

**Minutes for SIVB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Hyatt Regency, St Louis**  
**Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7, 2017 in Mills 6**

**Participants:** Dwight Tomes (President), John Harbell (President Elect), Sukhpreet Sandhu (Vice President), Barbara Doonan (Treasurer), Harold Trick (Secretary), John Finer (Member-at-Large-PBS), Fredy Altpeter (Member-at-Large- PBS) (via phone), Brad Upham (Member-at- Large (IVACS), Michael Fay (Publications Chair), Foaziatu Bukari (Student Co-Chair-PBS), Tristen Wright (Student Co-Chair-IVACS), David Songstad (2018 Program Chair), Marietta Wheaton Ellis (Managing Director), and Michele Schultz (Publications Manager for Publications Update) via phone.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on **October 6, 2017**.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Adoption of Agenda**

The Board of Directors reviewed the agenda for the October 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.

**Motion:** A motion was made to adopt the agenda for the October 2017 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **1.2 Adoption of Minutes**

The Board of Directors reviewed the minutes from the June 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.

Corrections: Remove J. Finer from participant list of the June 2017 BOD meeting.

**Motion:** A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the June 2017 Board Meeting with noted corrections. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **1.3 Outstanding action items**

The secretary read the outstanding action items and the board members gave updates.

### ***Outstanding Action Items from the May 2015 Board Meeting***

1. **Action Item:** We will pursue new ways to address public policy issues and promote outreach in regard to these issues. This will involve the Public Policy Committee working with the Education Committee. We will try to utilize our website and social media more towards this goal. We will bring this action item to the Sections to get their input and assistance. We will talk to Nancy Reichert concerning this action item, and bring this item to the Public Policy Committee and the Education Committee. **September 2016 update:**

Tom is trying to get a hold of Albert Kausch, Chair of the Education Committee. **February 2017**

**Update:** NBM has provided both Tom and Albert's with each other's contact information. Albert has reached out to Tom to address this issue and follow up was requested to be included in their respective committee reports. **June 2017 update.** No update from PPC. This action item is **ongoing**. **October 2017**

**update:** Albert got together with education committee in between the June and Oct meeting, sent a long document and no action items needed. This action item is **complete**.

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8. **Action Item:** The Program Chair (Addy Alt-Holland) and Marietta inform will incoming Program Chair and the Program Committee of these issues and remind them to reject abstracts that do not meet a basic level of scientific ethics. **October 2017 update:** This action item is **completed.**

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**19. Action Item:** Marietta and Dwight will look into Jeff Adelberg's request to hold a meeting in conjunction with the 2018 meeting in St. Louis. **October 2017 update:** Had some discussions with Jeff A. but more material needed not sure if it will go much further. As no further contact was made on Jeff's part the Board considered the action item complete. This action item is **complete**.

**20. Action Item:** Marietta will send out dates for BOD meeting in Fall after consulting with Dwight. **October 2017 update:** This action item is **complete**.

#### **1.4 Emeritus Ratification/Deceased Members**

David Songstad recognized the passing of Chen Ho Chen on July 30, 2017. Dr. Chen was a long-time member of the Tissue Culture Association and retired from South Dakota State University in 1994. He was 87 years old.

## 2.0 Publications

### 2.1 Publication Update.

Michael Fay began the overview on the publication report. Both journals saw a slight drop in impact factors and the journal is looking at a few strategies to boost the impact factors such special issues and review articles. Michele Schultz joined via phone and continued with the report. The Animal journal is successfully reaching its page budget. The October and November/ December issues have sufficient paper flow to publish on time and will include the rest of the Best Practices papers. Yvonne Reid has requested information on making the Best Practices papers open access and to possibly include them as a virtual or actual book through Springer. The plant journal's paper flow is doing slightly better. The Cryopreservation Special Issue is being published as the July/August issue and almost complete. They are just waiting for the final papers to complete proofing stages. The IAPB issue is still significantly short of the 140 page budget per issue. SIVB has begun to advertise for the next special issue which will be on medicinal plants. The deadline for submissions is March 2018. It is hoped that this may assist IVP to request inclusion in Pub Med in the future. The Publications Committee is currently being approached about changing the cover art on each IVP issue and a request from Springer in regards to adjusting the layout of the headers and footers with the SIVB logo. J. Harbel asked if it was possible to be able to correct and/or purge duplicate listings of reviewers on Editorial Manager. Michele and the Editorial Manager Assistant from Springer can make those adjustments if they are made aware of the duplicates. John is to provide these duplicates as he becomes aware of them to Michele and Jovert at Springer so that they may make the corrections to the system.

