



# Society for Developmental Biology

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## WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH YOUR SOCIETY?

### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT SDB**

Below are opportunities for SDB members (students, postdocs, and faculty/full) to volunteer their time to support the programs of the Society. Get involved!

### **AT ANNUAL MEETINGS**

If you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting, we invite you to help judge the best presentations by our Student and Postdoctoral members. Benefits: Identify candidates for your next student, postdoc or even faculty; find out what the up and coming stars are working on.

#### **Best Student Poster Judges**

- Eligibility: Current full members and registered to attend the annual meeting.
- Duties: Before meeting - Online review of eligible abstracts, selection of semi-finalists. During meeting - Oral interview of assigned posters and participation in the final selection process.
- Number of judges needed: At least 12 per annual meeting, more judges - less posters per person. We need experts on as many organisms and methodologies as possible to cover all the poster topics.
- Best poster selection criteria will be provided once accepted to be a judge.
- Contact: SDB Junior Faculty Representative: Laura Gammill, University of Minnesota ([gammi001@umn.edu](mailto:gammi001@umn.edu)).

#### **Best Postdoctoral Fellow Presentation Judges**

- Eligibility: Current full members and registered to attend the annual meeting.
- Duties: Attend the Hilde Mangold Postdoctoral Symposium and select the best presentation.
- Number of judges needed: 3, preferably with broad expertise.
- Selection criteria will be provided once accepted to be a judge.
- Contact: SDB President: Alexandra Joyner, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center ([joynera@mskcc.org](mailto:joynera@mskcc.org))

### **John Doctor Best Education Poster Judges**

- Eligibility: Current full members and registered to attend the annual meeting.
- Duties: Before meeting - Online preview of the education abstracts and selection of finalists. At the meeting - Interview finalists and participate in the final decision process.
- Number of judges needed: at least 2, with interest in education at all levels (K-16, graduate, and postdoctoral training). Will work together with members of the Professional Development and Education Committee.
- Selection criteria will be provided once accepted to be a judge.
- Contact: SDB Professional Development and Educational Committee Chair: Scott Gilbert, Swarthmore College ([sgilber1@swarthmore.edu](mailto:sgilber1@swarthmore.edu)).

### **Hilde Mangold Postdoctoral Fellow Symposium Co-chair**

- Eligibility: Current postdoctoral members in 3rd to 5th year of post-degree training.
- Duties: Before meeting – Online review of eligible abstracts and selection of the best 8 for the Symposium. At the meeting – Co-chair the session with strict observation to timing of each talk.
- Number of Co-chairs: 2, one from this solicitation and one appointed by the SDB President, who is the Chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee. Selection criteria of the 8 symposium talks will be provided.
- Symposium co-chairs receive travel assistance to the meeting.
- Contact SDB President-elect for 2012 meeting: Mike Levine, UC Berkeley ([mlevine@berkeley.edu](mailto:mlevine@berkeley.edu)).

### **Education Symposium and Workshops**

- Current members are invited to propose topics and speakers on education issues for future Annual Meetings, 2012 and beyond.
- Categories of sessions: Symposium - chair + 3 speakers, one 2-hr session per meeting. Workshops/Roundtables - 3 people max each, two 1.5-2 hr sessions max per meeting, and must be interactive with audience.
- Proposals must include: theme and rationale (why this theme is beneficial to SDB members and community), potential speakers (name, affiliation, seniority, expertise), program (talk title, activity type if workshop or roundtable).
- Contact SDB Professional Development and Educational Committee Chair-appointee: Scott Gilbert, Swarthmore College ([sgilber1@swarthmore.edu](mailto:sgilber1@swarthmore.edu)).

### **Solicitation of Corporate/Industry Support for the Annual Meetings**

- Members, including those with ties with industry are invited to recommend and help solicit corporate support for the Annual Meetings.

- Contact SDB Executive Officer: Ida Chow ([ichow@sdbonline.org](mailto:ichow@sdbonline.org))

### **Solicitation of Vendor Exhibits for the Annual Meetings**

- Members are invited to recommend vendors whose products are of interest to the field of developmental biology, especially emerging techniques, to exhibit at the Annual Meetings.
- Contact SDB Executive Officer: Ida Chow ([ichow@sdbonline.org](mailto:ichow@sdbonline.org))

### **University Sites for Annual Meetings**

- Members are invited to recommend universities in the US and Canada that could logistically host the SDB Annual Meetings. This list would facilitate venue choices for future annual meetings.
- Venue requirements: easy access (preferable one or no stops from major cities), theatre or auditorium to seat 800-1000 at plenary sessions; 2-3 adjacent lecture halls to seat 400 people at concurrent sessions; a hall for poster/exhibit sessions large enough to hold 150 double-sided poster boards and 24 exhibits; housing for 500-800 people, on campus and/or adjacent hotels; meal plans.
- Contact SDB Executive Officer: Ida Chow ([ichow@sdbonline.org](mailto:ichow@sdbonline.org))

### **Meet the Directors Reception for Students and Postdocs**

- Students and postdoctoral members are invited to make recommendations to enhance interaction at the Board of Directors' Reception for Students and Postdocs at the Annual Meetings
- Contact SDB President: SDB President: Alexandra Joyner, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center ([joynera@mskcc.org](mailto:joynera@mskcc.org))

### **Satellite Symposia**

- Full members are invited to propose and organize Satellite Symposia on specific topics of developmental biology to be held in conjunction with future Annual Meetings.
- Please check SDB website in the fall for Satellite Symposia Guidelines
- Contact SDB President-elect for 2012 meeting: Mike Levine, UC Berkeley ([mlevine@berkeley.edu](mailto:mlevine@berkeley.edu)).

