



Minutes ASA Annual Business Meeting Denver, CO (Virtual)

October 31st, 4:00 MT conducted via Zoom

Attendance: 20 participants

Recorded and submitted for approval by Kaitlin Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer)

CC: Lorena Lopez & Patricia Pietrantonio

1. **Remembering Deceased Acarologists 2020-2021** (moment of Silence)
 - a. Gary Bauchan- Director of Electron & Confocal Microscopy Unit (ECMU) in soybean genomics and Improvement Laboratory, Beltsville, MD
 - b. Keith Hyatt- Member of the former British Museum of Natural History for 40 years, Head of Arachnida and Myriapoda collection
 - c. Igor Akimov- Founder of the Laboratory of Ecology in Ukraine
 - d. Danuta Knihinicki- Technical Editor of Journal Zootaxa, Specialized on taxonomy of Eriophyidae
 - e. Hamidreza Hajiqaanbar- Assistant Professor, department of Agricultural Entomology, Tarbiat Modares Univ. Iran
2. **Symposia highlighted** from this ESA meeting (On-demand content will be available through January 31st, 2022): Current Advances in Acarology, Acarology in Sustainable Agriculture, Ticks and Parasite Mites: From Ecology to the molecular basis of host-parasite-microbe interactions
3. **Treasurer's Report** (presented by Kaitlin Campbell):
 - a. Membership is holding steady, 77 members. 5 new active members and 24 student members (more than in previous years, thanks to the work of Carrie De Jesus.
 - b. Bank Jan1= 7995.40
 - c. Costs= 2717.00, Income \$2780, student T-shirt sales will add more money too.
 - d. More money than we started with at the end of year: \$8580.89
4. **Student Awards** (each student won \$400)
 - a. Abstract award:
 - i. 1st place- Caixing Xiong- Texas A& M University. She had to present in a different symposium due to winning Comstock Award, so she had to forfeit her award (it will be divided among the other winners).
 - ii. 2nd place- Matthew Brown- Clemson University.
 - b. Outstanding Student Presentation:
 - i. 1st On-Demand- Jessica Brown
 - ii. 2nd On-Demand- Rebecca Butler
 - iii. ****Note: After the meeting we added two additional awards so we had an on-demand section and in-person section.**
 - iv. 1st In-Person- Samantha Willden
 - v. 2nd In-Person- Marielle Berto

5. Students of Acarology Group

- a. Led by Carrie de Jesus- Student representative on Board as well
- b. SOA committee members- Emilie Demard, Carlos Barreto, Ashley Jernigan, Hailey Shanovich, Carrie de Jesus
- c. Monthly meetings, 22 registered SOA members
- d. Outreach blast over 20 organizations contacted, Pls and Academic depts.
- e. Selling shirts and stickers at ESA booth
- f. Planning for future social events for new members.

6. Social media Manager- Carlos Barreto

- a. Increase visibility and work of members of our society
- b. Website: Acarologicalsociety.org
- c. Twitter: @AcarologicalSoc
- d. Facebook: @AcarologicalSoc
- e. Youtube: Acarological Society of America Channel
 - i. Will be used to livestream the live webinars
 - ii. If you have other video content please contact board members or Carlos for posting.

7. Nominations for Positions in Election (seconding of the nominees conducted)

- a. President-Elect Nominees (both were seconded)
 - i. Amy Murillo
 - ii. Shahid Karim
- b. Secretary/Treasurer Nominee (seconded)
 - i. Kaitlin Campbell
- c. Board members Nominee (2 new ones needed)- all were seconded
 - i. Maria Navas and Beto Perez are finishing up term on the board
 - ii. Emily Demard
 - iii. Austin Fife
 - iv. Jose Alvarado
 - v. Carrie De Jesus
 - vi. David Nielsen

8. 2021 Election details (Presented by Patricia Pietrantonio)

- a. Election will be open from Nov 10th-20th
- b. Election will use Qualtrics survey. It will be emailed to you along with the biosketches.
- c. Election results will be announced Nov 22nd

9. Webinar Subcommittee

- a. Beto Perez, Ray Fisher, Alexandra Revynithi
- b. Will take place starting next year.
- c. International webinar series with well known Acarologists around the world. Live streamed via youtube or Zoom.

10. 2022 Initiatives

- a. International Webinar series launches 2022
- b. Student and Early Career professional webinar series
- c. New ASA T-shirt designs for 2022 ESA in-person meeting

11. Symposium proposals for upcoming year welcomed

- a. Main Symposium: Current Advances
- b. Acari as vectors: Diseases transmitted by mites and ticks (Maria and Patricia)

- c. Acari Interactions with humans and animals (Beto)
 - d. Soil mites/soil ecology symposium (except ticks) (Monica and Carlos)
 - e. Microbiome of Acari (Beto)
 - f. If you'd like to help with putting together the symposium proposals, contact board members or people on these symposia. Anyone can help put them together!
12. **Adjournment:** Lorena thanks everyone for their help and guidance as president. Kaitlin thanks Lorena for all her hard work throughout the whole year. Lorena turned over the reins to Patricia. Patricia mentioned that she wants to help promote young people and get them involved in the board and society as a whole.
13. **Open floor for members:**
- a. Shahid Karim and Jose Verle mentioned that they are organizing a symposium about microbiomes in the SE ESA (Puerto Rico) that would benefit from microbiome related tick talks. Deadline is Nov 8th.
14. **Meeting Adjourned:** 4:42pm