



The Society for
Integrative &
Comparative
Biology

DIVISION OF BOTANY BYLAWS

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Article I. Purpose

The purpose of this Division shall be to encourage and to advance research and teaching of botany, and to facilitate communication and free exchange of ideas among scientists within biology broadly and among other disciplines of science.

Article II. Name

The official name of this Division shall be “The Division of Botany of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology.”

Article III. Organization

The Division of Botany, being one of the various divisions of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, shall be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of that Society.

Article IV. Membership

Any member of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology may, without payment of additional dues, become a member of this Division by registration with the SICB business office.

Article V. Officers

Officers of the Division shall be Chair, Chair-Elect, Past Chair, Program Officer and Program Officer-Elect, and Secretary. The Officers-Elect shall be elected by a plurality vote of the members conducted by a ballot prior to the annual meeting by a procedure consonant with the Bylaws of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. In the event that the election results in a tie, the outcome will be determined by a majority vote of the Divisional Executive Committee. If the votes cast by the Executive Committee result in a tie, the deciding vote will be determined by the divisional Chair. The term of office of all elected officers and appointed representative shall begin four weeks after the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to begin and will end four weeks after the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to expire. In the case when a divisional office is unexpectedly vacated, the following provisions are made: If the office of Secretary, Program Officer or Program Officer-Elect is vacated early, the Chair, in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee, will appoint an interim officer to serve until elections can be held to fill the position. If the office of Divisional Chair is vacated early, the Divisional Executive Committee, in consultation with the SICB President, will appoint someone to be the interim Chair until an election is held. If the office of Past Chair is vacated early, the position will be left open until the current Chair becomes the Past Chair.

Article VI. Chair

The Chair shall promote the interests of the Division, preside at the business meetings of the Division, represent the Division on the Executive Committee of the Society, appoint the Nominating Committee in advance of the annual meeting and, in accordance with Article XI, appoint other committees as may be desirable. The Chair shall serve for two years without eligibility for re-election for consecutive terms.

Article VII. Chair-Elect

The Chair-Elect shall assist the Chair and act for the Chair when the latter is absent. The Chair-Elect shall serve for a period of two years and then be automatically advanced to Chair. If called upon, the Chair-Elect shall assist the Program Officer with the organization of symposia. They shall sign all proposals to federal granting agencies on behalf of the Division.

Article VIII. Past Chair

Upon expiration of the term of office, the Chair shall automatically become the Past Chair. The Past Chair shall serve on the Divisional Executive Committee. The Past Chair shall serve for two years.

Article IX. Program Officer

The Program Officer shall arrange for the programs of the Division. The Program Officer shall serve for three years, with eligibility for re-election for up to two consecutive terms.

Article X. Program Officer-Elect

The Program Officer-Elect shall assist the Program Officer and act for the Program Officer when the latter is absent. The Program Officer-Elect shall serve for a period of one year and then be automatically advanced to Program Officer.

Article XI. Secretary

The Secretary shall be editor of the Newsletter of the Division, shall be the recording secretary of the Division, and shall perform such other duties assigned by the Chair. The Secretary shall serve for three years and shall be eligible for re-election.

Article XII. Executive Committee

The Officers of the Division listed in Article V shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Division. Members of the Executive Committee shall confer informally on all matters of policy and shall conduct the affairs of the Division.

Article XIII. Committees

Each year the Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members. The Chair may appoint such other ad hoc committees as are desirable. Standing Committees may be established or discontinued by the concurrence of, and in such manner as may be determined by, the Executive Committee.

Article XIV. Finances

The expenses of the Division shall be paid from the treasury of the Society and in any year may not exceed the sum allotted to the Division. The Chair shall authorize all disbursements and coordinate financial procedures with the SICB Executive Director.

Article XV. Meetings

An annual business meeting of the Division shall be held at least once a year in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. Division meetings may be held at other times and places on call of the Chair or when requested in writing by a petition signed by at least 15 members of the Division. Notice shall be sent to each member of the Division 60 days in advance of any such meeting.

Article XVI. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any annual business meeting of the Division by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Division voting, provided that notice has been given to all members 30 days in advance, or by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Division voting at other times of year. In such a case, the proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be posted on the Society web site, ballots will be made available to the membership electronically, and 30 days will be allowed for voting. The ballot closing date shall be stated on the ballot.
