SICB Division of Vertebrate Morphology (DVM)
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Amendments to by-laws
The following are proposed amendments to the DVM Bylaws.

DVM Bylaws (Old language is strike-through, new language is Bold Underline)

Article XV. Finances
The expenses of the Division shall be paid from the treasury of the Society and in any year may not exceed the sum allotted to the Division. The Chair shall authorize all disbursements and coordinate financial procedures with the SICB Business Manager. All members of the Division of Vertebrate Morphology will be assessed an annual fee in addition to SICB dues to be used to pay divisional expenses above and beyond those covered by the SICB budget allotment, including support for regional meetings, divisional functions at the SICB annual meeting, and other activities, as determined by the Chair in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee. The amount of the assessment will be determined by the DVM Executive Committee, and shall range from 0$ to $5 per member per year. Assessment funds will accrue across years, be managed through the management company, and disbursed with the authorization of the Chair, in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee. The Chair shall coordinate disbursements and financial procedures with the Executive Director of the Society.

Article XVII. Best Student Presentation Awards

1. The rules governing participating in the D. Dwight Davis and Karel F. Liem Best Student Paper Award Competitions shall be determined by the Division Executive Committee. Specific regulations and application details will be maintain on the SICB Award Information Page.

2. D. Dwight Davis Award for Best Student Paper Presentation: An award may be given for an outstanding paper presented by a student (or by a new Ph.D. who received the degree no more than 12 months before the meeting at which the paper is presented). The award is made only on the unanimous decision of a committee of at least three members, appointed before the meeting by the Chair of the Division. The General guidelines for the award are as follows:
   a. Each student shall be allowed to compete for the D. Dwight Davis Award an unlimited number of times however a student may only win the award once.
   b. The work must be original, must have been carried out by the competing student, and the student must be the first author. Co-authored papers may be entered into the competition, but the student must describe explicitly the contributions of all of the co-authors as part of the presentation. Failure to make the contributions of all listed co-authors clear may be grounds for disqualification.
   c. Each student will submit a two page extended abstract to be reviewed by the DVM program officer and appointed reviewers. These extended abstracts will be an opportunity for the students to share more aspects of their research and will not be published. Students with the top selected extended abstracts will then present their work in a platform session devoted to Davis Award participants. We will ask for a short form version of these abstracts to be included in the final program.
   d. The intention of the award is to recognize significant conceptual, observational, and experimental contributions to the field of vertebrate morphology. These shall be the major criteria for selection. Only outstanding work is to be recognized.
   d. Acceptable standards of visual aids and oral presentation shall be required for
consideration. Spectacular presentation techniques shall not by themselves qualify a paper.

32. Karel F. Liem Award for Best Student Poster Presentation. An award may be given for an outstanding poster presentation given by a student (or a new Ph.D. who received the degree no more than 12 months before the meeting at which the paper is presented). In addition, a certificate will be given as well as an appropriate gift to reflect Vertebrate Morphology. The work must be original, and must have been carried out by the student or students. The award is made only on the unanimous decision of a committee of three appointed before the meeting by the Chair of the Division. The guidelines for the award are as follows:

a. The intention of the award is to recognize significant conceptual, observational, and experimental contributions to the field of vertebrate morphology. These shall be the major criteria for selection. Only outstanding work is to be recognized.
b. Acceptable standards of visual presentation techniques shall not by themselves qualify a poster.