



### ASA Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom, Friday 7 Feb 2024, 11:00-12:00 Eastern

#### In attendance:

- Board Members: Alexandra Revynthi (President), Orlando Combita (President Elect), Kaitlin Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer), Board Members: Emilie Demard, Marielle Berto, Carrie De Jesus, David Nielsen, Livia Ataide
- Not in Attendance: Denise Navia (Board)- arrived at the end
- Past President: Amy Murillo
- Student Representative: Marcello De Giosa
- Social Media Manager: Emilie Demard

**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 **Action item: Emilie**
  - a. Make sure that your information is updated on the ASA webpage ([https://acarologicalsoc.org/?page\\_id=53](https://acarologicalsoc.org/?page_id=53)) send information to
    - i. Update terms in table at the bottom and under all pictures
  - b. Update annual meeting
3. Symposia
  - a. Current Advances- Organized by **Alexandra & Orlando**
  - b. Special Collection on Methods in acarology- **Amy & maybe Emilie**
    - i. Soil Mites- Monica Farfan Kaitlin will reach out
    - ii. Med/Vet mites- Amy will reach out
    - iii. Plant mites- Alex will reach out to people and can also do the talk.
    - iv. Managing collections of mites- Sam Bolton (Alex will ask), Hans Klompen (Orlando will ask), Pavel Klimov
    - v. How many speakers? May want to have less speakers to make sure people have enough time.
    - vi. Later will invite speakers into a proceedings sort of publication in a special collections journal.
    - vii. Connects with the empowering future entomologists theme. Empowering Tomorrow with Insect Science. We especially encourage submissions formats that feature innovative dialogue and approaches that include topics which focus on challenges to the future of entomology and opportunities to meet those challenges with new ideas, techniques, technologies, and collaborations with scientists both within entomology and outside of entomology
    - viii. **Action item: Amy**- send a summary to people about what we are looking for from the speakers.
  - c. Ticks- Dave Nielson & Carrie- Broad in scope.
  - d. No virtual components this year
  - e. Symposia are due March 15th
    - i. **Action item: Kaitlin** is workin gon revising the Student competition materials- Submit tentative titles for the presentations, but abstracts were not required until later for the competition. Will move everything later.



4. Keynote Speaker- Acarologist (suggestion by Lorena Lopez)
  - a. Possibly- Heather Proctor, Hans Klompen, Dave Walter (not actively working), Denise Navia, Gilberto de Moraes (not actively working), Fred Beaulieu, Arne Janssen, Ron Ochoa?
  - b. **Action item: Alex** Create a proposal and work with Lorena to understand how they rank the proposals.
  - c. See if grants are available to help the person with travel
5. ASA Latin American Society of Acarology Collaboration-
  - a. Strengthen this relationship to unite American acarologists
  - b. Joining up with seminars – they are in Spanish/Portuguese, but could be in English.
  - c. NSF funding to promote bringing scientists together – more research focused, but could promote collaboration. **Action item:** Amy will look into what this program is.
  - d. Suggestion: Reserve a spot in the abstract competition for a South American student? Problem with the timeline for South American presentations.
  - e. Join conferences? Make a South American visit to North America?
6. Database- Species names online Texas A&M. Request from Joel Hallan.
  - a. It was like a list of species and authors, maintained by different people who were experts in the area.
  - b. Look into species described and authors
  - c. Where is the database now? How can we recover it?
  - d. Could be very important.
  - e. **Action item: Alex-** will contact Sam and Hans to see about the significance and how it works? Dave also knows Joel Hallan and has used the database and can help if needed.
7. Other Business
  - a. **Action item: Kaitlin** will update the Membership
  - b. Promoting the various mite workshops on our website. **Send these to Kaitlin or Emilie for putting on the website**