

General Membership Business Meeting – 11 November 2018, 4:30 pm, Vancouver, BC

Board Members present: H. Joel Hutcheson, José Carlos Verle Rodrigues, Sam Bolton, Patricia Pietrantonio, Monica Farfan, Kaitlin Campbell, Maria Navajas, Raul Villanueva, Daniel Carrillo

Unknown number of ASA members present.

Meeting brought to order at 4:30 pm by Daniel Carrillo, President 2018

Treasurer's Report: Monica Farfan

- Balance as of 27 November 2018: \$6993.80

Costs for 2018:

- Student awards: \$600
- Student Travel Awards: \$900
- Plaque refund to Ron Ochoa

Current balance in PayPal: \$ 1192.32

Costs from PayPal

- 65 subscriptions to SAA: \$650

2018 Membership: 80 total

- 10 Life Members
- 14 Sustaining Members
- 37 Annual Members
- 19 Student Members

Membership fee increases:

The general membership voted to approve an increase in membership dues starting in 2019

Dues are now as follows:

- Student: \$10 (\$11 PayPal)
- Active Regular: \$30 (\$31.50 PayPal)
- Sustaining: \$50 (\$52 PayPal)

Two-year payment options are now available for all memberships except student membership.

Discussion of new student member awards:

Proposal for travel awards by S. J. Bolton

- A proposal for a new scheme to award travel money has been proposed by Sam Bolton. An email with the proposal will be sent to members in early 2019 for their consideration. An email with a ballot to vote on the new scheme will be sent out a few weeks after to give time for members' consideration

P. Pietrantonio will solicit \$500 from Carlos Bogran of OHP, Inc. for student travel awards. This funding will be preferentially awarded to students working on plant mites who will be traveling to present in St. Louis, MO in 2019, but others are not excluded.

Elections:

Election of Governing Board members-at-large:

- Dr. Beto de Leon, the Director at the USDA Kerrville
- J.H. Hutcheson will pursue recruitment of this individual

Election of President-elect:

- Monica Farfan, Clemson University

Election of Secretary-Treasurer

- Kaitlin Campbell, University of North Carolina - Pembroke

The Board is also looking for a member to become the new webmaster/social media guru for ASA.

Symposia for ASA 2019 in St. Louis, MO, USA:

1. Current Advances in Acarology - organizers: Monica Farfan and Samuel Bolton
2. Honor symposium for Roy Norton – organizers: Sam Bolton, Zoe Lindo and Adrian Brukner
3. Climate change and acarology – organizers: Maria Navajas and H. Joel Hutcheson

Recognition of deceased acarologists

- Don Griffith
- James H. Oliver, Jr.
- Gwilym O. Evans
- Jean-Louis Camicas