

# August 28, 2009 SLA/DBIO Executive Board, Telephone Conference Call

## Summary Notes

Meeting Chair: **Jean Crampon**

Members Present: Barry Brown; Jean Crampon; Jonathan Nabe; Diane Schmidt; John Tebo; David Duggar

- ❖ **Discussion & Brainstorming 75<sup>th</sup> DBIO Anniversary Celebration. Location?**
  - The Aquarium. Hard to get when we want it.
  - Other conference events likely to be held there, which may diminish the specialness or uniqueness of this venue for the 75<sup>th</sup> DBIO celebration
  - Possible "behind the scenes" tour of the aquarium, but we don't know that they offer this and the tour might be an option for the tour day.
  - Room in a conference hotel? (General consensus of No to this option).
  - One of Emeril's restaurants or another known restaurant in New Orleans. Note: Need space for at least 100 people.

- There were no announcements.

❖ **Old Business:**

- **Nancy Dickenson**, the program chair for this year's conference was acknowledged and thanked.
- Everyone was urged to read the DBIO strategic plan and to participate in implementing it.
- Everyone was invited to next year's conference in New Orleans and the DBIO 75th Anniversary celebration.

❖ **New Business:**

- **Jean Crampon** gave a brief update on DBIO and encouraged everyone to volunteer for committee positions.
- She mentioned that SLA has been doing an assessment of divisions and that DBIO is doing well and that our website was singled out as easy to use.
- Jean recognized **Tony Stankus** as a recipient of the 2009 "SLA Fellow" designation for his many accomplishments including his work on the DBIO blog and the Top 100 Journals Poll.
- She also read a letter from Tony's congressman congratulating SLA and commending Tony on his award.

❖ **DBIO Top 100 Journals and Publisher Awards Ceremony:**

- In an Academy Awards like ceremony the Top 100 Journals in Biology and Medicine were recognized, and then later the top 10 Journals, and the Journal of the Centennial, and the publishers with the most number of top journals were all recognized  
[<http://units.sla.org/division/dbio/publications/resources/dbio100.htm>].

- T-shirts?
- We would sell some to folks who couldn't make the event.
- ❖ **Action Items:**
  - David Duggar will pursue menu and price options for a dinner vs. a reception for at least 100 people and will report back after Labor Day.
  - The ultimate decision of a reception vs. a dinner may depend on cost.
  - Everyone should pursue options for giveaways and send specific suggestions and cost to Jean in October.
  - Possible tours: Audubon Zoo? Botanical Garden? Swamp Tour?
  - Diane Schmidt will give suggestions to Tom.
- ❖ **Elections for the Coming Year:**
  - John Tebo has a nomination slate ready.

Notes submitted by Barry Brown, DBIO Secretary, September 2, 2009, to DBIO Chair; revised and sent to DBIO Board

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## 2010 E-Mail Discussions

### ❖ **Proposal for Adding Calendar to Website**

- (January 12, 2010) **Peggy Jones & Nancy Stimson** proposed that we vote \$99 to add a calendar function to our website, recommending a product of the firm "Connect Daily"

**Discussion: Should the American Chemical Society be allowed to make a speech at our Annual Business Meeting? Should we get them to switch**

**sponsorship to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance on the Paddleboat?**

- Diane Schmidt called for a discussion of these two related issues
- Christopher Hooper-Lane reported that the ACS wanted the right to give speech at the Business meeting in return for their sponsorship.
- Jonathan Nabe was opposed to the speech for \$ sponsorship on ethical/philosophical grounds.
- Jean Crampon, Nancy Curtis, Nancy Dickenson, & Tony Stankus recommended allowing a brief speech.
- Kristin Foldvik of SLA HQ advised us officially that a 3-minute speech is allowable.
- The ACS could not be persuaded to switch their sponsorship to the 75<sup>th</sup>

❖ **Discussion & Brainstorming 75<sup>th</sup> DBIO Anniversary Celebration . What kind of function should it be?**

- Reception?
- Meal?
- There should definitely be a cake for the celebration.
- Interesting venue or a good dinner?
- A reception is easier to arrange and facilitate.
- Will there be some speeches given?; if so then a meal format might be better.

❖ **Discussion & Brainstorming 75<sup>th</sup> DBIO Anniversary. What are the date/time options?**

- No conflict with other DBIO sponsored events.
- Before or after the business meeting.
- Should be at night.
- What about after the All Science Poster Session?; although some DBIO presenters and facilitators are probably not available until at least a half hour after this session.
- The event will be on Tuesday.

