

SICB Division of Ecoimmunology and Disease Ecology
2021 Business Meeting
19 January 2021
Minutes

Laura Zimmerman called to order 14:03 EST

1. Annual Meeting Data / Updates

Meeting remotely using Pathable/Zoom platform.

2. Officer Updates and Nominations

Current Officers:

Chair 01/2020-01/2022 Laura Zimmerman

Program Officer 01/2019-01/2021 Cynthia J. Downs

Program Officer Elect 01/2020-01/2021 Laura Mydlarz

Secretary 01/2019-01/2021 Ken Field

Secretary Elect 01/2020-01/2021 Patricia Lopes (Not listed on main website)

Student/Postdoc Representative 01/2019-01/2021 Ashley Love (Note the end date needs to be updated on the website)

Nominations will be needed for Secretary-Elect and for Program Officer-Elect

Using a nominating committee: Current Officers

We are also interested in hearing from anyone interested in serving as Student/Postdoc Representative. The main responsibilities are to handle the @SICB_DEDE Twitter account and to put together the mentoring lunches at the annual meeting.

Members are urged to contact one of the current officers if they are interested in standing for election or have questions about the position.

3. SICB News / Actions since 2020 meeting

Executive Committee has not met yet.

4. Journal Updates

Joel Slade is the ICB DEDE representative through 2025.

IOB is doing really well. Getting indexed at PubMed soon.

5. Visitors – Executive Officers & NSF

NSF Representatives

Joanna Shishler, NSF/IOS/SII
SII is newly renamed from SDS.

Ted Morgan
Enabling Discovery through Genomics

Sam Scheiner
EEID & DEB

Thanks to reviewers and panelists who have served for NSF. Recruiting Program Directors at NSF
(see NSF BIO Website or NSF Exhibitors Booth).

Informational workshop from 3-4:30 today. Q&A Session

Both division-wide and BIO-wide blogs are updated regularly. Recommended for members to
Integrative Research in Biology is replacing Rules of Life track. March 16 2021 proposal deadline
for "Int-Bio". Program is different from core solicitations.

Mid-career advancement solicitation is new. Provides salary and direct costs.

NSF is interested in supporting workshops and symposia that are forward-looking, identifying
critical problems, support getting groups together that don't ordinarily interact.

Enabling Discovery through Genomics now has a deadline. Slide presentation available to
describe the new program. Collaborative with NIH. Now also has research track
genotype to phenotype.

Executive Committee Members:

Beth Brainerd, President

Reminded about NSF Workshop and virtual Career Board on pathable.

Total of 180 people volunteered their time per year for the organization. Want to broaden
participation. Using new form to solicit volunteers:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScATK21zFQSEvgq1q2gboN2J-wjffzwy1W1SNIBgVz5DL_yLA/viewform

Expect end of meeting survey that will include a question about which parts of virtual meeting
are most important to keep for next year, when we will be back in person.

Stay tuned for live Q&A for each poster session.

Michelle Johnson, Secretary Elect

Elections will be held in April this year. All members of society are eligible to vote.

Molly Jacobs, SICB Communications Editor

New position to help facilitate communication between officers and members.

New website coming soon. Wordpress and divisions will be able to update content.

Ulrike Muller, Editor of ICB

Good symposia needed. DEDE has a great track record.

Brett Burk, Executive Director of SICB

Success of virtual meeting. Largest meeting by number of registrants.

6. Meet with an Ecoimmunologist/Disease Ecologist Update

Virtual meetings going well.

Virtual Exhibit Hall has downloads.

7. Best Student Paper Award

Best Student Presentation Session:

Virtual presentation session went really well. Jen Houtz was the winner, but all presentations were really good.

Best Student Poster Session:

There will be a live Q&A but judges should evaluate posters ahead of time.

8. Other Business

Symposia for next year have not yet been announced.

Reminder that symposia are needed for meeting 1.5 years in advance. Hosting a symposia is a great opportunity for junior scientists, including grad students and post-docs. Due 23 August for the Austin 2023 meeting.

Successful examples are available. Requesting outside funding is required later, but not at time of application.

9. Approval of 2020 meeting minutes

Cynthia Downs moved to approve, Ken Field seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 14:50 EST.