

Minutes
Meeting of ASA Governing Board
Via Zoom 2-1-2021 11:00-12:00 EST

In attendance: Lorena Lopez, Kaitlin Campbell, Paula Lado, Beto Perez de Leon, Ray Fisher, Maria Navajas, Alexandra Revynthi, Patricia Pietrantonio, Monica Farfan

Not in attendance:

Recorded and Submitted by Kaitlin Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer)

- 1. Break tie -Vote for remaining board member**
 - a. Joseph Mowery vs. Carlos Barreto
 - b. 6 of 8 board members vote for Carlos (75%)
- 2. Joel Hutchison Emeritus Membership**
 - a. 8/8 vote for emeritus membership
- 3. Symposia subcommittee updates**

Symposium proposal	Organizers (volunteers)
<i>Current Advances in Acarology</i>	Lorena Lopez, Emilie Demard, and Patricia Pietrantonio
<i>Acarology in Sustainable Agriculture</i>	Emilie Demard and Samantha Willden
<i>Parasitic Mites and Ticks</i>	Amy Murillo and Lorena Lopez
<i>Multi-Omics Approaches in Acarological Research</i>	Shahid Karim and Lorena Lopez

- a. Low numbers being submitted- need more speakers
 - b. We won't know until June if it will be in-person or virtual.
 - c. Consider offering virtual/pre-recorded options to increase options
 - d. International speakers would not be able to present in person probably and they will still need to pay registration/membership fees. Require advanced submission of recorded presentation.
 - e. Plan for targeting specific people to get commitments.
 - f. Patricia- Mentioned that Multi-Omics approach should not focus on ticks so that Parasitic Mites and Ticks doesn't lose people. Plan to merge them. Patricia will join parasitic mites/ticks symposium coordination.
 - g. Alexandra- concern among colleagues about COVID and costs/benefit weights associated with virtual conference.
 - h. Ray- Could ASA present their symposia completely away from ESA?
 - i. Monica- has experience doing this and could provide input.
4. Student Abstracts
- a. Current plan is \$300 per awardee
5. Subcommittees-
- a. Symposia subcommittee (almost filled).
 - b. Student abstract judges' subcommittee (3 people).
~~— 3 board members have volunteered (anonymous) Kaitlin, Ray, and Alexandra~~
- ~~d.c.~~ Webinars subcommittee:
- i. Webinar series featuring acarology experts from around the globe (1 per continent, 1 webinar per week)
 - ii. Begin putting together a list and work on planning details
 - iii. Ray, Beto, Alexandra- also Patricia can send names

- iv. You can also get members involved if you want to help plan. [Lorena suggested to keep Joseph Mowery involved in this subcommittee \(via email\)](#)

[e.d.](#) Social Media subcommittee (Lorena and Carlos Barreto?)

[f.e.](#) Student group subcommittee

- i. We need to find students that can get the students on board
- ii. Carrie de Jesus- had volunteered at the business meeting
- iii. Will follow up [with students in March 2021 \(after symposia submissions\)](#) ~~with students~~ to connect them together into a student group.

[g.f.](#) T-shirts subcommittee.

- i. Monica, Kaitlin
- ii. Hinges on in-person meeting- should wait until we know.