### **AT REGIONAL MEETINGS**

Six to eight Regional meetings organized by local members are held yearly at smaller venues. The main purpose of these meetings is to provide a collegial environment for junior investigators, students and postdocs to present their work, many at platform sessions.

***Many additional opportunities exist for members at all levels to share and to gain experiences:***

## **SDB Regional Meeting Organizers**

- Full members are invited to organize Regional Meetings
- Contact SDB Regional Representatives:
  - Northwest Representative: David Raible, University of Washington ([draible@u.washington.edu](mailto:draible@u.washington.edu))
  - West Coast Representative: Tom Schilling, University of California, Irvine ([tschilli@uci.edu](mailto:tschilli@uci.edu))
  - Southwest Representative: Richard Behringer, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center ([rrb@mdanderson.org](mailto:rrb@mdanderson.org))
  - Midwest Representative: Carole LaBonne, Northwestern University ([clabonne@northwestern.edu](mailto:clabonne@northwestern.edu))
  - Northeast Representative: Oliver Hobert, Columbia University ([or38@columbia.edu](mailto:or38@columbia.edu))
  - Mid-Atlantic Representative: Liz Gavis, Princeton University ([gavis@princeton.edu](mailto:gavis@princeton.edu))
  - Southeast Representative: Guillermo Oliver, St. Jude Research Institute ([guillermo.oliver@stjude.org](mailto:guillermo.oliver@stjude.org))
  - Canadian Representative: Henry Krause, University of Toronto ([h.krause@utoronto.ca](mailto:h.krause@utoronto.ca))
- Members at all levels are invited to assist meeting organizers run the Regional Meetings.

## **Education or Professional Development Presentations**

- SDB funding for Regional Meetings requires an educational component in the meeting program.
- Members are invited to help organize these educational or professional development talks or workshops at the Regional Meetings.
- Contact SDB Professional Development and Educational Committee Chair-appointee: Scott Gilbert, Swarthmore College ([sgilber1@swarthmore.edu](mailto:sgilber1@swarthmore.edu))

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Many other opportunities exist for members at all levels to volunteer, as listed below. We also invite other suggestions that may be emailed to SDB Executive Officer Ida Chow ([ichow@sdbonline.org](mailto:ichow@sdbonline.org)).

### **USA Science & Engineering Festival (<http://www.usciencefestival.org>)**

The country's first national science festival will take place October 10-24, 2010, in the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC. SDB is one of the over 200 partners to organize educational workshops and sessions, as well as one of the over 150 organizations to host an exhibit at the Expo to be held The National Mall on the weekend of 23-24.

- Volunteers are needed to help in the various events, especially at the Expo, SDB's Where the Wild Things Come From booth. Hands-on activities for the visitors are being planned and volunteers will receive instructions in advance.
- Members at all levels, especially residents in and near Washington who have an interest to interact with the public and communicate their enthusiasm for science, with a smile, are invited to volunteer their time and energy in this fun and important activity. Over 100,000 visitors are expected at the Expo through the weekend.
- Due to limited budget, only light refreshments will be provided to the volunteers. Out-of-town volunteers are on their own for travel and housing expenses.
- Contact SDB Executive Officer Ida Chow ([ichow@sdbonline.org](mailto:ichow@sdbonline.org)).

### **BioEYES** (<http://www.Bioeyes.org>)

- This K-12 science education program, recipient of an SDB grant, provides classroom-based learning opportunities using zebrafish at different school districts in Philadelphia (PA), Baltimore (MD) and South Bend (IN).
- Members interested in learning about this program and bringing it to their school districts, or helping develop modules for other organisms are encouraged to volunteer.
- Contact BioEYES project and Principal Investigator: Steve Farber, Carnegie Institution for Science ([farber@ciwemb.edu](mailto:farber@ciwemb.edu))

### **Science Policy**

- SDB is a member of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) for its public affairs and science policy activities.
- Members interested in activities such as communicating developmental biology and related topics to legislators; in advocating for public and federal support for science; and in providing a voice for SDB in science policy are invited to volunteer.
- Contact SDB Executive Officer: Ida Chow ([ichow@sdbonline.org](mailto:ichow@sdbonline.org))

### **SDB Website**

- Members are invited to provide input on the utility of the SDB Website.
- Contact SDB Executive Officer: Ida Chow ([ichow@sdbonline.org](mailto:ichow@sdbonline.org))

### **SDB Newsletter**

- Full members are invited to submit suggestions for an electronic SDB Newsletter. If approved, the member will work on implementation with SDB staff.
- Contact SDB Publishing Fellow: Marsha Lucas ([mlucas@sdbonline.org](mailto:mlucas@sdbonline.org))

## **Facebook/Twitter/Other Media**

- Members are invited to comment and to submit suggestions on the utility, desirability, and feasibility of maintaining an SDB Facebook, Twitter, or other new media mechanism for distributing society information.
- Contact SDB Publishing Fellow: Marsha Lucas ([mlucas@sdbonline.org](mailto:mlucas@sdbonline.org))