



Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Board Meeting Conference Call February, 2012 Final Minutes

Attendees: Christopher Hooper-Lane (Chair), Alicia Livinski, Jennifer McDaniel, Christine Whitaker, Rebecca Kuglitsch, Nancy Curtis, Amy Donahue, Nancy Dickenson, Claudia Lascar, Jonathan Nabe, Monica Kirkwood, Allison Scripa, Tony Stankus, Susan Kendall, Howard Fuller, Janet Weiss, Diane Hummel, Darra Ballance

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair **Christopher Hooper-Lane**
2. Announcements

Rebecca Kuglitsch has agreed to become the 2013 DBIO Programming Chair (San Diego).

Christopher Hooper-Lane, Monica Kirkwood, and Rebecca Kuglitsch attended the SLA Leadership Summit and gave a quick summary.

Highlights from Christopher:

- SLA has ceased the Conference Leadership Institute and are looking at having a leadership boot camp and offer webinars.
- Membership is down throughout SLA. DBIO is holding steady.
- All board meeting minutes now need to be deposited with SLA.
- SLA is running a surplus this year. SLA was very happy with the Unit donations. DBIO gave money for the green initiative.
- Unit per member allotments are decreasing significantly (graduated dues)
- New committees, groups, taskforces: Ethics, Professional Competency. **Howard Fuller** requested that the SLA Professional Competency Task Force take a close look at other library organizations that have done this. There should be collaboration among these groups, instead of duplication.
- Need-to-know sessions (in Chicago) are on hiatus
- SLA is looking at making Information Outlook an online-only journal
- SLA Annual Conference (2013) will be shortened – Sat through Tues
- SLA is starting the SLA Loyalty Club for those who can donate money to our organization.

Highlights from Rebecca:

- DBIO is slotted to take the lead for the "Science of" series and are thinking of the Science of Wine

- DBIO is also taking the lead on the All Science Poster Session.

Highlights from Monica:

- Did not get a chance to meet with members from Operation Vitality. Neither of the SLA Admin webmasters attended the conference.
- Was able to network with other unit webmasters.

3. Old Business/Committee Status

Rebecca Kuglitsch, Treasurer, shared the restructuring of the allotment. Our allotments are tied to membership due amounts. In 2011 our allotment was about \$6800 and in 2012 it is projected to be about \$4790 (30% drop). Rebecca also distributed the annual report to the board and offered highlights: DBIO brought in \$187 more in 2011. That was good considering we gave \$2000 to headquarters for the Green Initiative. We had \$13,000 in sponsorships for the 2011 conference.

Howard Fuller, Fund Development Committee Chair, reported that we are doing fairly well. We have raised \$10,000 this year so far and are waiting to hear back from a few more sponsors.

Janet Cooper Weiss, Vendor Relations Chair, unveiled the four vendors we have selected/solicited to present at the Vendor Lunch: ACS Publications, Elsevier, JoVE, OCLC

Jonathan Nabe, Programming Chair for Chicago, mentioned that the full line up of programming has been published in BioFeedback.

Tony Stankus, Chair of the Awards Committee, will be giving out a Distinguished Member Award and would like to revive the Winifred Sewell Award. The Winifred Sewell Award will receive a plaque and \$250. The committee would also like to change the award for the Distinguished Member Award from a silver bowl to a check and a plaque. This is not in the bylaws, only in the recommended practices, so the board did not need to vote to make the change.

Nancy Dickenson, Chair of Nominating Committee, reported that the current DBIO Director, Nancy Curtis, should have ended her two-year term in Dec 2011. The Nominating Committee will address this position this year. Any volunteers should make contact with Nancy Dickenson.

Dorothy Barr, Chair of the Membership Committee, reported (via Chris Hooper-Lane) that the membership count remained at 540. She is planning to create/update the brochure. Chris also mentioned that Dorothy has taken over as the Natural History Caucus Chair and is trying to set up a dine-a-round for Chicago.

Jennifer McDaniel, Diversity Chair, is considering polling the members of our division to get a sense of how we view diversity and asked how to best go about this. The board recommended that Jennifer can get the email list from our membership or she should just send an email to the listserv. The Chair suggested that Jennifer send an email with her ideas and objectives to the Executive Board before embarking on this endeavor.

Allison Scripa, Student Relations Committee Chair, asked the board to increase the funding for the student stipend award. Many suggested that the Board looks at increasing the stipend for

this and for executive board travel. All have a \$1000 limit.

Claudia Lascar, Co-chair of Website Committee, submitted an introduction to the web page changes, particularly the new landing site that is needed because of the implementation of Operation Vitality. A motion was offered by **Nancy Dickenson**, Past Chair, to accept the landing page with the minor changes discussed (Division and Section wording added). It was seconded by **Nancy Curtis**, Director. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

Claudia Lascar introduced a proposal to remove the DBIO Blog (not updated since April 2011) from the home page. Unable to recruit volunteers to help Tony Stankus keep the blog up and current. Claudia offered a proposal to link to Biology News Net in place of DBIO blog to fill the vacuum in content. A motion was offered by **Tony Stankus** to remove the blog from the home page (not the website) and replace it with a biology-related blog such as Biology News Net. It was seconded by **Nancy Curtis**, Director. Motion passed unanimously.

Claudia Lascar introduced a proposal to mask (disguise) the SLA events calendar on both home pages (until SLA is starts maintaining again) with an announcement box similar to the one on the right side of the DBIO Home page with the text "Volunteer to serve on our committees!"

Christopher Hooper-Lane introduced the possibility working with DPHT to develop a one day virtual CE Virtual Ed-a-Palooza. A one day, all online, professional education event for our members in the autumn or winter. The plan would be that every block is sponsored by vendors DPHT would be the main driver of content with the help of DBIO. Both units would be responsible for publicity. DPHT would record and archive the event. Sponsors would be solicited by both units. DPHT would take care of administering the registration and financing. **Christine Whitaker**, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, has agreed to follow up with DPHT.

5. Adjournment was approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christopher Hooper-Lane, July 2012
Approved by DBIO Board, July 14, 2012