



The Society for
Integrative &
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Biology

SICB Society Meeting and Awards Presentation
6 January 2020, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Room Lone Star D
JW Marriott, Austin, TX

1. Call to order – Beth Brainerd, SICB President

President's Report: great things are happening for SICB; the society is stronger, healthier and more diverse than ever, both in our members and in the organisms represented at SICB with our new Division of Botany. Over the past 10 years we've seen growth in our meetings and membership; and SICB's finances are very healthy. In the past year we founded our new open access journal, *Integrative Organismal Biology*, joining the journal of *Integrative and Comparative Biology* that publishes papers from all of the outstanding SICB symposia.

We have several new SICB 2020 Code of Conduct Initiatives at this meeting:

- 25 Code of Conduct Safety Allies
- Safety Coordinators at the SICB Registration Desk
- New EthicsPoint online reporting system
- Poster with highlights of the Code of Conduct near the Registration Desk
- QR codes for accessing the full Code of Conduct and the reporting system
- Code of business cards with QR codes handed out with name badges

We also have several LGBTQ+ initiatives to support our LGBTQ+ attendees:

- Pronouns on badges: look for them in the lower left quadrant
- Prominent signage for gender-neutral restrooms
- Outgroup-In: a sober social networking event
- Outgroup Social: happy hour social event
- Out to Lunch: LGBTQ+ Mentor-Mentee lunches
- Outgroup badge stickers
- Public Affairs Committee Workshop: Embracing Variation Among Humans: Perspectives on LGBTQ+ Experiences in Biology and Academia

In the past year SICB joined the [Societies Consortium on Sexual Harassment in STEMM](#) (STEM + Medicine), a group of more than 120 scientific societies that was created less than one year ago. The goals of this consortium are twofold: (1) to provide practical support for scientific societies to combat sexual and gender-based harassment in their own operations, such as by providing model policy documents, and (2) to combat sexual and gender-based harassment in STEMM fields broadly by “elevating knowledge, establishing stakeholder relationships, and building communities and consensus across STEMM constituencies in the middle term, as foundations for changing climate and culture in the longer-term.”

Acknowledgement of corporate sponsors:

- Wiley Publishers: Support the divisional Best Student Presentation Awards
- Platinum Sponsor: Sable Systems
- Gold Sponsor: Wiley
- Silver Sponsor: Arbor Assays, UW Friday Harbor Laboratories, Xcitex Inc.
- Bronze Sponsor: BioOne

2. Approval of the minutes of the 6 Jan 2019 SICB Society Meeting ([minutes posted on the SICB website](#))

3. Brief Officer Reports (Full reports are published in the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for Austin 2020)

a. Program Officer – Susan Williams: For Austin there were 2025 Abstracts submitted (however many were duplicates); 1836 Presentations after duplicate removal; 2205 registrants; 11 symposia with 3 SICB-wide symposia. The Program officer thanks the Program Committee, BAI staff, and our student workers (photographers, journalists, & room monitors). We also thank our Safety Allies for the Austin meeting. DC Symposia have been selected for 2021: there will be 12 symposia, 6 are society-wide. The Program-Officer Elect has begun planning for the 2022 meeting

b. Treasurer – Miriam Ashley-Ross: SICB is in the black with appreciable assets. SICB asset balance was \$1.99M at the end of FY2018 (ended on 06/30/2018). Preliminary number for FY19 is \$2.1M in assets. There has been a small increase in dues recently. Ongoing needs: the named funds need contributions. Named funds are still below their targets in most cases. Mangum and GIAR are well below goals to support these programs. Double your Dues Campaign has raised money, but not as much as we

would like. This campaign is critical for supporting the students we love to have at the meeting.

Suggestions from attendees of the Business Meeting: (1) raise dues to create revenue and (2) create an option to just “round up” your dues.

c. Secretary – Alice Gibb: Last year we passed bylaws changes to formalize the relationship of the new open access journal (IOB) with the society. We also tried to encourage increased graduate student voting, but we were not able to “move the needle” (voting patterns were unchanged relative to previous years). The secretary welcomes suggestions by email or in person after the business meeting.

