



ASA Governing Board Meeting MINUTES

Via Zoom, Friday, January 28, 2022 (2 PM EST)

In attendance: Patricia Petrantonio, Amy Murillo, Carlos Barreto, Carrie De Jesus, Emilie Demard, Ray Fisher, Paula Lado Henaise, Alexandra Revynthi, Lorena Lopez, Monica Farfan

Not in attendance: Kaitlin Campbell

Recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell after watching recording of the meeting.

1. **Updates on ASA symposia** during ESA Nov. 13-16th (Entomology as inspiration: insects through art, science and culture)
 - a. Confirmed organizers and symposia (**submission deadline 2/28/2022**, April 16th is notification of acceptance of the symposia)
 - i. Beto de Leon and Shahid Karim (member symposia): “Microbiome of Acari through Art, Science & Culture”
 - ii. Monica Farfan & Carlos Barreto: “What lies beneath? The art and science of soil arthropods (Will be Hybrid and submitted as Program Symposia)
 1. half international presenters, half American presenters, diverse backgrounds, taxonomy, gender, etc.
 - iii. Patricia Pietrantonio and Amy Murillo (member symposia): Current Advances in Acarology Symposium- proposal needs to be modified to fit theme and have a basic list of the proposed presenters.
 1. Lorena clarified the requirements of this, and explained how the student awards are included. Abstract awards must be announced before the abstract submission in march so they can go along with the proposals. Usually they are included in the current advances unless their talk is especially relevant to the other member symposia
 - b. Reaching the students for awards and presentations (Emilie & Carrie): Might be good to specifically email the students to encourage them. Emilie has additional people who are part of SOA but not in ASA.
 - i. Carrie said she would share information of non-member students for additional recruitment to competition/membership.
 - ii. Need update to website for student competition (Carlos)
 - c. Volunteers to judge the student competition (Board members)?
 - i. Receiving abstracts: Kaitlin & Patricia
 - ii. Scoring the abstracts (within the board): Volunteers solicited from board members for judging (remaining anonymous in minutes)
 - d. Amount of awards- dependent on budget (check with Kaitlin)
2. **Webinars update** (Alexandra Revynthi)
 - a. Maria and Denise available on **W Feb 16th 12:00 CT for first webinar** (Alexandra has a mandatory meeting and will need Ray or Lorena to manage the meeting)



- b. Looking for additional member to help now that Beto is retired from the board: Amy Murillo volunteered
- c. Lorena will update advertisement

3. Open floor:

- a. **Special collections Journal Submission: Acarological Methods-** Amy Murillo- Idea- e.g. of past ideas: Methods paper in medical entomology Monitoring, feeding assays, behavioral assays, proposals.
 - i. ESA journal (Journal of Insect Science) Publish institutional knowledge about special collection: Methods in Acarology. Publication rather than passing on knowledge from senior researchers about how to do things in Acarology (collection, behavioral bioassays, ethological methods, water mite methods).
 - 1. had waived submission fee and made it open access
 - ii. Carrie also recommended MDPI- because it is open access.
 - iii. Patricia also suggests Journal of Acarology
- b. Student group Update (Carrie)
 - i. Will have a student meeting in February
 - ii. She will add Patricia to student google drive