

DIVISION OF EVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY 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 V. Officers

The Officers of the Division shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect, a Program Officer, a Program Officer-Elect, a Secretary and a Secretary-Elect. All Officers except the Chair, Program Officer and Secretary shall be elected by majority vote of all those members responding to a secure electronic ballot submitted to the entire membership of the division, as required by the bylaws of the Society, at least sixty days before the expiration of the current officers' terms. A brief biography of each candidate shall be made available on the ballot. Election ties will be handled according to the guidelines set in the SICB Constitution. The post of Chair will be filled automatically every two years by elevation of the previous year's Chair-Elect. The post of Program Officer shall be filled automatically by the elevation of the Program Officer-Elect, who will be elected one year prior to the expiration of the Program Officer's term. The post of Program Officer-Elect shall be limited to one year, the year prior to their elevation to the office of Program Officer. The post of Secretary shall be filled automatically by the elevation of the Secretary-Elect, who will be elected one year prior to the expiration of the Secretary's term. The post of Secretary-Elect shall be limited to one year, the year prior to their elevation to the office of Secretary. 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 Chair, acting in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee, shall suggest student or postdoc DEDB members to serve as a representative on the society-wide Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee (SPDAC). Appointment shall be made by the SICB President for a term of up to three years. The Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee representative must be a member in good standing of SICB. The Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee representative will serve on the Divisional Executive Committee as a non-voting member.