

SOCIETY FOR INTEGRATIVE & COMPARATIVE BIOLOGY
Annual Business Meeting
6 January 2011
Salt Palace Convention Center, Room 150G
Salt Lake City, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Richard Satterlie.

The minutes of the 2010 SICB Business Meeting were approved as distributed.

Before hearing the officer reports, President Satterlie announced a SICB trivia contest at this business meeting with a number of trivia questions about the Society with the winner of each question receiving a SICB coffee mug. Trivia questions were asked throughout the meeting.

I. Officer Reports

- **Secretary Report, Lou Burnett**

- The Secretary reported on the new monthly member update, a brief synopsis of SICB activities sent to all members roughly once a month.
- Executive Officers had 39 conference calls throughout the year. Met occasionally with committee chairs.

- **Program Officer Report, Brian Tsukimura**

- The Program Officer reviewed the program highlights and statistics for the Salt Lake City meeting.
 - 1082 contributed papers in 83 sessions and 11 complementary oral sessions
 - 119 symposium presentations in 11 symposia
 - 452 posters presentations
 - one plenary session, and 3 special lectures
 - 1409 meeting registrations so far
- The 2012 annual meeting symposia in Charleston, SC have already been selected.
- Symposium proposals for the 2013 annual meeting in San Francisco are due on August 19, 2011.
- Grand Challenge update:
 - 3 papers were published in 2010 in *ICB*
 - workshop summary from last meeting was also published
 - the plenary lecture at this meeting by Tom Daniel was centered around the Grand Challenges
 - workshop at the Salt Lake City meeting; Mark Denny gave a brief report on the workshop
- The Program Officer acknowledged the hard work of the Program Committee in organizing the current meeting.

Treasurer Report, Bob Roer

○ *Society portfolio on rocky road to recovery*

In 2002, SICB invested a total of \$779,498 with a professional financial management group under the guidance of Matthew Tederick. On 31 December 2007, the account was worth \$1,160,976. The stock market crash took its toll, and by 31 December 2008 the portfolio had decreased nearly \$300,000 to end the year at \$836,475. The stock market recovery has resulted in a substantial gain in the value of our endowment and, as of 15 December 2010, it was valued at \$1,025,210. Mr. Tederick has advised us to assume a conservative posture on our investments based upon his concern about potential sovereign and municipal defaults. The finance committee voted to accept this advice and we currently hold just over half of our assets in cash and bonds.

○ **The society is in sound financial condition**

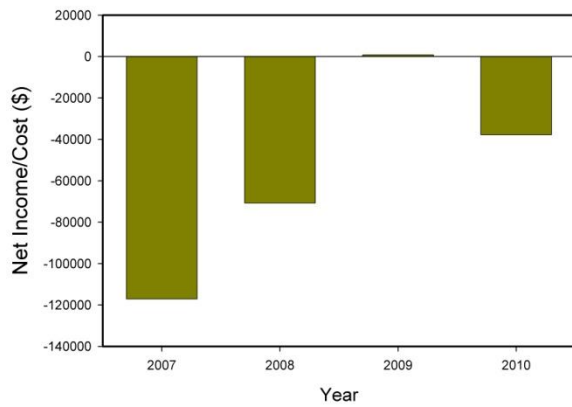
The net assets of SICB, as of 30 June 2010, amounted to \$1,531,053. This is a marked improvement compared to 30 June 2009 when net assets totaled \$1,304,782. In addition to the unrealized capital gain, this improvement in our net assets is due to the responsible stewardship of the Society's accounts by the Finance Committee and the efforts of BAI to control the costs of our annual meeting. The result was that the Society ended the fiscal year \$103,504 in the black; and that is before the addition of \$68,478 in unrealized capital gain.

○ **Realignment of revenue and expenses allowed for better analysis of SICB finances**