4. Journal Reports

1. ICB – Ulrike Müller: All SICB members are encouraged to submit symposium proposals. ICB journal is considering publishing Virtual Symposia. Ideas for this new format are welcome.
2. IOB – Adam Summers: 62 manuscripts have been submitted so far. Top-notch team of Associate Editors have been assembled. More submissions are encouraged. Outreach Editors help disseminate results.

5. Call for New Business – Beth Brainerd

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

AMS President Elizabeth Berg: Announces winners of the 2020 Buchsbaum Photomicrograph contest. Congratulations to Hila Chase (MicroCT) Alexandra Lolavar (Black & White) and Candace Grimes (Color). AMS will offer travel awards to SICB for students and faculty (new) next year.

Membership Committee: Marianne Porter, incoming Chair of Membership Committee, reminds attendees that a Lifetime Membership is a good investment.

6. Recognition of Named Lecturers and Awards

Reminder of Upcoming Named Lecture: **John A. Moore Lecture – Jan 6th 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM**, in Salon 5. Presented by Emily Graslie – Prehistoric Road Trip: Crafting a Story 2 Billion Years in the Making

Society-wide Awards:

- **M. Patricia Morse Award for Excellence and Innovation in Science Teaching Moore Lecture on Jan 7th, in Salon 5:** Morse Awardee for this year is David Epel
- **Dorothy M. Skinner Award** – SICB Secretary Awards the 2020 Skinner Prize to Kate Feller of the University of Minnesota
- **Student Research Awards - Grant In Aid of Research (GIAR) and Fellowship of Graduate Student Travel (FGST) Award Winners**

Named GIAR Awards and 2020 Awardees

- **Steven Vogel Award: Sara Wang**
- **Abbot S. “Toby” Gaunt Award: Rachel Davis**
- **Rosemary Knapp Award: Alyssa Eby**
- **Stephen Wainwright Award: Christopher Moore**
- **Alexander “Zander” Fodor Award: Bradford Dimos**

7. Recognition of Service:

Committee members completing their service:

- Members rotating off the ICB Editorial Board
 - Ken Field DEDE 2014-2020
 - Bruno Pernet DIZ 2015-2020
 - Donovan German DCPB 2016-2020
- Members rotating off the Student/Postdoctoral Affairs Committee
 - Suzanne Austin 2018-2020
 - Ariel Kahrl 2017-2020
 - Brett Aiello 2017-2020
 - Amaneet Lochab 2018-2020
 - Sammi Smoot 2017-2020
 - Jonathan Chang 2017-2020

- Members rotating off the **Student Support Committee**
 - Katie Staab 2017-2020
- Members rotating off the **Public Affairs Committee**
 - Thomas Sanger, Chair 2018-2021
 - Shari Zamore Member 2016-2020
 - Sara ElShafie Member 2017-2020
 - Martha Muñoz Member 2017-2020
- Members rotating off the **Development Committee**
 - Tom Daniel Member 2017-2020
- Members rotating off the **Broadening Participation Committee**
 - Karen Maruska Member 2015-2020
 - Gabriel Rivera Member 2015-2020
- Members rotating off the **Membership Committee**
 - Steve Kinsey Chair 2017-2020
- Members rotating off the **Education Council**
 - Bram Lutton Chair 2015-2020
 - Alicia Fox Member 2017-2020
 - Sarah Humfeld Member 2017-2020
- Recognition of Retiring **Divisional Secretaries** (*certificates given at the Divisional Secretaries meeting*)
 - DCB Sandy Kawano
 - DCPB Marshall McCue
 - DVM Laura J. Ekstrom
- Recognition of Retiring **Divisional Program Officers** (*certificates given at the Program Committee meeting*)
 - DAB Scott MacDougall-Shackleton
 - DCB Phil Anderson
 - DCE Brian G. Walker
 - DEE Michelle K. Nishiguchi
 - DIZ Linda Walters
- **Recognition of SICB Executive Committee Members** whose terms end at the culmination of the Executive Committee meeting:

- ❑ Susan Williams, Program Officer
- ❑ Creagh Breuner, Member-at-Large
- ❑ Division Chairs
 - DCE Loren Buck
 - DCPB Kimberly Hammond
 - DEDB Kim Hoke
 - DEDE Travis Wilcoxon