



Business Meeting Minutes
6 January 2019, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Conference Center, Room 14-15
Tampa, FL

1. Call to order – Lou Burnett, President
2. The minutes of the 6 Jan 2018 SICB Business meeting were approved.
(minutes posted on the [SICB website](#))
3. Recognition of sponsors:
 - a. Wiley Publishers - Wiley sponsors the Best Student Paper Awards
 - b. Platinum Sponsor: Sable Systems International
 - c. Gold Sponsor: Wiley Publisher
 - d. Silver Sponsors:
 - i. Arbor Assays
 - ii. Aurora Scientific
 - iii. Friday Harbor Labs
 - iv. TSI Incorporated
 - v. Xcitex
 - e. Bronze Sponsor:
 - i. BioOne Complete
4. Recognition of the ongoing work of the SICB executive team, officers, and staff from Burk in running the society and making the annual meeting a success.
5. Officer Reports [Written Officer, Journal and Committee reports are included in the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes that are posted to SICB.org]
 - a. Program Officer – Susan Williams
 - i. For the 2019 meeting, there were 1856 submitted abstracts, 1804 presentations, and 2335 Registrants, including 175 onsite registrants.
 - ii. New things at the meeting in 2019: Banners for society-wide

- iii. symposia & an “Ask an Expert” booth in the exhibit hall.
- iii. Many sponsors for symposia, including: NSF, industry partners, Company of Biologists.
- iv. Program committee is seeking symposia for 2021 meeting in Washington DC.

b. Treasurer – Karen Martin

- i. SICB spends over \$100,000 in student support programs.
- ii. Membership dues will increase slightly in 2019, including for students.
- iii. Registration fees increased this year. These additional funds support: Free childcare, Increased support for Student Programs. Financial support for Symposia has also increased.
- iv. SICB’s named funds have grown; the value of named funds has increased 70% since 2012. Eleven of twelve named funds are now above \$25,000.
- v. Total SICB assets at the end of FY 2018 were over \$2M; In Fiscal Year 2018 SICB is in the black with a balanced budget.
- vi. SICB now makes accounting information available to Chairs and Divisions. Treasurer and Executive Officers have a goal of increased transparency in the budget.
- vii. Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect are recommending a change in the amount of the interest from the endowment that we spend each year: suggest a change from 4% to 3.5% of the 5-year trailing-average of the value of the endowment.

c. Secretary – Alice Gibb

- i. Students and Postdocs are encouraged to vote in the spring elections.
- ii. Only 60 of 999 eligible students voted in the spring 2018 elections.

6. Journal Reports

a. Integrative and Comparative Biology – Ulrike Müller

- i. Ulrike Müller asks that symposium organizers and participants use the time in advance of the meeting wisely for preparation of ICB manuscripts.

b. Integrative Organismal Biology – Adam Summers

- i. The new (IOB) journal has launched at the meeting. Alt-metrics are very high for initial round of papers that dropped at the meeting.
- 7. Development Committee Report – Bob Roer
 - a. SICB seeks donations to the funds that support students because they always pay out more than they take in.
 - b. Members can support SICB through the SICB online store.
- 8. Public Affairs Committee (PAC) Report – Thom Sanger
 - a. SICB is reaching hundreds of thousands of Twitter users.
 - b. PAC has been working to develop guidelines for social media.
 - c. An important goal of the PAC is to generate press releases.
- 9. New Business – Lou Burnett
 - a. President calls on President-Elect Brainerd to talk about the Green Wave and new Botany Division and the Rising Star in Organismal Botany Award.
 - b. President-Elect Brainerd: A new division of Organismal Botany will be created. The Rising Star in Organismal Botany is given for the first time this year.
 - c. President-Elect Brainerd calls on Stacy Smith to present the Rising Star in Organismal Botany award to Morgan Furze.
- 10. Recognition of Lecturers and Awards
 - a. Reminder to members of upcoming Moore Lecture and Morse Award Presentation
 - i. John A. Moore Lecture – Dr. Kevin Padian, Lessons from the “Intelligent Design” Trial: Explaining Evolution and Climate Science in a “Post-evidentiary World”
 - ii. M. Patricia Morse Award for Excellence and Innovation in Science Teaching – Colorado State University’s Dr. Dale Broder
 - b. Sarah Lindsey, President of AMS, presents the winners of the Ralph and Mildred Buchsbaum American Microscopical Society Photomicrography contest.