M. Fay gave an update on In Vitro Report. They have just released the July – September report and are beginning to work on the Oct/Dec report which will include president report; the lifetime achievement, fellow, and young scientist awards; additional award winners; a call for nominations for next year's awards and new member news. Michele also provided an update on the website indicating that the 2018 meeting website has been built and the 2017 information has been moved to the Meeting history widget on the 2018 site. She also noted that the discussion forum on the main portion of the website has not seen much, if any, use. The last activity was in March.

## 3.0 2017 In Vitro Biology Meeting

### 3.1 2017 Meeting Final Statistics.

Marietta provided an overview of the final statistics of the 2017 meeting. While the registration total of 387 for this meeting was down slightly from last year's meeting in San Diego, it was still a success as paid registration was up significantly from the 2015 meeting and our regular membership numbers have gone up from last year. Raleigh appears to be a solid place to go for our meeting as 25% of the total registrants were local. Cost of the meeting was lower than in other cities and SIVB had great support. It may be worth considering rotating back to Raleigh every few years.

**4.0 Adjournment for Evening.** Meeting adjourned at 8: 50\_pm.  
Meeting re-convened at 8:00am Saturday, October 7th.

## 5.0 2018 In Vitro Biology Meeting

### 5.1 2018 Scientific Program Update

David Songstad gave an update of the 2018 scientific program. Rachel Haurwitz, President of Caribou Genetics has been confirmed as the keynote speaker. Program chairs are doing a great job putting together the program with emphasis on gene editing. Local companies are getting involved in the programs (such as Sigma Aldrich, Monsanto, Benson Hill). David met with some venture groups in St. Louis and asked to have a forum for the startups to interact with the Society. This could be a possible workshop or a Project theater. Before this can be set, SIVB would need to figure out what to charge and what space could be used for this program. **Action Item:** Marietta with Dave and Suhkpreet will work on a plan for a possible workshop or a project theater and then talk to the companies Dave has already contacted to see their interest.

## 5.2 Meeting update.

Marietta gave the update for the 2018 meeting. She noted that the Program Section Chairs have not yet provided the Business Office with the conveners, dates and times for each session so she has not yet been able to start getting the program information for the website. The program needs to get the flushed out quickly so we can begin to advertise it and build registrations.

**Action Item:** Marietta will send out a request to the program chairs for an update and firming up speakers.

**Action Item:** Dave will also follow up with the Sadanand Dhekney and Piero Barone to get the plant side going flushing out the program.

Marietta noted that the Local Organizing Committee is doing a great job assisting in organizing offsite activities.

**5.2.1 Group Registration Rates.** The Local Organizing Committee requested options to offer group rates for smaller companies. These rates would be higher than the rate provided for 20 attendees, but would allow groups with 10 or 15 members to attend at a discounted rate.

**Motion:** Motion was made to set group registration rates for slightly smaller groups (10 individuals @ \$300 per person and 15 individuals @\$275 per person). Motion seconded and approved.

Last year's changes to the Student Buddy program with the addition of optional mentoring was discussed. As this was a new program, the students were given the names of the few supporters to the program and it was up to the students and mentors to schedule meetings.

**Motion:** Student buddies should be assigned to a senior member and have the buddy meet one-on one at least once during the meeting to help the student to network with others in the society. Motion was seconded and approved.

Marietta went over the 2018 statistics for cost and obligations. The room rate is \$169 for Single/Double occupancy. The total room block is 745 and SIVB is required to meet 80% of the room block which is 596 room nights. SIVB is required to meet a minimum of \$35,000 in Food and Beverage fees. She also went over some possible off property events including visits to a River boat cruise, St. Louis science center and planetarium, Cardinal game days, the Caramel Room at Bissinger's Chocolate Factory and 2 locations through Anheuser Busch.

**Action Item:** Marietta will look into the riverboat and Grants farms for offsite function.

**Action item:** Dave will look into Cardinal's games and possible box seating.

**Action item:** Dave will provide Marietta with a list of local companies that may want exhibitor booths and/or to be sponsors.

**5.3 Local Organizing Committee Update.** Dave S. gave the update for the local organizing Committee. They have held a variety of conference calls and several members have been researching options for events, tours and scientific opportunities. They are also working to distribute flyers for the meeting to various universities and companies in the area to encourage their attendance and participation

## 5.4 Fundraising

Sukhpreet gave an update on fundraising. Letters for funding request are delayed because of the program schedule is behind. Looking at many new donors. \$21K USDA grant for student and speakers in particular sessions has been submitted.

