

Minutes of the DIVISION OF EVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY BUSINESS MEETING, January 4, 2010, Seattle WA

Opening of the meeting by DEDB Chair, Linda Holland

Welcome of chair-elect, Mark Martindale and Program Officer-elect, Patricia Fernandez.

Linda Holland reported on continued efforts and activities of the society to respond to the Grand Challenge from NSF.

Encouragement by Program Officer-elect Patricia Fernandez to generate ideas for future symposia of interest to DEDB.

Scott Gilbert, Program Officer for DDCB, brought up the possibility of DDCB merging with DEDB. Pros and Cons for such an action were discussed.

Chair-elect, Mark Martindale presented his vision and priorities for his upcoming term, emphasizing the fact that SICB is the home for the field of 'evo-devo' and expressing concern for the limited funding opportunities for the field.

Secretary Elaine Seaver introduced Student/Postdoc representative Rebecca Shearman. Membership was encouraged to utilize the SICB website and submit to the researchers database. Seaver noted that postdoctoral researchers are eligible to serve as best student poster judges and postdoctoral researchers were encouraged to participate as judges.

Visit from Steven Klein, Program Officer for Mechanisms of Development/Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms at NSF

Klein reported statistics on current funding levels of IOB and Developmental Mechanisms and emphasized importance of including above and beyond broader impact activities as a requisite for a successful grant application.

Visit from SICB executive committee. Introduction of current and elect executive committee members. Attendance at the general SICB business meeting was encouraged.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Secretary Elaine C. Seaver