

SOCIETY FOR INTEGRATIVE AND COMPARATIVE BIOLOGY
Annual Business Meeting
6 January 2014
Hilton Austin, Salon C
Austin, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by President Billie Swalla.

The minutes of the 2013 SICB Business meeting were approved as distributed.

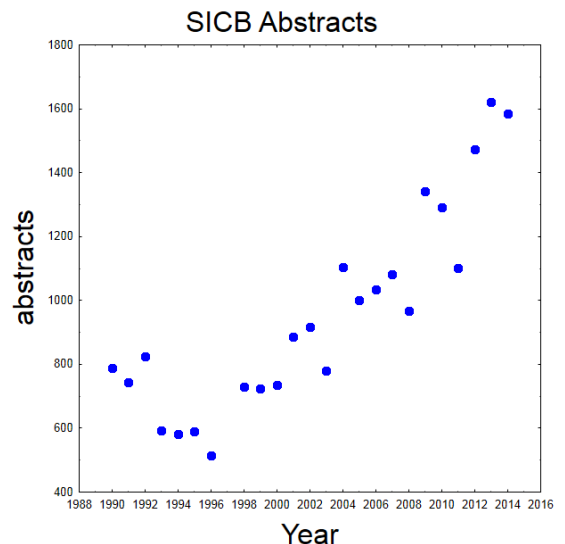
I. Officer reports

• **Secretary Report, Lou Burnett**

- Executive Officers met 34 times on conference calls, each lasting one hour over the past year. In addition, there was one face-to-face meeting Sept. 27 and 28, 2013.
- The monthly SICB Member Updates have received good attention and serve as a major source of society information and news throughout the year. Feedback on the updates was welcomed.
- Five society-wide officers and numerous divisional officers will be elected this spring. Members were encouraged to vote.

• **Program Officer Report, Jon Harrison**

- Current meeting is the second largest on record with 1585 abstracts and >2000 registrants.
- Some program elements were highlighted.
 - There were 132 oral sessions with 877 talks.
 - There were 10 symposia.
 - There were 581 posters.
 - 8 workshops:
 - 2 – NSF
 - 2 – Broadening Participation Committee
 - 2 – Public Affairs and Communication
 - 1 on education
- 29 August 2014 was announced as the deadline for symposium proposals for the 2017 annual meeting in Portland, Oregon.
- The meetings have continued to grow in size since the mid-1990s (see the figure).
- This was the second year that SICB used a meeting app. The on-line scheduler was greatly improved over that used in the first year.
- SICB subsidized the child-care service.
- The Broadening Participation Committee expanded the funding for travel to support more than 200 students.



- The Development Committee arranged a brewery tour, a pub crawl, and the sale of SICB water bottles.
 - The Program Committee and the Symposium organizers were thanked for their hard work. The staff of Burk and Associates Inc. were also thanked for their efforts in making this a successful meeting.
 - Some highlights of the next annual meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida were reviewed.
- **Treasurer Report, Karen Martin**
 - The finances of the Society are in good shape. The total assets have increased from \$1,650,445 in FY 2012 to \$1,766,371 in 2013, an increase of \$115,926.
 - Investments rose from \$1,102,475 as of 30 Nov 2012 to \$1,220,178 as of 28 December 2013, an increase of \$117,703. The investments were re-balanced mid-year. Of these investments, approximately 75% are in the endowed (restricted) funds and 25% in the unrestricted funds.
 - Endowed funds received over \$22,000 in donations last year, including a major gift of stock to the Hyman fund, auction funds for the Hyman fund, donations to the Symposium Enhancement fund resulting from the wine tour, and donations to the Grants In Aid of Research fund from the octopus travel mugs. In the coming year, new guidelines for fund maintenance and growth will be addressed.
 - Annual meetings continue operating in the black, as they have since 2009. In 2013 the annual meeting in San Francisco brought in revenues of \$431,011 against expenses of \$414,238. Travel support was provided to 452 students.
 - The budget approved for FY 2013 predicted revenue of \$748,525 against expenses of \$785,845, with an expected loss of \$37,320. The actual revenue was \$1,006,819 and expenses were \$950,107, with a positive balance of \$56,712. Over the past four fiscal years, approved budgets have anticipated finishing in the red, but results for the past four years have been in the black.
 - Based on past performance and conservative predictions, the budget for FY 2015 proposes expected revenues of \$872,625 and expenses of \$860,315, a positive balance of \$12,310. This is the first time SICB members will be asked to approve a balanced budget for the coming year, in at least ten years.

II. Committee Reports

- **Journal Report, *Integrative and Comparative Biology* – Hal Heatwole, Journal Editor**
 - The journal is doing very well and is ranked in 2013 as eighth in the field of zoology out of 156 journals in the world.
 - *Integrative and Comparative Biology* published 11 symposia in 2013 (journal volume 53). A total of 83 papers were published out of 122 symposium presentations. Three papers were rejected.
 - The journal continues to have an international flavor. Out of 165 authors in 2013, 104 were from the United States. A breakdown of authors by country appears in the table below.

Country	# of Authors
Australia	7
Austria	1

Belgium	3
Brazil	4
Canada	4
China	1
Colombia	1
Denmark	1
England	1
France	4
Germany	10
Israel	1
Italy	4
Japan	1
Netherlands	1
New Zealand	1
Norway	2
Panama	1
Sweden	1
Switzerland	1
United Kingdom	9
United States	104
Venezuela	2
TOTAL	165

- **Development Committee Report – Darwin Jorgensen, Chair**
 - Thanked the members for purchasing the mugs that were for sale at the registration desk. He thanked committee member Emily Carrington for taking on this project.
 - The committee has worked to give a higher profile to donor activity, establishing Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze categories. Those contributing to these categories are now routinely acknowledged in the Spring SICB Newsletter.

