

Minutes of the DVM Business Meeting - Jan 5, 2010

2010 SICB Meeting - Seattle, WA

Called to order by Commander Mark Westneat at 5:15 pm

Mark renamed the leader of the division to "Captain"

Mark introduced the SICB Executive Committee who said a few words of welcome

Mark recapped the SICB Exec. Committee Meeting and the results of society-wide survey - people generally like the time of the meeting, attendance is way up (1800 at Boston and nearly as much at this meeting), Grand Challenges are well received and will continue, important meeting tomorrow, length of the meeting is liked by people, but it might need to be longer because of the attendance levels, posters could be done by more senior members so that there are more high-quality posters.

Mark Introduced Bill Zamer who spoke on behalf of NSF: reiterated importance of attendance at Grand Challenges meeting tomorrow, beginning with target dates this month NSF will no longer allow PIs to submit 2-page updates (formerly used to update Program Officers with events that have happened between the submission date and the review date), there are no longer any stimulus funds available, update your info and keywords on NSF's site.

There are several restricted funds in the society are underfunded. There needs to be \$25,000 committed to start a new fund - this is needed to maintain the fun in perpetuity. The D. Dwight Davis award fund has only about \$6000 in the account. Consider donating.

Program Officer's Report by Jeff Walker - Jeff suggested that we consider using the Grand Challenges as a guide to creating broadly interesting symposia. Diversity of speakers is important, bring new members to society, international, different career levels, etc. This year's symposium is by Jeff, is tomorrow, which overlaps with Grand Challenges workshop. Next year there are three symposia of interest to DVM, one by Brooke Flammang, one by Susan Williams, and one by Robert Dudley. If you don't like your session this year, Frank Fish organized them! Mark thanked Jeff for his four years of service as P.O. and recognized Rick Blob as the incoming P.O.

Secretary's Report by Gary Gillis - Gary thanked people who have submitted their information to the researcher database. We have gone from zero to seven during his tenure. Gary also thanked the persons who agreed to be student award judges. Gary welcomed Lara Ferry-Graham as the incoming Secretary.

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Jackie Webb announced the Karel Liem symposium at the ASIH meetings this summer. Jackie, plus Beth Brainerd and Cheryl Wilga, are on the local organizing committee for the meeting. There will be posters and talks for the Liem Symposium. This is not by invitation only. Anyone who wants to participate need only let Jackie know, and to register for the meeting and send in an abstract. Topics are open, they should celebrate Karel's influence on your work and career. There will also be opportunities to speak at the dinner. The meeting is at the Providence Convention Center and Westin.

Mattias Starck announced that ICVM would take place in July 2010, and the next deadline for abstracts will be 10 February. It is in Uruguay, they have a wonderful meeting location arranged. Marvalee Wake also supported Mattias' comments and noted that the venue and program are exceptional, despite anything heard to the contrary. They have secured some funds

from NSF to support the participation of young scientists in the meeting (grad students and post docs), and also there are funds to help young participants from developing nations. The funds will be competitive. The website has more details. Marvalee and Mattias welcome questions about the meeting. A member of the audience asked if the funds could support undergraduates. Marvalee answered that the awards required that an abstract be submitted and that the awards would be competitive, but if the criteria were met, then undergrads could receive the funds. Mark announced that he and others, including Callum Ross, had a new IGERT program called the MOTOR IGERT - they are looking for talented undergrads that want to work on muscle and movement questions. Bob Full has a CYBER IGERT regarding engineering and biomechanics. There are fliers for both around the meetings.

Mark introduced Kiisa Nishikawa as the Chair-elect this year.

Mark announced that Karel Liem and Carl Gans passed away this year. The Gans family asked that if you wanted to donate in his name, choose your favorite charity. Adam Summers announced that there is an endowment at Friday Harbor Labs in Karel's honor that will go to establishing a Liem Fellow for the Fish Course.

Mark announced that it was suggested that we name our best student poster prize as the Karel Liem Prize for the Best Student Poster. We do not know if we have to have a designated fund to name the award. Adam Summers noted that there had been two committees convened to try to come up with a name for the prize, Mark nominated Adam the chair of this committee to work on the name and determine the society rules.

Mark reminded the membership that the Divisional Executive Committee has the right to levy a small membership fee to raise funds for the division, to be used for symposia, etc. Mark noted that our membership did not drop with the formation of DCB. People can join multiple divisions. Mark noted that the society-wide Executive Committee was encouraging us to start collecting these funds. He felt that if we started to collect these funds our membership may well go down. Beth Brainerd asked if there was a need for the funds and did we need to raise them now since we cannot use the funds any longer for regional meetings? Mark noted that we do not get amount of symposium funds we used to get. The small amount of money we do get goes to the PO (and cannot be used for Regional Meetings). Mark suggested that perhaps we did not need the added tax right now.

Mark adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.