



ASA Governing Board Meeting

Via Zoom, Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (11:00am EST)

In attendance: Lorena Lopez, Patricia Pietrantonio, Paula Lado Henaise, Carlos Barreto, Ray Fisher, Monica Farfan, Kaitlin Campbell, Student rep: Carrie De Jesus

Not in attendance: Maria Navajas, Beto Perez de Leon

Recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer)

1. Update regarding the new archivist volunteer. What are going to be the next steps in this process? The new archivist will take over the Bylaws, Newsletters, Presidential files, meeting details and some other miscellaneous data (all hard copy).
 - a. Ashley Dowling did not accept the role.
 - b. Clarification on the total amount of the documents: 1 file drawer (24" long)
 - c. Kaitlin said she would happy to take the documents and scan them in and seek out paper storage in a mite collection, perhaps Hans since he has all the literature reprints in cabinets
 - a. Patricia- institutional/museum should be end location with mite/tick focus to keep them protected in the long term. She will also check with Texas A&M Ento collection.
 - b. Monica and Kaitlin will work to find a location for permanent storage of hard copies.
 - c. Lorena will contact the current Archivist to get details about the documents to estimate shipping costs of the hard copy files.
2. **Symposia subcommittee** update:
 - Virtual presentations will be available starting Oct 18th. Recording starts Sept 1st-Oct 13.
 - Speakers' attendance format confirmation: Sep 15th.
 - Sunday- Sustainable acarology (5 in-person, 6 on demand speakers), Current advances (8 & 8)
 - Tuesday 1:30-3:00- Omics symposium
 - Proposed board meeting to be virtual after Sunday session
3. **Webinar subcommittee** update (Beto, Ray, and Alexandra):
 - 2021 webinar series featuring acarology experts from around the globe.
 - Alexandra update- proposed as the first speaker, Maria Navajas to give first talk to draw in crowd because of broad impacts.
 - Planning to start September 2021 (no webinar in November).
 - Patricia mentioned recording it and everyone said it's a good idea
 - Recordings will be posted on youtube (Lorena will make new channel) to be embedded on acarology webpage
 - US Noon time maybe for optimal time to fit global schedules.
 - Ray- Showed list of speakers. Balanced with gender, diversity of people and topics. Board gives approval to continue with invitations and scheduling
 - Flyer for series- Add note on flyer or when announced for each speaker- Recordings will be available



4. **Social Media subcommittee** update (Carlos):
 - a. Posted several already
 - b. Missing Rays, Patricia's, Betos

5. **Student group, SOA** update (Carrie)
 - a. T-shirt and sticker designs decided?
 - i. Designs in the works
 - ii. Vendors have been identified
 1. 100 varying sizes, then ship others
 - iii. Sticker order has been received (Monica has them)
 - b. Doing outreach to recruit more students

6. **Mite Specialist Group (MSG)** update (Ray).
 - a. No updates yet