



ASA Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom, 9 August 2024, 11:00-11:45 Eastern

In attendance:

- Board Members: Alexandra Revynthi (President), Orlando Combita (President Elect), Kaitlin Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer), Board Members: Carrie De Jesus, Livia Ataide, Emilie Demard, Marielle Berto
- Student Representative: Marcello De Giosa
- Social Media Manager: Emilie Demard

- Not in Attendance: Denise Navia, David Nielson (Board), Past President: Amy Murillo

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Overview for ASA Symposia
 - a. Current Advances- 17 speakers, 14 are graduate students, & diverse topics
 - i. 12 minutes allocated- 10 min for presentation, 2 for questions, students will present at the beginning. 15 minutes for the last 3 PhD speakers
 - b. Emilie's symposium-
2. Business meeting
 - a. Ron has been contacted about the plaques (current and next president, student)
 - b. Plan to have lunch provided and advertised in advance.
 - i. **Action item:** Alex found that the price was approx. \$25 per person. She is seeking sponsorship for biocontrol companies to cover lunch with a brief option to present something during our business meeting
 - ii. \$25 per person – possibly 50
3. Students of Acarology
 - a. Table is reserved
 - b. Additional Sticker designs
 - c. Marielle made drawings for the new shirt designs
 - i. Other options for color of shirt than black?
 - ii. Material of the shirt
 - iii. Amy will bring them up and then Kaitlin will bring them back and ship them when needed
 - iv. Could we have the sponsors support the shirt cost? May have issues with being associated with a specific company, may not be able to sell them if we have a sponsor.
 1. Alex may ask for sponsorship related to travel support or awards.
 - d. Marcello will be finishing up next year and won't be attending the ASA meeting
 - e. **Action item:** Kaitlin send email to Marcello with current student members.
 - f. **Action item:** Kaitlin contact Monica and see if she can send the ASA tablecloth for the student table.
 - g. Advice- Make sure you print them early enough in case something happens. At least by October.
 - h. **Action item:** Marcello and Marielle decide on shirt/sticker designs and then will send email to discuss purchase costs with Kaitlin
4. Keynote speaker- Suggest for next year by the time of the November meeting. Preference for early career researchers.
 - a. **Action item:** Alex will put out an anonymous poll



5. American Arachnological Society of common names committee- Chair emailed Alex asking if we wanted to oversee the mite common names.
 - a. Currently Ray Fisher is working on updating the Acari listing.
 - b. Entsoc also maintains a list of common names including Arachnids. Unclear about how it works between the two societies.
 - c. **Action item:** Alex will contact the committee and get more details about the expectations and how they partner with ESA currently.

6. Social Media
 - a. Plan to do get social media (twitter/facebook) person next year.
 - b. Emilie is good with helping with the Website no problem.
 - c. May want to check with the South American Acarological Society

7. Elections for next year
 - a. Board members- Replace- Carrie and Emilie
 - b. President elect