



### ASA Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom, 12 March 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, Denise Navia, Marielle Berto
- Past President: Amy Murillo
- Student Representative: Marcello De Giosa
- Social Media Manager: Emilie Demard
  
- Not in Attendance: Carrie De Jesus, David Nielsen, Livia Ataide (Board)

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Symposia- reminders- deadline is Friday.
  - a. Current Advances- Most are graduate students & diverse topics
  - b. Special collections- 9 confirmed speakers, already submitted
  - c. Symposium on Ticks- Carrie and David are moving forward with it.
  - d. Business meeting- have lunch provided and advertised in advance
  - e. Key note speaker- too late for this year, maybe for next year. Preference for early career researchers. Consider early career acarologists to be for next time.
2. Student group (Marcello)
  - a. Shirt options
    - i. USDA pictures? May be expensive due to colors
    - ii. Production of shirts- avoid purchasing large amounts of shirts but work with a company that will send them out for us as they are ordered.
      1. **Action item:** Marcello- look into Red Bubble?
      2. **Action item:** Kaitlin will see about t-shirt companies that are used by UNCP colleague
    - iii. Kaitlin will bring the old versions of the shirts to the conference.
  - b. Stickers
    - i. Marielle will help with the some of the artwork options.
    - ii. Metallic stickers?
    - iii. Emilie Demard has a contact she knows that might also design things.
    - iv. **Action item:** Emilie, Marielle, and Marcello- get together to discuss options for designs
3. Website- **Action item:** Orlando & Denise please send your professional picture
4. Student awards
  - a. March 15<sup>th</sup> - Due
    - i. Judges will decide on 2 awards (Judges were selected)
    - ii. Kaitlin will make folder with submissions and then distribute to judges for review.
    - iii. **Action item:** Judges will meet 3/19 to finalize decision
  - b. March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Abstract awardees notified