



ASA Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom, 26 April 2024, 11:00-11:25 Eastern

In attendance:

- Board Members: Alexandra Revynthi (President), Orlando Combita (President Elect), Kaitlin Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer), Board Members: Emilie Demard, Marielle Berto, David Nielson
- Past President: Amy Murillo
- Student Representative: Marcello De Giosa
- Social Media Manager: Emilie Demard

- Not in Attendance: Carrie De Jesus, Livia Ataide (Board), Denise Navia

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Symposia accepted- Deadline for final symposia is May 31st
 - a. Current Advances- 19 speakers, 15 are graduate students, & diverse topics
 - b. Acarological Research Methodology from Lab to Field
 - c. Tick symposium wasn't accepted because it wasn't different enough from other symposium. Only 3 people were signed up anyway. May be able to integrate into the other symposia. **Action item:** David- see if they want to sign up for the other Emilie's symposium.
 - d. May 17th is when everyone was asked to let organizers know of intent to speak. Will let everyone know of final numbers and make final arrangements after this.
 - e. Business meeting- have lunch provided and advertised in advance. **Action item:** Alex email Becky and see if outsourcing food is permitted or if we have to buy the ESA catered food.
 - f. Keynote speaker- Could suggest for this year even, maybe, but more likely next year. Preference for early career researchers. Names that came up: Ray Fisher, Fred Beaulieu, Alex Revynthi
2. MOU- Memorandum of understanding to strengthen ties of ESA and ASA- Don't think there will be no major benefit to either society but only unnecessary paperwork. How we've been handling it with Current advances and business meeting at ESA and recognition of mites as important group is sufficient and good collaboration.
 - a. Emilie mentioned that volunteering and work involved in putting together symposia is not considered part of ESA volunteer work for that society but only ours.
 - b. Could we get travel or awards that we are not currently eligible for?
3. Student group (Marcello)
 - a. Stickers are almost done- Kaitlin says contact her when it is time to order and put credit card in and she will give card number over the phone for completing the order.
 - b. Shirt options- Marielle has gotten black and white options for shirts that also include humorous ones, polo shirts?
 - c. What is the deadline? Just enough time for someone to make sure they arrive at Amy's in time for them to bring them.
 - d. We will have them shipped to Amy and then Kaitlin will bring back the shirts for regular sales.
4. Awards- **Action item:** Ask Ron if he can print two years of plaques this time.