

SOCIETY FOR INTEGRATIVE AND COMPARATIVE BIOLOGY
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
January 7, 1999
MINUTES

I. Welcome

Alan J. Kohn, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced president-elect, Martin E. Feder.

II. 1998 in Review

Dr. Kohn reviewed the following items:

A. Launch of IB-INR

B. Twelve to fifteen possible societies were contacted about Co-sponsoring the next SICB meeting and none of them responded. There will be two new societies, Society of Vertebrate Paleontology (SVP) and International Society for Invertebrate Reproduction and Development (ISIRD).

C. The Annual meeting programming will continue to evolve with loyalties to the divisions.

D. A new Division will be introduced to the Executive Committee and they will vote on Sunday. It is called Evolution and Development and enough signatures have been collected. The new division will be publishing a journal called Evolution and Development with SICB affiliation.

E. Other actions of the Executive Committee included the following:

- Appointment of new American Zoologist editor - John S. Edwards from the University of Washington.
- The site of the 2002 Annual meeting will be Anaheim, California.
- The Executive committee will be voting on the move towards all electronic submissions.
- President Elect, John Hildebrand resigned and Martin Feder was elected.
- There has been turnover at the Business Office, Peter Studney replaced Laura Jungen as the Executive Director, Susan Heckman replaced Pam D'Argo as Account Manager and Chris Mundschenk replaced Micki Unkrich as Membership Coordinator.

III. 1999 Focus

A. Move to Electronic Communication was reviewed. The SICB newsletter will now be electronic. During the 1999 transition to electronic, members will be informed of upcoming publications through society-wide emails and by regular mail. All abstracts will be required to be submitted electronically. Members will have the opportunity to submit their Annual meeting registration and membership dues electronically as well.

IV. Secretary Report

A. Approval of the 1998 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

MOTION APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

B. Review of Election results - Dr. Wolcott reviewed the election results with the group:

President Elect	Martin Feder
Program Officer Elect	John Pearse
Member At Large	Harvey Lillywhite
Secretary Elect	Penny Hopkins

V. Treasurer Report

- Kimberly Smith reported the Society is in great financial shape. The Boston meeting was a success and the American Zoologist journal is performing well. Dr. Smith projected that the society will be ahead \$41,000 for 1998.
- In 1998, SICB received two large donations. One from Charlotte Mangum (\$200,000) and the other from George Bartholomew (\$15,000).
- Kim Smith stated that the Society should end up with a unrestricted balance of \$480,000.
- The Society will be hit with a large expense from IB (\$76,000).
- One way to offset the expense is to take advantage of going all electronic. The interest from the Charlotte Mangum money and the continued success of the AZ will also help. The Society is also looking into moving away from SBA doing all tasks.
- The Society will have a modest profit in 1999 of about \$15,000.
- Kim mentioned the back issue sale of the American Zoologist and promoted the sales of the Annual Meeting T-Shirt.

VI. Other Business

- A. Grants In Aid - David Borst, the Chair of the Student Support Committee announced the names of the winners. They received 51 proposals and selected 11 winners. David requested that more funds be given to the Student Support Fund.
- B. Strategic Planning - Martin Feder asked that everyone contribute ideas to the Task Force.
- C. Symposium Funding - Paul Maderson requested that symposium speakers not be required to pay for their abstracts. A motion was made to bring to the Executive Committee meeting.

MOTION: Waive abstract fee for all invited (member and non-member) speakers; waive registration fee for non-members; and continue to seek ways to reduce the cost of registration for members to SICB.

By: Damhnait McHugh
Seconded by: Richard Burian
Motion passed by acclamation

VII. Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, Dr. Kohn adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.