❖ **Discussion & Brainstorming 75<sup>th</sup> DBIO Anniversary Celebration. What are the financial options/ constraints?**

- We are in adequate financial shape right now but there are always financial concerns.
- Will need to be ticketed event even if subsidized by DBIO and/or vendor support.
- \$2,000 had already approved at the June 13, 2009 DBIO Board Meeting
- We can't restrict to just DBIO members nor can we differentially price for DBIO and nonDBIO members.
- We should not accept payment at the door. ?

❖ **Discussion & Brainstorming 75<sup>th</sup> DBIO Anniversary Celebration. What are some swag/ giveaway options?**

- An imprintable cooler bag?

Anniversary Paddleboat event.

❖ **Should DBIO sponsor an Open Source Technology Program on its own, or join a similar program already being sponsored by others?**

- (January 19, 2010) **Christopher Hooper-Lane** initiated a discussion of the above issue.
- **Hooper-Lane** noted that while interest seemed high, sponsorship possibilities were limited, and while he had identified two potential presenters, one or both might require some financial underwriting to make the trip.
- Discussion followed. **Jean Crampon, Diane Schmidt, Barry Brown, Nancy Dickenson, Tony Stankus, John Tebo** and **David Duggar** participated.
- **Hooper-Lane** concluded that sentiment was against the idea of solo sponsorship by our division, although we might join other divisions and accomplish the same mission.

❖ **DBIO Financial Reports Approved by SLA HQ**

- (February 5, 2010). **Jonathan Nabe** reported that the 2009 Financial reports had been approved by Nancy Sansalone, the Chief Financial Officer at SLA HQ.

❖ **Welcome to a new DBIO Advisory Committee**

- (February 15, 2010) **Diane Schmidt** sent e-mail welcomes to the combined executive and advisory committees of DBIO and explained the rules concerning who may discuss, and who actually gets to vote.

❖ **Changing to a Conference Year Committee Membership for the Contributed Papers Committee.**

- (February 12, 2010) **Tara Cataldo** proposed that since the work of the contributed papers committee actually begins after the end of the last conference and ends once the following year's talks are delivered, that we ought to make our appointments to this committee span the same time frame.

❖ **Adopting an SLA HQ approved Web Format for our web page.**

- (February 12, 2010) **Diane Schmidt** reported that at the 2010 Leadership Summit SLA HQ was proposing that perhaps all division ought to adopt an SLA-HQ approved and/or software such as WordPress.
- It was reported that Carol Lepzelter Berry & Claudia Lascar were following this development on our behalf.
- **Tony Stankus** advised that SLA HQ web format and overall software adoptions left much to be desired, and recommended that we stick with what we have, as it is excellently designed and functions very well.

❖ **Should Travel Expenses Be Voted for DBIO Speakers?**

- (February 17-18, 2010). A general discussion/debate was initiated over whether or not we would be obligated to assist some of this year's speakers with travel expenses, since some had indicated that apart from their agreement to teach or present to DBIO, they might not be going to the conference.
- Supporting a one-time only \$500 exception for this year were **Nancy Dickenson, Jean Crampon, Eleanor Maclean, Christopher Hooper-Lance, Thomas Harrod.**
- Recommending adherence to SLA HQ Best Practices Advisory which allows only for a \$100 honorarium were **Jonathan Nabe and Nancy Curtis.**
- Abstaining was Susan Kendall.
- It was recommended that we add a FAQ reiterating our adherence in the future to the \$100 honorarium only.

❖ **Further Questions About DBIO Website Maintenance & Contract Renewal**

- (April 16, 2020) A discussion was again initiated by **Brian Westra** as to whether our website is in danger of obsolescence, and that the way to avoid this was by using something recommended by SLA HQ, rather than renew our existing contract. This was resolved in favor of keeping on doing what works so well for us, with a vote of confidence and gratitude to **Claudia Lascar** was expressed.

❖ **Sell Out of Paddleboat Cruise for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Possibility of Sponsorship**

- (May 24-26, 2010). **Diane Schmidt** announced that we had sold out our initial allotment of 150 tickets, and was advised by board members to go ahead and open up more ticket sales.
- **Tony Stankus** initially raised the possibility of being able to get some very late sponsorship, but it was not forthcoming.