

# **Acarological Society of America**

Business Meeting, Austin, TX, November 11, 2013

- 1) Call to Order: 4:30 PM, Room 16, Austin Convention Center.
- 2) Secretary Treasurer Report (via email)

*Jim Amrine*

*Balance in Acct 12801, WVU Employees Federal Credit Union:*

*\$10968.57*

*Obligations:*

*2 Travel Awards, \$400 each = \$800.00*

*2 Student Awards, \$250 each = \$ 500.00*

*Plaques: abt. \$250.00*

*Total Obligations: \$1550.00*

*Balance: \$9418.57*

*Paypal Balance: \$126.82 [Need to transfer to bank account].*

*Grand Balance: \$9545.39*

*Number of Paid Members in 2013: 42*

*Number of Life Members: 64*

*Number of active student members: 13*

3) Deceased Acarologists:

Clyde McCoy from the University of Florida

Rodger Mitchell - Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University

4) Student Awards:

- Best Paper: **Kaitlin Campbell**; she received a plaque and a check for \$250.00.
- Travel Award: **Haleigh Ray**; received a check for \$250.00

5) New secretary treasurer: **Hans Klompen elected by unanimity**

6) Discussion on ASA Website and Facebook

- Mariam Lekveishvili will inquire about new URL for ASA instead of google website. She mentioned a fee of approximately \$20 per year can be used for this.
- Facebook site for ASA: Two people will try to setup a Facebook for the ASA; Amanda Loftis (aloftis@rossvet.edu.kn) and Michael Skvarla (mskvarla@gmail.com) volunteered.

7) Elections:

- New President: **Ronald Ochoa elected by unanimity**

- Nominations of three new members of Governing board: Three persons were proposed: Jim Amrine, Pavel Klimov and Daniel Carrillo. A winner was Jim Amrine and in a second round there was a tie and all three were approved as board members.

8) Next meeting on November 16 in Portland, Oregon

9) Afternoon symposium for next year was not discussed; however, during the board meeting on Saturday November 9, Cesar Monzo (cmonzo@ufl.edu) proposed a topic for symposium. Tentative title for the afternoon session is “Biological Control in Acarology: Present and future challenges”

10) Morning symposium “Current Trends in Acarology” will be organized by president-elect Ron Ochoa.

11) New President Mariam Lekveishvili assumed presidency for the 2014 period.

12) Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM