

## Minutes General Membership Business Meeting – 5 November 2017, 5:30 pm, Denver, CO

Board Members present: H. Joel Hutcheson, José Carlos Verle Rodrigues, Fred Beaulieu, Sam Bolton, Patricia Pietrantonio, Monica Farfan, Wayne Knee, Michael Skvarla, Whitney Nelson

21 total ASA members present.

Meeting brought to order at 5:30 pm by J. C. Verle Rodrigues, Current President 2017

### Treasurer's Report: Monica Farfan

- Beginning balance for the year 2017 (January 1): \$6055.80
- Balance as of 4 November 2017: 3816.80

Costs for 2017:

- Student awards: \$600
- Lunch for ESA 2017 (Amended): \$501
- Merchandise and Student Table for ESA 2017: \$808

Current balance in PayPal: \$988.85

Costs from PayPal

- 50 subscriptions to SAA: \$500

2017 Membership: 62 total (amended)

- 8 Life Members
- 9 Sustaining Members
- 27 Annual Members
- 18 Student Members

### Membership fee increases:

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

- Issue raised by J.C. Verle Rodrigues
- H. J. Hutcheson proposed increase in sustaining membership from \$30 to \$50
  - This was voted on by general membership and approved
- Increase in annual membership was proposed for 2019
  - Increase from \$25 to \$30
  - Increase for annual membership was voted on by the general
- A motion was made for an option for paying fees for one- and two-year terms starting in 2019. This was voted on by the general membership and approved.

### Discussion of new student member awards:

Proposal for travel awards by M. A. Farfan and S. J. Bolton

- Profit after paying back ASA for manufacturing costs of t-shirt and sticker sales will be used as the student group, Students of Acarology, vote to proceed.

- There will be a combination of student travel awards (competitive) and the current outstanding presentation awards (first and second place).
- Whitney Nelson of Univ. of Arkansas is the student representative for 2017; Orlando Combata Heredia (Ohio State) is the representative-elect

P. Pietrantonio solicited a \$500 donation for student travel awards from Carlos Bogran of OHP, Inc., which M.A. Farfan will follow up on. This funding will be preferentially awarded to students working on plant mites who will be traveling to present in Vancouver in 2018, but others are not excluded.

#### Elections:

Election of Governing Board members-at-large:

- Maria Navajas
- Raul Villanueva, University of Kentucky
- H. Joel Hutcheson, USDA APHIS

Election of President-elect:

- Samuel Bolton

The Board is also looking for a member to become the new webmaster/social media guru for ASA, or share duties with M. Skvarla.

Discussion of new board members to pursue for 2019

- Susan Paskewicz
- Dr. Beto de Leon, the Director at the USDA Kerrville
- J.H. Hutcheson will pursue recruitment of these individuals

#### Symposia for ASA 2018 in Vancouver:

1. Student symposium: organizers: D. Carrillo
2. General Member symposium: organizers R. Ochoa and H.J. Hutcheson
3. Soil Acarology: organizers S.J. Bolton and M.A Farfan (maybe Z. Lindo)
4. Agroacarology – in memory of James McMurtry: organizers M.A. Farfan, R. Schmidt-Jeffris, G. de Moraes

#### Recognition of deceased acarologists

- James McMurtry
- Gwilym Owen Evans
- Magally Quiroz
- Gerd Alberti