

Division of Phylogenetic and Comparative Biology (DPCB) Minutes
Annual Meeting, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
January 5, 2018, 5:45–6:30 PM

Present

Chair-elect / Secretary: David Blackburn
Program Officer: Todd Oakley
Secretary-elect: Haley O'Brein
Student/Postdoc Representative: Jonathan Chang
10 additional divisional members attending

Update from Executive Committee

Each division gets \$2k/yr to support symposia, \$800 towards a social, and \$300 for best student presentations

High priority for SICB Development: increase endowed funds
Goal is to help endow funds supporting students and symposia

Interested to donate? Consider doing so in honor of people
but within existing funds

A new SICB journal is coming!
Adam Summers will be Editor-in-Chief
Seeking nominations for people to represent to divisions on editorial board

Summary of DPCB for 2017

We have ~\$2,500–\$3,500 in DPCB funds

Supported regional meeting

October 2017: DPCB supplied \$370 to cover meeting attendance for 32 undergraduates and 42 graduate students

updated Career Information webpage

Attempted to reflect diversity in terms of members, institutions, and research foci

Participants: Kerin Claeson, Haley O'Brien, Dan Moen, Pauly Cartwright, Rich Mooi, Sarah Boyer, and Dave Blackburn

Reinvigorate social media

Facebook and twitter, led by Jonathan Chang
Maybe make a list of DPCB tweeters to follow? Could be done via @sicb_dpcb

Discussion of ideas for fostering engagement with DPCB

Would like to grow participation in DPCB

Ideas for symposia

Comparative Methods

Digitization of Phenotypes (with DVM, DIZ, etc.?)

Capitalize on NSF call regarding "Rules of Life"?

Engagement at other meetings

Regional SICB meetings

Evolution, SVP, others?

sponsor workshop or student award?

Announcement of Wake Award Winners