



ASA Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom, 23 September 2024, 11:00-11:45 Eastern

In attendance:

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

- Not in Attendance: Denise Navia, (Board), Orlando Combita (President Elect)

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Overview for ASA Symposia
 - a. Current Advances- Sunday 8:00-12:00 Rm. 226 C
 - i. 1 cancellation of student
 - b. Acarology Research Methodologies: From Lab to Field- Sunday 1:30-5:30 Rm. 226C
2. Business meeting
 - a. Ron has been contacted about the plaques (current and next president, student)- he is ready to submit the order.
 - b. Plan to have lunch provided and advertised in advance.
 - i. Alex contacted two companies, but has not been successful yet/heard back
 - ii. Looking at about 40 in attendance probably
3. Keynote speaker- Suggest for next year by the time of the November meeting. Preference for early career researchers.
 - a. Top votes were for Alexandra Revynthi
 - b. Should be within expertise and something you are excited and comfortable sharing.
 - c. **Action item:** Alex will be contacting Lorena about how to move forward.
 - d. Poll is open for another week in case board members didn't vote yet.
4. Students of Acarology
 - a. Table is reserved
 - b. **Action item:** Marcello will send out two positions (SOA President/ASA student representative and Social Media manager)
 - c. Shirts will be ordered from Custom Ink. Aiming at 48 of one kind and 29 of tick other design. \$874.81 + Taxes.
 - i. Marielle call Kaitlin when ready for buying and she can give credit card over the phone. Ship to Amy for driving up to the conference. Kaitlin will bring any remaining ones back with her.
 - ii. Decrease XS and S and increase to larger sizes
 - d. Additional Sticker designs- have some available maybe not need a lot of them. Ron said they could use the SEM pictures from the USDA since they are public domain. Have done bundles in the past.
 - e. **Action item:** Marcello will pick out some designs to share.
 - f. Marcello will be finishing up next year and won't be attending the ASA meeting



5. Elections for next year
 - a. Board members- Carrie and Emilie
 - b. Secretary/Treasurer- Kaitlin Campbell
 - c. President elect
 - d. Set up nominating committee (Alex, Kaitlin & Maybe Orlando).
 - i. Amy- send
 - ii. Alex update the document about elections process in the shared folder.
 - iii. Alex will send the
 - iv. Kaitlin will solicit the biosketches and compile candidates.

6. American Arachnological Society of common names committee- Chair emailed Alex asking if we wanted to oversee the mite common names.
 - a. Oversight of mite common names aren't handled by ESA, handled by Acarologists and Arachnologists.
 - b. Needs:
 - i. Established committee with well-defined rules for handling this to rapidly move through the process.
 - ii. Would need to work through the list that Ray has started on since 3 years ago.
 - iii. List would need to be continued to be updated.
 - iv. Currently Ray Fisher is working on updating the Acari listing but hasn't submitted anything yet. Unsure of the status.
 - c. **Action item:** Alex will ask Ray Fisher about what his status is on this.
 - d. **Action item:** Carrie send contact info to Alex and then Alex will put Sarah in contact with the Primary collections for Acari: National Tick Collection at Georgia Southern
 - e. **Action item:** David- see who manages the collection in Beltsville