



ASA Governing Board Meeting MINUTES

Via Zoom, Fri Feb 10, 2023 (10:30-11:20AM EST)

In attendance:

- **Board Members:** Amy Murillo (President), Alexandra Revynthi (President elect), Kaitlin Campbell, Marielle Berto, Carrie De Jesus, Emilie Demard, Carlos Barreto (late)
- **Student Representative:** Marcello De Giosa
- **Past President:** Patricia Pietrantonio
- **Not in Attendance:** David Nielsen

Recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

1) Emeritus members Vote

- Daniel Sonenshine- Unanimous Yea (6)
- Gerry Baker- Unanimous Yea (6)

2) [ESA symposia](#) **DUE March 1:**

- Current Advances in Acarology (Amy & Alexandra)
 - 3 person so far... need to recruit speakers!
 - Students will be presenting in the symposium
 - Maybe look at some tick people. Carrie mentioned Tick people
 - Items needed from Presenters: **Author names, emails, and titles needed by February 24th** for students and opportunity to update in March.
- Other symposium
 - Predatory mite symposium? (Lorena Lopez)
 - Emilie will assist with this- Amy will connect the two of them and let her know of the deadlines.
 - Emerging Invasive Pest Mites and Mite-Transmitted Diseases (Carrillo Daniel, Ochoa Ronald)- symposium proposal is very far along
- Don't forget to book the Business meeting- book for immediately after symposium
- Virtual option?
 - Opens options for additional people and people who are international.
 - Amy could set it up to be on demand option, but only give the option if people are needing it.
 - Students should all be online

3) Awards- Deciding commitment could be shifted a little later to get a better chance of keeping people

- Student awards- timeline- Kaitlin will update the awards scheme for this ASAP for distribution.
 - **February 20th- Open competition**
 - **March 10th- deadline for submission**
 - **March 20th announcing winners**
- Alexandra asked- Postdocs- abstract award competition possibility? Kaitlin said we give 4 awards that use up most of our income for the students.
 - ESA gives awards to early career people too sometimes, 1-2 per symposium
 - Request free registration for the award winner? Waived registration may not be available.



- Amy will look into this- how does the ESA waived registration work for invited speakers. Underrepresented taxa part of ESA?
- Marcello-Possibility of reducing some of the amount of the 2nd place award compared to first place award and reallocating the award to support postdocs.
 - Kaitlin noted that this would require a vote from the membership probably.
- Carlos said- that after you submit your symposium, you get to submit for funding for waivers. Could also give travel money that way sometimes. Symposium must be approved first.
- Patricia mentioned how expensive the conference is for how few amenities we get from it.