

Proposed Amendments to the SICB DEE Bylaws

March, 2021

Rationale: Under the current SICB Constitution and DEE Bylaws, membership in DEE is not associated with an additional fee, beyond general SICB membership dues. DEE is a large division, and attendance at our annual social and networking event has been limited by finances in recent years. The proposed changes below would add a small annual fee for Division membership (\$5 per member in 2022) to support expanding this event, to make it more inclusive and a more valuable experience for networking and building community among DEE members. The wording of the bylaws changes proposed here does not specify an amount for the dues, so that formal bylaw revisions are not required for changes, which will provide flexibility to adjust the fee.

Proposed changes to the Constitution are indicated as follows.

Additions = **bold underline**

Deletions = ~~strikethrough~~

Article IV. Membership

Membership in the Division is open to all classes of members of the SICB. It is acquired by registration with the SICB business office, e.g., via the SICB web site ~~or~~ when the member pays **all required** dues.

Article V. Administrative Organization

Section 6. Finances

The necessary expenses of the Division shall be paid from the treasury of the Society; ~~but in no year shall the total expenses of the Division exceed the amount allocated for this purpose in the annual budget of the Society.~~ **All members of the Division of Ecology and Evolution may be assessed an annual fee in addition to SICB dues to be used to pay divisional expenses above and beyond those covered by the SICB budget allotment, including support for divisional functions at the SICB annual meeting and other activities, as determined by the Chair in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee. The amount of the annual fee will be determined by the DEE Executive Committee.** No officer or member of the Division

shall have authority to incur any expenses in the name of the Society, except as above specified.