The meeting was called to order by the DCE Chair, Mary Mendonça, at 5:45 pm.

1. Welcome

2. SICB Executive Committee and NSF updates
   The SICB Executive Committee reports the society is growing. Marty Martin will be the new editor of Integrative and Comparative Biology starting in 2016. There was discussion that the dates of SICB were bad due to the holidays and the NSF dues dates. The Executive Committee asked members to fill out the survey at the end of the meeting to get feedback.

   Steve Ellis, NSF PO, reported that congress passed the budget but NSF is already at 90% of its operating budget and money is tight. He encourages forward thinking proposals for symposia, with deliverables. DDIGs are only available in the behavioral systems cluster. REU supplemental funds are now part of full proposals, not separate. Mid-career awards are available for training in new areas (13-600 solicitation). NSF is pleased with the SICB broadening participation social. Remember that procedures for DEB versus IOS are different so check forms. NSF is having a listening session at SICB to get feedback on the genome to phenome program.

   Q &A: Status of post-doc fellowships?
   Q &A: Can due date for IOS pre-proposals be moved back?

3. Introductions of Divisional Officers
   Rosemary Knapp, Program Officer (unable to attend)
   Rachel Bowden, Secretary
   Sarah Woodley, Secretary-elect
   Michael Romero, Chair-elect
   Molly Dickens, Student/Postdoctoral Rep – stepping down
   Christine Lattin, Student/Postdoctoral Rep – stepping up

4. Recent Election
   Ignacio Moore will begin as Program Officer-elect (though he is substituting for Rosemary at this meeting).

5. Announcements
   The Bern Lecturer is Dr. Randy Nelson. Thanks to the selection committee: Steve McCormick, Rachel Bowden, Michael Romero, Rosemary Knapp, Sarah Woodley, Ignacio Moore, Rebecca Calisi-Rodriquez.
Divisional Social (jointly sponsored with the new Division of Eco-immunology and Disease Ecology (DEDE) features a “Data Blitz” (organized by Rebecca Calisi-Rodriquez).

6. 2014 Business Meeting Minutes - Minutes were unanimously approved.

7. Secretary Report –Rachel Bowden
DCE membership in 2014 is 303, slightly lower than previous year, perhaps reflecting a long term decline or random variation. It was discussed whether the $10 fee prevents affiliation with DCE. The fee pays for membership to the International Federation to Comparative Endocrinology Societies (about $500-600/yr) and to supplement money we get from SICB for DCE events like symposia and socials. Sarah Woodley will get more information on composition of members. We should mention the purpose of the fee in the newsletter, or ask Ruedi to add a link to the registration form explaining the basis for the fee.

8. Program Officer Report - Rosemary Knapp (as reported by Ignacio Moore)
At this year’s meeting, DCE organized 6 oral sessions (45 talks) and 163 posters. For the Aubrey Gorbman competition, 7 talks were selected out of 17 applicants. For the Riddiford Poster competition, there were 23 submissions (with 2 withdrawals). Thanks to Creagh Breuner and Peggy Biga for overseeing the Gorbman judging and Erica Crespi for overseeing the Riddiford judging.

DCE co-sponsored 4 symposia: Physiology in Changing Landscapes: An Integrative Perspective for Conservation Biology (Christine Madliger, Glenn Crossin and Oliver Love); Thinking about Change: An Integrative Approach for Examining Cognition in a Changing World (Timothy Roth II and Zoltan Nemeth); Neurohormones, Brain and Behavior: a Comparative Approach to Exploring Rapid Neuroendocrine Function (Rebecca Calisi and Colin Saldanha); Breaking Boundaries for Evolutionary Synthesis: An Interactive, and Integrative Symposium Linking Crustacean and Insect Physiology (Jon Harrison and Sherry Tamone).

For our social, DCE is joining up with the new DEDE (Division of Eco-immunology and Disease Ecology) and the Thinking about Change symposium. The Data Blitz again promises to be a highlight of the social. Thanks to Rebecca Calisi-Rodriquez for organizing it!

Next year in Portland, DCE is co-sponsoring 6 symposia: 1) Neuroecology: Neural Mechanisms of Sensory and Motor Processes that Mediate Ecologically Relevant Behaviors (Organizer: Jeff Riffell and Ashley Rowe, Sponsors: DAB, DCB, DCE, DEE, DNB, AMS); 2) Building an Extravagant Toolbox: The Morphological Diversity of Intromittent Organs (Organizer: Branden Moore and Diane Kelly, Sponsors: DCB, DCE, DIZ, AMS); 3) Evolutionary Endocrinology: Hormones as Mediators of Evolutionary Phenomena (SICB wide; Organizer: Robert Cox, Joel McGlothlin and Fran Bonier, Sponsors: DAB, DCE, DEDB, DEE, DPCB); 4) New Frontiers in the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior: Nothing in Neuroscience Makes Sense Except in the Light of Behavior (SICB wide; Organizer: Suzy Renn, Hans Hofmann, and Dustin Rubenstein, Sponsors: DAB, DCE, DEE, DNB); 5) Tapping the Power of
Crustacean Transcriptomes to Address Grand Challenges in Comparative Biology (Organizer: Donald Mykles, Karen Burnett, David Durica, Jonathon Stillman, Sponsors: TCS, DCE, DCPB, DEDB, DIZ, DNB); and 6) Beyond the Mean: Biological Impacts of Changing Patterns of Temperature Variation (Organizer: Michael Dillon, Art Woods and Michael Sears; Sponsors: DAB, DCE, DCPB, DEE, DIZ).

Talk to Ignacio about ideas for symposia for 2017 in New Orleans.

9. Journal Reports
GCE - Bob Dorèes (presented by Mary Mendonça) reported that 575 manuscripts were submitted with at 51% rejection rate and a July 2014 impact factor of 2.63. To boost the impact factor, special issues are encouraged.

ICB - Henry John-Alder (presented by Mary Mendonça) reported that Hal Heatwole is stepping down as editor with Marty Martin replacing him in 2016. To keep the Pubmed status, we need to fill the pages. Symposium presenters must submit papers to ICB. Presenters in complementary sessions can also submit to ICB. Symposium organizers need to remind presenters of the requirement to submit to ICB.

10. Judging student orals and posters - Judging Committee Chair, Erica Crespi
There were 7 Competitors for the Aubrey Gorbman Best Student Oral Presentation Award chosen by Selection Committee (Rosemary Knapp, Ryan Paitz and Ignacio Moore).

11. Information Items:
Cancellations are strongly discouraged. Meeting apps and T-shirts are available.

12. Finances:
The current DCE balance is $3,329.93, a drop from last year because $3,708 was paid for dues in the International Federation of Comparative Endocrinological Societies and $3,000 was transferred to the Bern Endowment.

The Bern Fund’s new Balance is $12,165.00. It must reach $25K before we can get a return on it. If we are not more pro-active, SICB may stop managing it. It was discussed that we need a DCE development committee to improve fund-raising. It was discussed whether we want to keep contributing to IFCES or put that money towards the Bern Fund.

12. New Business
The Gorbman competition was discussed. This year, students entering the competition submitted a standard (short) length abstract rather than an extended form. However there was some concern about pre-judging of abstracts not only on the abstract content but also on the labs that the student were in. The abstract selection committee stated that they felt confident they could identify quality studies on the basis of the short abstracts.
13. Thanks
Rachel Bowden is stepping down as Secretary and was presented a Certificate of Thanks for her service at the end of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Submitted by SKW