

**SOCIETY FOR INTEGRATIVE AND COMPARATIVE BIOLOGY**  
**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**January 4, 1998**  
**MINUTES**

I. Welcome

Alan J. Kohn, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced President-Elect John Hildebrand.

II. 1997 in Review

Dr. Kohn reviewed several new Society initiatives since the last Annual Business Meeting. Dr. Kohn cited new and potential co-sponsoring societies, the web site, the *American Zoologist* initiatives including consideration of a new title and image as well as the approval of the long range plan.

III. Program Officer's Report

Willy Bemis, Program Officer, commented that the Annual Meeting had been a success thus far and briefly reviewed some of the activities taking place.

IV. 1998 Initiatives

Dr. Kohn noted that SICB is continually undertaking new projects and initiatives and reviewed several of them with the group.

- The first issue of *Integrative Biology: Issues, News and Reviews*, the newest journal offered to SICB members, was distributed to all attendees at this meeting. This journal will be an ongoing member benefit for SICB members.
- SICB will be focusing on membership in 1998 and developing a membership campaign for implementation in 1999.
- The Development Committee will begin fundraising activities to increase donations for the Grants-in-Aid endowment.

V. Secretary's Report

A. Approval of Annual Business Meeting minutes

Thomas Wolcott, Secretary, reviewed the 1996 Annual Business Meeting minutes with the group and asked for approval. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

B. Review of Election Results

Dr. Wolcott reviewed the election results with the group:

Program Officer-Elect	John S. Pearse
Member-at-Large	Alissa J. Arp
Educational Council Chair-Elect	John F. Pilger

C. Constitutional and Bylaws Amendments

Dr. Wolcott briefly reviewed the changes to the constitution and bylaws which were inserted in the spring newsletter. Dr. Wolcott noted that all changes were passed by the membership.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Mary Beth Saffo, Treasurer, noted that SICB's financial reserves equaled approximately \$497,000. Although SICB has a strong financial position, Dr. Saffo stressed the importance of increasing membership and attendance at the Annual Meetings. Lastly, Dr. Saffo encouraged her fellow colleagues to continue contributing to the Society in any way they could.

VII. Other

The group approved by acclamation to honor past president Charlotte P. Mangum through an ongoing symposium or other appropriate recognition.

VIII. Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, Dr. Kohn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.