

Acarological Society of America Annual Business Meeting – ICE, Orlando, FL, 29 September 2016

H. Joel Hutcheson calls meeting to order at approximately 11:53 am.

- Members present

H. Joel Hutcheson – President

Ray Fisher

Wayne Knee – member of the governing board

Fred Beaulieu– member of the governing board

Daniel Carrillo – member of the governing board

José Carlos Verle Rodrigues – Presiden –Elect

Cal Welbourne

Michael Skvarla– member of the governing board, webmaster

Harold Harlan

Whitney Nelson

Sam Bolton

Monica Farfan – Secretary/Treasurer

- Student member of the governing board

This will be a new governing board position as of 2017.

- Election of new board members – 11 votes in favor for each

Sam Bolton

Patricia Pietrantonio

- Nominee for a president elect – 11 votes in favor

Daniel Carrillo

- Ideas for the next symposium

Carlos H. W. Flechtmann research & teaching overview. J C V Rodrigues will be working on the organization

- Introducing the idea of a second symposium

A tick symposium for the Denver annual meeting

Possible titles: Ticks in the military; At War with Ticks? Joel Hutcheson and Patricia Pietrantonio will be developing the idea

- Book deal with Springer

Title: Contemporary Acarology 2017

Short write--ups of papers given in the 2016 & 2017 Advances in Acarology Symposia and Paper sessions

Rotating editors for each volume, initially consisting of Hutcheson, Skvarla, Ochoa, and possibly Rodrigues.

Will people be reluctant to submit papers? If they submitted a summary paper, it would not interfere with any published material

- Meeting with Alison Paskins at Taylor & Francis, publishers of the International Journal of Acarology

Are they going to give access to the journal for a discount? There is the possibility to free access to ASA members.

- Issues with the journal Systematic and Applied Acarology

Are there issues with the password?

Members who are having access problems should email Monica and Jose.

- Blog –

A separate page on the website

Michael Skvarla will work on this.

Monica Farfan will help solicit contributions.

- Memorials for deceased acarologists

John Conrad Moser (1929--2015)

Juan G. (Rod) Rodriguez (1920--2014)

André Aeschlimann (1929--2016)

Membership Drive Ideas

- Ad in ESA Today for the society
- Create an email list from the program of researchers who have been working on mites Wayne Knee will do this.
- Creation of a mobile app – Does anyone know someone who can do this? Suggestion from the membership was to contact Dan Soneshine.
- A student subgroup – Monica will organize the group initially and create the logo.
- Could we send advertising to someone who can distribute it at other meetings? Monica Farfan – Ecological Society of America 2017 Other possibilities: arachnology meetings, Soil Ecology Society, Soil Science Society of America
- Check Grantome for researchers who received federal money for tick/mite research. Also AFRI NIFA -- <https://portal.nifa.usda.gov> -- recent awards
- Could we decrease membership cost for those in lower--income countries?
- Could we collect multi--year membership fees? 5--, 10--, 15--year access?

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Farfan

Secretary/Treasurer Acarological Society of America