

Minutes
Meeting of ASA Governing Board
Via Zoom Aug 6, 2020 12:00-1:00pm EST

In attendance: Monica Farfan, Lorena Lopez, Kaitlin Campbell, Paula Lado, Beto Perez de Leon, Joel Hutcheson, Ray Fisher

Not in attendance: Maria Navajas, Raul Villanueva

Recorded and Submitted by Kaitlin Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer)

1. **Webpage** updated new webpage at: www.acarologicalsoc.org
 - a. New look and we can modify these easily
 - b. Beto recommended posting a webpage traffic counter that includes where people are located- Kaitlin will look into this.
 - c. Send job postings and information for the webpage to Lorena and Kaitlin
 - d. Paula recommended links to current research publications going on to be added periodically. Add to news page.
2. **ESA Virtual meeting updates**
 - a. Our two symposia will be on demand (asynchronous)
 - i. Advances in Acarology
 - ii. Mitey-Women in Acarology
 - b. Must register for conference (~\$190)- get two weeks to view
 - c. Option of live panel discussion for each symposium has been posed by EntSoc
 - i. This is a scheduled opportunity for speakers to discuss their work or answer questions
 - ii. Questions can be submitted through “chat” in the web conferencing or orally (hand raise)
 - iii. Joel asked- If questions could be submitted asynchronously beforehand to be answered and answer returned to them.
 - iv. Beto asked- How will we measure success of the meeting and promote our sessions to maximize virtual attendance? Monica said the number of participants will be available to us and number of views. Live session will be important to engage in.
 - d. Ray asked- Will people be able to comment on the talk itself or will it all have to take place in the live session. Monica said that there is a chat option within Ecological Society of America that may be similar for ESA, but we don't have information right now. Ray followed up- who has the control of our talks at the end? Could we promote them on youtube or put them on our webpage for after the meeting? Monica thought this will be challenging, but a great idea. Until we know more we can't be sure and part of it might be related to need of funding for ESA. Ray suggested we should table it for now, and maybe in the future consider it.
3. **ASA virtual business meeting**
 - a. Run separately (outside of ESA), large Zoom meeting after talks become available
 - b. Student talks will still be judged by ASA judges and be present at live discussion, if possible for questions.

4. Electronic Voting (2020)

- a. Will take place after the business meeting
- b. A couple votes for ASA leadership will need to happen (Gov. board member, Pres. elect)

5. Budget

- a. Entomological Collections Network was wondering if we would donate funding for support
 - i. For \$300 they put our logo in their meeting program and we are supporting people who use entomological collections.
 - 1. ASA has given funding in the past
 - ii. Current leaning of the board is to not support at this level at this time or at a lower amount.
- b. Kaitlin mentioned that budgeting student awards at \$400 each (x4) is not something that is sustainable with our membership fees that we are getting and may need to be reevaluated in the future.
- c. Monica proposed Emeritus membership of Joel Hallan for ASA. Motion (Joel) Seconded (Ray). Vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ of governing board needed. 7 Yay, 0 Nay, 2 absent. Motion passes.