacant, the Divisional Executive Committee, in consultation with the SICB President, will appoint someone to be the interim Chair until an election is held.

Rationale: Review of the DCPB bylaws and discussions with journal editors have revealed that our bylaws are out of date and not being followed. In particular, the current bylaws indicate a degree of control of the journals by SICB/DCPB which is not legally correct. The proposed new bylaws aim to correctly define the relationships between the associated journals and the division while promoting positive relationships.

Article XIV. Publications

The Division (DCPB) sponsors two research journals: a) *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology (CBP)*; and b) *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology (PBZ)*. The terms of the relationships between DCPB and these journals are:

~~a) This section recognizes that the DCPB of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology is one of several societies that sponsor the journal *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology (CBP)*.~~

~~i) *CBP* will have up to nine Associate Editors, which will expand to 12 in the future, and 36 Editorial Board Members. The terms of service of the Associate Editors will be three years, non-renewable until at least three additional years have passed. The Editors, however, following a timely third-year review of the performance of the Associate Editors carried out in consultation with the DCPB Executive, may renew the appointment of an Associate Editor if the Editors determine that this is in the best interests of *CBP*. Such a reappointment will be for only one additional three-year term. The terms of service of the Editorial Board Members will be three years, non-renewable until at least three additional years have passed. The Editors, however, following timely third-year reviews of the performance of an Editorial Board member carried out in consultation with the DCPB Executive, may renew the appointments of Editorial Board for one additional three-year term if the Editors determine this is in the best interest of *CBP*. No individual will be appointed for more than two consecutive terms. In the event that either an Associate Editor or one or more of the Editorial Board members resigns or is otherwise unable to complete their term, the Editors will follow the regular nomination and appointment processes to find replacements. These replacements will then serve regular three-year terms.~~

~~ii) In the appointment of the Associate Editors and the Editorial Board, the Editors will attempt to achieve a balance of international and regional representation. There will normally be two Associate Editors representing DCPB. These appointments are made by the Editors from a list of candidates nominated by the DCPB Executive. All candidates on these lists must be mutually acceptable to both sides. Associate Editors must be active members of DCPB. The DCPB will be represented by six (6) appointments to the Editorial Board.~~

~~iii) One of the Associate Editors or their designated representative will present annual oral and written reports on the activities of the journal at the Business Meetings of DCPB.~~

~~iv) The overall intent of this section is that all aspects of the relationship between DCPB and *CBP* will be carried out on the basis of full and open consultation, shared responsibility and collegiality.~~

- a) **DCPB sponsors the journal *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology (CBP)*, Parts A, B, C and D by promoting the journal and encouraging**

members to utilize it for publications. In return, Elsevier and CBP will consult with DCPB officers annually regarding the appointment of editorial board members of the journal, and CBP will arrange to have a representative report on the journal at the DCPB annual business meeting.

~~b) The Editor of PBZ is appointed by the Board of University Publications, University of Chicago (BUPUC) based on the recommendation of the DCPB Executive. The Editor shall serve for a term of five years, with reappointment for only one additional term permissible. The Editor may request the appointment of an associate editor(s). The appointment(s) of Associate Editor(s) will be made by the BUPUC with the approval of the DCPB Executive. The Editorial Board of Physiological and Biochemical Zoology shall be appointed by the Editor, following consultation with the DCPB Executive. Early in the fifth year, the DCPB Executive will review the performance of the Editor and recommend to BUPUC whether or not the Editor should be appointed to a second five-year term. In the event that the editor resigns early or is otherwise unable to complete his/her term, the BUPUC will consult with the DCPB Executive and appoint a mutually agreeable replacement, who will then serve a five-year term and be eligible for an additional term. The term of office of the Associate Editor(s) will be coterminous with that of the editor.~~

~~The Associate Editor(s) shall serve for a term of five years, with reappointment for one additional term permissible; members of the Editorial Board shall serve for terms of three years, with reappointment for one additional term permissible. No individual will be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.~~

~~The Editor or their designated representative will present annual oral and written reports on the activities of the journal at the Business Meetings of DCPB.~~

~~The overall intent of this section, excluding the business aspects of journal operations that are the purview of BUPUC, and the day-to-day editorial matters that are the purview of the editorial staff, is that all aspects of the relationship between BUPUC, the editorial staff and DCPB will be carried out on the basis of equal authority, shared responsibility and collegiality.~~

- b) **Physiological and Biochemical Zoology: Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology (PBZ:Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology primarily publishes original research in physiological ecology, ecophysiology, comparative physiology, and evolutionary physiology. The University of Chicago Press (UCP) has the legal authority to appoint the Editor-in-Chief of PBZ:Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology, and UCP and the Editor-in-Chief have the right and responsibility to set journal policies and appoint the editorial board. However, strong linkages between PBZ:Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology and scientific societies will help ensure the**

scientific rigor and success of the journal, while simultaneously supporting the efforts of SIB/DCPB to promote the fields of ecological and evolutionary physiology. DCPB sponsors the journal by advising the University of Chicago Press on appointments to the Editor-in-Chief position, advising the Editor-in-Chief on editorial board members, promoting the journal, encouraging members to utilize it for publications, and working to improve the journal. Such efforts to improve the journal might include items such as suggesting and organizing special topic issues, and organizing working groups to improve editorial policies and the value of the journal for young scientists. To promote communication, the leadership of the journal and The University of Chicago Press will meet regularly with representatives of DCPB-SICB and will make a journal report at the DCPB annual business meeting. UCP and PBZ:Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology will contribute to SICB/DCPB using mutually-agreed upon methods such as an annual prize for the best PBZ:Ecological and Evolutionary Physiology paper published by a SICB mentee.