## 5.5 Student Update

Foaziatu Bukari and Tristen Wright gave an update on student activities for the 2018 Meeting including a student symposium on publishing which will be held on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm. Other functions

include networking lunch and job interview prep workshop. Students have contacted possible speakers and noted that they would like to have assistance to identify additional speakers for their program and events.

**Action items:** Marietta will compile a list of members who can speak on publications for the students sessions which she will provide to F. Bukari.

**Action Item:** F. Bukari will provide the text of a broadcast email to Marietta to distribute to the students that will request potential questions to ask interview “experts”.

6.0 Tour of Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch  
Board members in attendance toured the hotel and meeting space.

7.0 BREAK

8.0 2019 In Vitro Biology Meeting/2020 World Congress

8.1 2019 Meeting Update (Tampa, FL)

Marietta gave an update for the 2019 meeting. This summer’s hurricane had no impact on hotel. The room block for the 2018 In Vitro Biology Meeting is as follows: Thursday, May 31, 2018 – 5 rooms; Friday, Jun 1, 2018 – 31 rooms; Saturday, Jun 2, 2018 – 141 rooms; Sunday, Jun 3, 2018 – 166 rooms; Monday, Jun 4, 2018 – 166 rooms; Tuesday, Jun 5, 2018 – 156 rooms; Wednesday, Jun 6, 2018 – 21 rooms. The total room block is 745. We will be required to meet 80% of the room block which is 596 room nights.

8.2 Discussion of 2020 Congress Site Locations

Marietta reviewed the potential sites for 2020 previously suggested and noted that she had recently visited Portland, OR and they did not appear to have the space that would be sufficient for our group’s needs. The Board then discussed additional sites on the western 1/3 of the country to determine locations for Marietta to reach out to organize proposals.

**Action items:** Marietta will pursue possible sites for 2020 meeting including Denver, and San Diego, Bellevue, Bay Area, and Las Vegas.

9.0 Financials

9.1 August 2017 Financial Statements

Barbara gave an update on the Society’s financial records. Overall, the SIVB is doing pretty well with a profit for the 2017 Meeting of about \$30K. Royalties are also keeping us out of negative numbers, though the amounts received are significantly lower for the Plant journal as the paper flow was so low and our revenue is generated by how much we publish. Membership is still a little low as well. Unrestricted funds are slightly lower. Currently, the SIVB funds are in an account with low interest. Other Society’s investments are in conservative investments with Morgan Stanley which have drawn good interest. It was proposed that SIVB take the unrestricted funds to a different account try to get a better return.

**Motion:** Marietta and Barbara will shop around for conservative to medium investments on the unrestricted funds currently in the Bank of America fund and transferred the funds to that account. Motion second and passed.

9.2 Approval or Modification of 2018 Budget

- i. The 2018 Working budget was presented to the Board for their approval. While the budget did show a loss, it was designed to be extremely conservative. To be able to achieve the budgeted numbers, we need to have new members and reach out to prior members to bring them back to active membership. We also need to keep steady or higher numbers for journal royalties and meeting attendance.

**Motion:** Motion was made to approve the 2018 working budget. Motion second and passed.

## 10.0 LUNCH

Meeting adjourned for lunch 11:45am and reconvened at 1:00pm

## 11.0 Committee reports

### 11.1 Long Range Planning

John Harbell did not present a report at this time but three items covered during the review of the action items yesterday were part of the LRP's activity.

### 11.2 Nominating

#### 11.2.1 2018-2020 Election

Eugene Elmore was not in attendance so Marietta presented the Nominating Committee Update. Nominees were presented in the BOD packet and Marietta noted that the board needed to approve the slate to proceed with the election. She reviewed the changes to the nominees including: The candidates for Constitution and Bylaws Chair are now TBD; the IVACS Treasurer was now Matthew Desrosiers, and Andrew Truman was now nominated for IVACS Cochair – Membership. SIVB will also be approaching Stephanie DeWitte-Orr to be the IVACS Chair as Josh was no longer able to run for the position.

**Motion:** Motion was made to approve the slate of nominees for the 2018-2020 elections. Motion seconded and approved.

**Action item:** Michael F. and Brad to ask Stephanie DeWitte-Orr to run for the Chair of IVACS Section.

### 11.3 Membership

Marietta summarized the membership committee report provided by Vivian Dayeh. The Membership Committee extensively discussed possible methods to retain and grow membership numbers

*a. Membership Committee recommends to the board to hold the SIVB annual meetings to three or four permanent locations (e.g. Raleigh, San Diego, St. Louis). Holding the annual meeting at the same locations with shown high attendance, on a three or four year rotation, will develop a group of members who attend based on meeting location. Marietta Wheaton Ellis was to bring this recommendation to the board for discussion and report the board's decision to the Membership Committee.*

The board is withholding action until after this upcoming meeting.

