

## ASA Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom, Friday 27 Jan 2023, 10:30-11 Eastern/7:30-8 Pacific

## In attendance:

- Board Members: Amy Murillo (President), Alexandra Revynthi (President elect), Kaitlin Campbell, Marielle Berto, Carrie De Jesus, Emilie Demard, David Nielsen
- Past President: Patricia Pietrantonio
- Student Representative: Marcello De Giosa
- Social Media Manager: Carlos Barreto

## Not in attendance: All were in attendance

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

- 1. Introductions- All members introduced themselves
- 2. Website Update
  - a. Every new send their information to Carlos for the ASA webpage
    - i. Kaitlin asked Carlos to fix the minutes page so the columns look even
    - ii. Update board member information with pictures and also the table at the bottom. New board members send info to Carlos ASAP (February)
    - iii. Update terms in table at the bottom and under all pictures
    - iv. Update annual meeting
- 3. Goals/Plans
  - a. Symposia (due march 1st) ESA symposia
    - i. Money may be available for invited speakers, but no guarantees
    - ii. Amy solicited for ideas
      - 1. Overall ESA theme: Insects and Influence: Advancing Entomology's Impact on People and Policy
      - 2. Health related? One Health and Mites potential symposium
    - iii. Student Abstract competition due dates
      - 1. Committee selected (not put into minutes)
  - b. Mite-Y Webinars
    - i. Didn't complete the full year because speakers weren't lined up for the full year in advance
    - ii. Ideas if continuing:
      - 1. Monthly could change to every 3 months to make it simpler
      - 2. It may require new passionate people to do it, and many people don't have time to organize it including those that organized it before. Emilie said she would be willing to help
      - 3. Could join forces and connect with Monthly Webinar series in Latin america's Acarology Society- Alex suggested
      - 4. Will revisit after seminars are submitted (after March 1st)
  - c. Early career mentorship program? Marcello
    - i. 26+ students
    - ii. Symposium for young researchers (Virtual since there are many students from out of the country)
      - 1. Short lightning talks (3min) to share their work



- 2. David- Suggested list of volunteers that want to be mentors on the webpage. Help the students make connections to potential mentors.
- 3. Amy- mentioned early career professionals thing in ESA MUV
  - a. Kaitlin asked- Was Lorena Lopez involved in this, but it was the overall ESA she was involved with
  - b. PACT- Carrie de Jesus mentioned being paired with good mentors through it. Request a mite subgroup. Erin Caldwell runs program and would be open to that.
  - c. Carrie, David, Marcello, Amy & Emilie will come together to lead this effort. Meet after Marcello had a SOA meeting (within the month).
- 4. Future meetings will be Friday mornings probably monthly until symposia are in
- 5. Kaitlin reminded everyone to email her to get current list of members before sending emails.