Color Division (Tie): Michael Tassia, Auburn University, acorn worm from Waquoit Bay, MA [stereomicroscope composite image] and Katharine Criswell, University of Cambridge, Alizarin-stained hatchling little skate [stereomicroscope]

Black and White Division: Khaled Adjerid, Virginia Tech, Darkling beetle tracheal tube branching [SEM, 3-D stereopair]

Micro-CT Division (new category): Abbey Dias, Whitman College, Low bone density in the deepest fish in the world (*Pseudoliparis swirei* collected from the Mariana Trench at 8,200 m)

- c. Creagh Brunner, SICB Member-at-Large, announces that the Skinner Award is presented to Eleanor Caves from Duke University.
 - d. Libbie H. Hyman Scholarships awarded in 2018 to Matthew Boot, Ohio State University and Andre La Buda, California State University Los Angeles.
 - e. Announcement of Named SICB Student Research/Travel Awards
 - i. Marianne Moore chaired the committee for Grant In Aid of Research (GIAR) and Fellowship of Graduate Student Travel (FGST) Awards
 - ii. There were 118 applications; the funding rate was ~27%.
 - iii. The named awards are to the two highest ranked students.
 - 1. Steve Vogel Award: Daniel Paluh
 - 2. Abbot S. "Toby" Gaunt Award: Elizabeth George
11. Recognition of Service
- a. Special recognition of Marty Martin for his service as Editor of Integrative and Comparative Biology.
 - b. Special recognition of the efforts of Karen Martin as treasurer. Karen Martin has given six (6) years of service.
 - c. President-Elect Brainerd recognizes the service of President Lou Burnett, who will become Past President at the end of the meeting.
 - d. Recognition of the members rotating off of SICB committees and divisional offices. Committee members completing their service at the end of the 2019 meeting:
 - i. Members rotating off the ***ICB Editorial Board***
 - 1. Marty Martin, Editor
 - 2. Manny Azizi, Assistant Editor
 - 3. David Julian, Assistant Editor
 - 4. Ann Tarrant, Assistant Editor
 - 5. Anna Ahn, Associate Editor
 - 6. Cameron Ghalambor, Associate Editor

- 7. Art Woods, Associate Editor
- ii. Members rotating off the **Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee**
 - 1. Zen Faulkes, Chair
 - 2. Alexandra Kingston
- iii. Members rotating off the **Student Support Committee**
 - 1. Christine Bedore
 - 2. Monica Daley
 - 3. William Hoese
 - 4. Cory Williams
- iv. Members rotating off the **Public Affairs Committee**
 - 1. Molly Jacobs
 - 2. Jimmy Liao
- v. Members rotating off the **Development Committee**
 - 1. Bob Roer, Chair
 - 2. Karen Burnett
 - 3. Darwin Jorgensen
 - 4. Rachel Merz
- vi. Members rotating off the **Broadening Participation Committee**
 - 1. Stacey Combes, Chair
 - 2. Clare Adams
 - 3. Sharlene Santana
 - 4. Brian Tsukimura
 - 5. Walter Wilczynski
- vii. Members rotating off the **Membership Committee**
 - 1. Amy Moran, Chair
- viii. Recognition of Retiring **Divisional Secretaries**
 - 1. Sharon Lynn, DCE
 - 2. Michael Dillon, DEE
 - 3. Julia Bowsher, DEEB
 - 4. James S. Adelman, DEDE
 - 5. David Blackburn, DPCB
- ix. Recognition of Retiring **Divisional Program Officers**
 - 1. DCPB - Wes Dowd
 - 2. DEEB - Yui Suzuki
 - 3. DEDE - Gregory Demas
 - 4. DVM - Brooke Flammang

x. **Recognition of SICB Executive Committee Members whose terms end at the culmination of the Executive Committee meeting:**

1. Lou Burnett, President
2. Karen Martin, Treasurer
3. April Hill, Member-at-Large
4. Marty Martin, ICB Editor
5. Division Chairs
 - a. Jennifer Gumm, DAB
 - b. Sheila Patek, DCB
 - c. Robert Cox, DEE
 - d. Kerin Claeson, DPCB
 - e. John Hutchinson, DVM

12. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 PM