



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 - Joel Smith, Marine Biological Laboratory (joelsmith@mbi.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 - Martin Chalfie (mc21@columbia.edu)

John Doe 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 - Diana Darnell, University of Arizona (darnell@email.arizona.edu).

Hilde Mangold Postdoctoral Fellow Symposium Co-chairs

- 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 will have travel assistance to the meeting.
- Contact: SDB President-elect - Lee Niswander, University of Colorado-Denver (lee.niswander@ucdenver.edu).

Education Symposium and Workshops

- Current members are invited to propose topics and speakers on education issues for future Annual Meetings, 2011 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 - Diana Darnell, University of Arizona (darnell@email.arizona.edu).

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: Martin Chalfie (mc21@columbia.edu)

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 Executive Officer: Ida Chow (ichow@sdbonline.org)

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.

SDB Regional Meeting Organizers

- Full members are invited to organize Regional Meetings
- Contact SDB Regional Representatives:
 - Northwest Representative: Cecilia Moens, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (cmoens@fhcrc.org)
 - West Coast Representative: Nipam Patel, University of California-Berkeley (Nipam@berkeley.edu)
 - Southwest Representative: Richard Behringer, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (rrb@mdanderson.org)
 - Midwest Representative: Carole LaBonne, Northwestern University (clabonne@northwestern.edu)
 - Northeast Representative: Oliver Hobert, Columbia University (or38@columbia.edu)
 - Mid-Atlantic Representative: Geraldine Seydoux, Johns Hopkins University (gseydoux@jhmi.edu)
 - Southeast Representative: Guillermo Oliver, St. Jude Research Institute (guillermo.oliver@stjude.org)
 - Canadian Representative: Pamela Hoodless, British Columbia Cancer Agency (hoodless@bccrc.ca)
- Members at all levels are invited to assist meeting organizers in running 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 - Diana Darnell, University of Arizona (darnell@email.arizona.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).

USA Science & Engineering Festival (<http://www.usasciencefestival.org>)

The country's third national science festival will take place April 26 and 27, 2014, in the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC. SDB is one of the over 500 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 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

- Volunteers are needed to help in the various events, especially at the Expo, SDB's ***Developmental Changes Form All Creatures*** 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 in interacting with the public and communicating 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.
- You can also organize [satellite events](#) in your institution, local schools and organizations.
- Contact SDB Executive Officer: Ida Chow (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)

Science Policy

- 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 join the newly established Public Policy Committee.
- Contact: Public Policy Committee Chair: Carole LaBonne, Northwestern University (clabonne@northwestern.edu)

SDB Website

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

SDB Newsletter

- Full members are invited to submit articles for SDB's e-News.
- Contact SDB Publications and Communications Specialist: Marsha Lucas (mlucas@sdbonline.org)

Facebook/Twitter/Other Media

- Members are invited to comment and 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 Publications and Communications Specialist: Marsha Lucas (mlucas@sdbonline.org)

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