*b. Membership Committee recommends to the board to identify three topics/policies that we, as a society, stand for. Marietta Wheaton Ellis was to bring this recommendation to the board for discussion and report the board's decision to the Membership Committee.*

These topics would be used to help membership recruitments. A number of recommendations were discussed.

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*c. Provide steeply discounted membership to the SIVB, and discounted meeting registration for the 2018 annual meeting, for the 2017 annual meeting invited speakers who are not current SIVB members. The invitation to join should come directly from the convener with approved blanket membership form provided by the SIVB office. Marietta Wheaton Ellis was to bring this recommendation to the board for immediate discussion due to timely nature of this initiative and report the board's decision to the Membership Committee.*

**Motion:** Motion was made to offer a 50% membership rate for the following year for invited speakers. Motion seconded and approved.

*VI. Membership committee recommends to the board to consider different membership categories*

1. *Membership without the print journal subscription. Many institutions have subscriptions to the SIVB journal. A discounted membership rate for members opting “out” of receiving the print, or online, journal subscription may attract members to renew their membership.*

2. *Provide multi-year membership renewal mechanisms (2-yr or 3-yr memberships) that provide a savings (i.e. instead of \$160/yr provide \$280/2 yr membership rate).*

*Marietta Wheaton Ellis was to bring these two recommendations to the board for discussion and report the board’s decision to the Membership Committee.*

**Motion:** A motion was made to table the recommendation by the Membership Committee to offer different rates such as no print journal options to a later meeting. Motion seconded and approved.

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### **11.3.1 Membership Statistics and update**

Marietta gave an overview of membership statistics. Member numbers increased to 279 members as a result of the Raleigh meeting. This may demonstrate the importance of meeting location and local support as the membership also went up when SIVB was in Raleigh back in 2011.

### **11.4 Constitution and Bylaws**

No report was given at this time. Marietta gave an over view of the discussions at the June Constitution and Bylaws Committee Meeting.

### **11.5 Education**

No report was given at this time.

### **11.6 Awards**

The report from the June meeting of the Awards Committee was discussed. The Committee looked at the lifetime achievement award requirements/nomination process and at this time decided not to make any changes. They are currently discussing the possibility of streamlining the nomination process, but this is not ready to bring to the board.

### **11.7 Public Policy**

Dwight gave the Public Policy Report. Dwight noted the hard work of Wayne Parrott and Ray Shillito in writing comments to USDA new regulations of GE organism and FDA on statement of gene editing. He also acknowledges that Tom Flynn may have a conflict of interest with public policies of SIVB and his employment with the USDA.

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**Motion:** Motion to have public policy committee to look at a statement on transgenic insects and gene drive. Motion second and passed.

### **13.0 Other Business**

Fredy ask whether anyone has connections with SEED. There may be some overlap with IVACS.

### **14.0 Adjournment**

**Motion:** Motion to adjourn at 2:40pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.



## Action Items for SIVB Board

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**Motions approved at the SIVB BOD Meeting Oct 6 and 7, 2017:**

**Motion:** A motion was made to adopt the agenda for the October 2017 Board Meeting.

**Motion:** A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the June 2017 Board Meeting with noted corrections.

**Motion:** Motion was made to participation in SOT conference as exhibitors provided we have two members to help offset the cost.

**Motion:** Motion was made to set group registration rates for slightly smaller groups (10 individuals @ \$300 per person and 15 individuals @\$275 per person).

**Motion:** Student buddies should be assigned to a senior member and have the buddy meet one-on one at least once during the meeting to help the student to network with others in the society.

**Motion:** Marietta and Barbara will shop around for conservative to medium investments on the unrestricted funds currently in the Bank of America fund and transferred the funds to that account. \

**Motion:** Motion was made to approve the 2018 working budget. Motion second and passed.

**Motion:** Motion was made to approve the slate of nominees for the 2018-2020 elections.

**Motion:** Motion was made to offer a 50% membership rate for the following year for invited speakers.

**Motion:** A motion was made to table the recommendation by the Membership Committee to offer different rates such as no print journal options to a later meeting.

**Motion:** Motion to have public policy committee to look at a statement on transgenic insects and gene drive.

**Motion:** Motion to adjourn at 2:40pm.