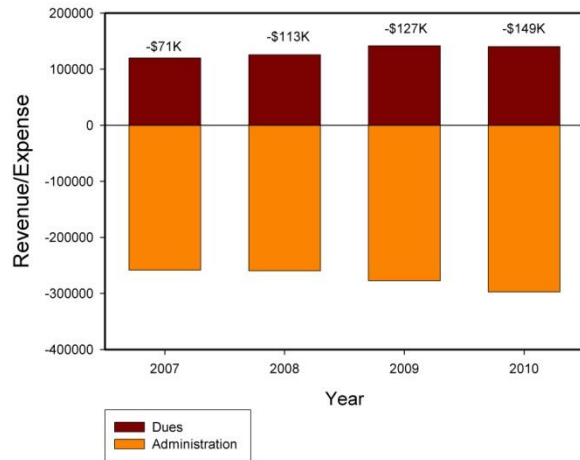
- When I took the reins as treasurer, I was asked if the dues were appropriate to cover our operations and if the registration fee for the annual meeting was sufficient to cover our costs. In attempting to analyze the numbers to answer these questions, it became apparent to me that, while the accounts were all accurate, their presentation did not make it easy to separate those revenues and expenses associated with our annual meeting from those dealing with the other operations of the Society. With the assistance of BAI, I have been able to bundle the revenues and expenses of the meeting (including the grants for symposia, the divisional budgets that largely support symposia and meeting socials, and that portion of the BAI fees that are directly involved with the meeting organization), and separate them out from the general ledger.
- The results of these analyses for the past four years revealed that, in contrast to the treasurer reports that Ron Dimock and I had previously presented, the annual meeting has not been the revenue source that we thought it was (see the Annual Meeting figure below). In fact, the annual meeting has operated in the red, with the exception of a small profit for the Boston meeting. The trend for decreasing the deficit for the meeting was due to an increase in the meeting registration and prudent, cost-cutting measures effected by BAI.
- The dues that are charged to the membership also do not cover the administrative costs associated with the operation of the Society (see the Operations figure below) to the extent of a \$149K loss this past year. The cost of operating SICB is only brought into the black largely through the revenue we realize from the publication of our journal, Integrative and Comparative Biology (see the Operations & Journal figure below). The concern here is two-fold: 1) the revenue from the journal is subject to continued institutional subscriptions and inclusion in consortia, and the increase in the latter has begun to plateau; 2) there has been a trend in membership over the past few years toward a greater proportion of student members (with lower dues) relative to full members. We will need to pay careful attention to these revenue streams over the next few years.

- The major components of the revenue and expenses are summarized in the figure labeled "SICB Budget Summary". Good management has slowly turned a net loss of \$62K in FY 2007 into a net gain of \$104K in FY 2010, but an unexpected loss in an annual meeting or another severe downturn in the market could easily reverse this trend. Conservative oversight of the Society's funds will remain the priority of the Finance Committee.

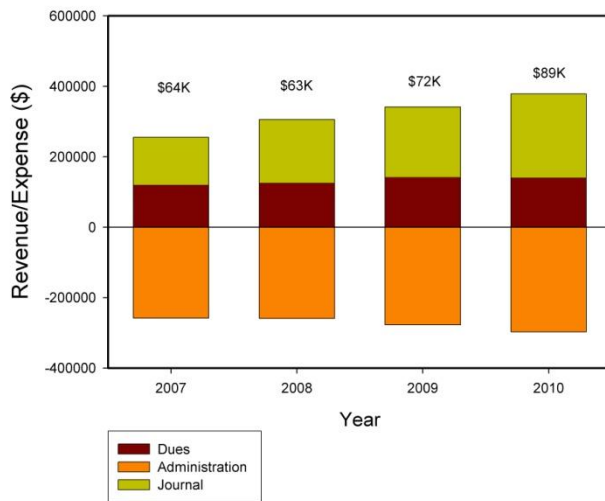
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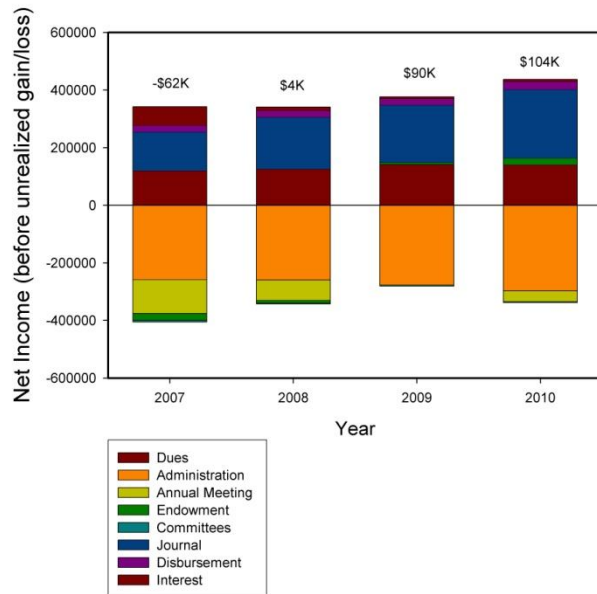
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SICB Budget Summary



- **Status of endowments**

Fiscal year 2010 saw the establishment of a new endowment fund, the C. Ladd Prosser Fund. The generous donation by long-time and honored SICB member, Len Kirschner, funded this endowment in support of symposia the topic of which falls within the purview of comparative animal physiology and is consonant with Professor Prosser's scientific opus. There were also significant contributions to existing endowment funds this year:

Endowment Fund	FY 2010 Donations	Balance (06/30/2010)
Carl Gans Award	\$15,038	\$35,030
George Bartholomew Fund	\$2,093	\$113,499
Libbie H. Hyman Fund	\$1,398	\$25,745
Dwight D. Davis Fund	\$130	\$6,776
John A. Moore Lectureship Fund	\$60	\$3,154
Adrian M. Wenner Fund	\$200	\$8,021
Dorothy M. Skinner Fund	\$513	\$8,194
Symposium Enhancement Fund	\$2,024	\$111,371
Charlotte Mangum Fund	\$4,027	\$262,626
Grants-In-Aid-of-Research Fund	\$2,641	\$179,271
Howard Bern Lecture Fund	\$3,765	\$3,765
C. Ladd Prosser Symposium Fund	\$25,313	\$25,313

II. Recognition of Lecturers and Awards

Recognition was given to the following individuals.

- Howard Bern Lecture – **John C. Wingfield, University of California, Davis**, "Putting the brakes on reproduction. Implications for conservation? Global climate change"
- John Moore Lecture – **Scott Freeman, University of Washington** "Evidence-based Teaching in Introductory Biology"

Awards

- George A. Bartholomew Award – **Robert Cox, Dartmouth College** "Two genders, one genome: an integrative perspective on sexual conflict and the costs of reproduction"
- Carl Gans Award – **Rita Mehta, University of California, Santa Cruz**, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Long Marine Laboratory.
- 2010 Libbie H. Hyman Scholarship – **Des Ramirez, University of California, Santa Barbara**, Dept. of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology
- Dorothy M. Skinner Award – **Rebecca M. Calisi, University of California, Berkeley**

- GIAR and FGST Awards. To present these awards, Sheila Patek, chair of the Student Support Committee was introduced. Patek acknowledged the 10 committee members representing all SICB divisions who worked hard to select the award recipients as well as reviewers. Some significant improvements in the web interface and application process were noted. The following awards were made.

Fellowship of Graduate Student Travel (FGST)	
Casey A. Gilman Alexander R. Gunderson	
Grants in Aid of Student Research (GIAR)	
Elizabeth Becker Abigail Cahil Ondi Crino Sonia Diaz Sarah Fitzpartick Jennifer Henderson Nicholas Herold Luke Hoekstra Aaron Kampe Lisa Komoroske Christopher Laumer Andrea Liebl James Lunden Julia Maki	Heather More Jenny Ouyang Kimberly Pegram Jennifer Phillips Brittany Sears Kausalya Shenoy Johanna Varner Rachel Walsh Jason Warner James Waters Jonathan Whitney Mary Wright De Jiang Zheng

- The following individuals were recognized for their service to the SICB.
 - Recognition of Service
 - Dee Silverthorn, Educational Council
 - Ken Halanych, Membership Committee Chair
 - Members rotating off ICB Editorial Board
 - Chuck Booth
 - Melina Hale
 - Guy Charmantier
 - Claus Nielsen
 - Members rotating off the Student Postdoctoral Affairs Committee
 - Zack Stahlschmidt
 - Jenny Ro
 - Michelangelo von Dassow
 - Rebecca Shearman
 - Sarah Berke
 - Jann Vendetti
 - Tobias Landberg
 - Members rotating off the Student Support Committee
 - Tonia Hsieh
 - Stephen Kajiura

- Ignacio Moore
 - Sarah Woodley
 - Peter deFur, Public Affairs Committee
 - Representatives rotating off the Program Committee
 - Sarah Lindsay – representing AMS
 - Sherry Tamone – representing TCS
 - Tom Daniel, Development Committee
- Recognition of Retiring Divisional Secretaries
 - Mary Mendonça, DCE
 - Jenn Dearolf, DDCB
 - Elaine Seaver, DEDB
 - Mike Finkler, DEE
- Recognition of Retiring Divisional Program Officers
 - Sarah Humfeld, DAB
 - Kathy Dickson, DCPB
 - Scott Gilbert, DDCB
 - Jim McClintock, DIZ
- Recognition of SICB Executive Committee Members whose terms will end
 - Jackie Webb, MAL
 - Bob Full, DCB Chair
 - Karen Crawford, DDCB Chair
 - Michelle Nishiguchi, DEE Chair
 - Mark Westneat, DVM Chair
 - Hal Heatwole, *ICB* Editor
- President Satterlie congratulated Billie Swalla on her election as SICB President-Elect.

III. New Business

President Satterlie made a plea to the membership for someone interested in being the society Archivist.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10.