III. New Business

- **2017 Meeting Venue, New Orleans – Billie Swalla**
 - In recent years SICB decided against holding its annual meeting in New Orleans, choosing Salt Lake City over New Orleans, because of the stand of the state of Louisiana on the teaching of creationism and intelligent design in its science classes. In May 2011, the New Orleans City Council voted unanimously to reject the teaching of creationism as science and the Orleans Parish School Board prohibited the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in classes designated as science classes. Based on these events, the SICB Executive Committee decided in early December 2013 that the 2017 Annual Meeting venue will be New Orleans.

IV. Recognition of Lecturers and Awards

Lectures

Howard Bern Lecture – Lou Guillette, Medical University of South Carolina, “The Fragile Fetus – The Environmental Endocrinology of the Developing Reproductive System”

John Moore Lecture – Ross H. Nehm, Stony Brook University "The Contextual Nature of Evolutionary Reasoning: Implications for Biology Teaching, Learning, and Assessment"
(Tuesday, Jan. 7, 4 p.m., Governor’s A-C).

Awards

- **George A. Bartholomew Award – Daniel A. Warner, University of Alabama, Birmingham, “Fitness Consequences of Maternal and Embryonic Responses to Environmental Variation”**
- **Carl Gans Award – Chris Clark, University of California, Riverside.**
- **2013 Libbie H. Hyman Scholarship – Emily Weiss, Oregon State University.**
- **Dorothy M. Skinner Award – Connie O’Connor, McMaster University**
 - Honorable Mention – Arianne Cease
 - Honorable Mention – Kim Schmidt
(Beth Brainerd presented the award and acknowledged other members of the selection committee: Molly Dickens, Brooke Flammang, and Cheryl Wilga.)
- **Grant In Aid of Research (GIAR) and Fellowship of Graduate Student Travel (FGST) Award Winners; Sheila Patek, Chair of the Student Support Committee provided some background and presented the awards.**
 - There were 169 applications and 28 grants were awarded (17% funding rate). This included 2 fellowships for travel (FGST) and 26 Grants in Air of Research.
 - The following reviewers were acknowledged: Angela Rivera, Brian Helmuth, Deborah Kristan, Doug Altshuler, Eric McElroy, Jeanne Serb, John Bertram, Jonathan Allen, Marianne Porter, Miram Ashley-Ross, Ryan Earley, and Tony Frankino.
 - Awardees

Fellowships for Graduate Student Travel Simone Hoffmann - Stony Brook University Sandy Kawano - Clemson University
Grants in Air of Research Sara Berk - University of Montana Geoffrey Broadhead - Cornell University Corey Cates - The University of Alabama at Birmingham Allison Cornell - Simon Fraser Catherine Dayger - Portland State University Rebecca Duncan - University of Miami

Lauren Eserman - The University of Georgia
 Christine Ewers - University of Georgia
 Vishwas Gowda - The University of Arizona
 Allie Graham - University of Miami
 Shane Hanlon - University of Memphis
 Justin Havird - Auburn University
 Karolina Heyduk - University of Georgia
 Diana Rennison - University of British Columbia
 Eric Riddell - Clemson University
 Kristen Sauby - University of Florida
 Matthew Savoca - University of California, Davis
 Eric Schuppe - Georgia State
 Richard Simpson - Arizona State University
 Maria Stager - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Molly Staley - Auburn University
 Jessica Stephens - University of Georgia
 Rebecca Tarvin - University of Texas at Austin
 Michael Tift - Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD
 Amy Worthington - Iowa State University
 Carly Anne York - Old Dominion University

- **M. Patricia Morse Award for Excellence and Innovation in Science Teaching** – Mike Hadfield, award to be presented at the Moore Lecture

Division of Animal Behavior – Best Student Presentation Award for best oral presentation was presented by Diana Hews, Chair of DAB. The award was presented to **Patricia Jones** for her talk entitled “Interactions between innate color preferences, individual experience and social information in bumblebee foraging decisions.”

Recognition of Service

A number of SICB members are retiring from service on various committees.

- **Gary Martin**, Educational Council
- **Amy Johnson**, Membership Committee
- ICB Editorial Board
 - **Richard Mooi**
 - **Eduardo Bicudo**
- Student Postdoctoral Affairs Committee
 - **Christopher Slay**
 - **Jacob Musser**
 - **Abigail Cahill**
 - **Karen Chan**
 - **Joanna Mendecki**
- Student Support Committee
 - **Doug Altshuler**
 - **George Bentley**

- **Jeanne Serb**
 - **Emily Carrington**, Development Committee
 - **Andie Ward**, Public Affairs Committee
- Retiring **Divisional Secretaries**
 SICB Secretary Lou Burnett recognized the following individuals and thanked them for their service.
 - **Tim Higham, DCB**
 - **Rich Londraville, DPCB**
 - **Susan Williams, DVM**
- Retiring **Divisional Program Officers**
 Program Officer Jon Harrison recognized the following individuals and thanked them for their service.
 - **Allison Welch** (but starts new term)
 - **Laura Miller**
 - **Ignacio Moore**
 - **Elizabeth Dahloff**
 - **John Zardus**
 - **Duane McPherson**
 - **Rita Mehta**
- The following SICB Executive Committee Members had terms ending and were recognized for their service.
 - **Jon Harrison, Program Officer**
 - **Amy Moran, Member-at-Large**
 - **Steve McCormick, DCE Chair**
 - **Don Mykles, DCPB Chair**
 - **Chris Lowe, DEDB Chair**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.