



ASA Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom, 12 Sep 2025, 10:00-11:00 Eastern

In attendance:

- Executive Board Members: Orlando Combita Heredia (President), Emilie Demard (President Elect), Kaitlin Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer), Board Members: Marielle Berto, Livia Ataide, Marcello De Giosa
- Student Representative: Paola Villamarin
- Social Media Manager: Allan Busuulwa
- Past President: Alexandra Revynthi (Past President)

- Not in Attendance: Denise Navia Sofia Gonzalez (Social media manager) David Nielson, Andrew Jansen

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Symposia-

- a. **Current Advances in Acarology** (Orlando & Emilie). Current advances has enough people
- b. **Systematic Entomology Laboratory Highlights** (mites/insects/vectors/parasites) (Ron and Orlando).
 - i. Merged two symposia to get enough people for 2nd symposium- may have some cancellations due to Canadian and USDA people who are having trouble with travel. Half of them may cancel. May consider moving them to the morning one and having a single symposium this year.
- c. Luncheon- Checked with Fisher and Nikon about funding for lunch. \$25-30 per person (maybe about 20-30 people) \$1000-2000
 - i. **Action item:** Check with BioBee again. Alex- send the email to Orlando so they can see if they were sponsor again
 1. \$1700 last year
 - ii. **Action item:** Determine when the orders have to be in for the catering through ESA Orlando- Email Becky and find out when this is.
 - iii. If no funding found, we may not have luncheon, especially if there is no afternoon session after the board meeting.

2. Website and Social Media

- a. Website was overtaken briefly through brute force hacking attempts, but website was saved.
- b. Kaitlin has taken measures taken to reduce any future issues: Lock out for failed sign-ins, daily backups, tracking failed log-in attempts
- c. Social media: Allan has moved to focus more on twitter.
 - i. **Action item: Alan-**
 1. Update webpage to remove emails from governance page
 2. Update contact for information about the mite related opportunities.
 3. Tags in facebook- do they need to be approved in order to show?

3. ASA & Latin American Acarological Society Collaboration

- a. Steps taken to strengthen relationships
- b. Orlando has been keeping in contact with them
- c. There's a conference in October that people are planning to attend.
- d. They do webinars every month (can use subtitles if not Spanish speaking)-
Action item: Alan- Add link to website



- e. Suggest Students of Acarology if it might be useful
 - f. Consider what the benefits would be for membership in ASA
 - g. Think about helping with an award for one Latin American student to attend conference. Seek donations for this as an option. They'd need to have a visa to even apply. Would also need to be an ESA member. May not cover all of the funding they might need, but it would be a start to help them get to the conference.
4. Merchandise & Outreach for ASA
- a. **Action item:** Orlando has the tablecloth for the t-shirt sales table and will bring it to conference. Kaitlin will remind him.
 - b. Shirts
 - i. Tick and mosquito shirts were most successful- print more of those
 - ii. Tic tac toe
 - iii. I survive because I Suck
 - iv. Ticks Suck stickers
 - v. **Action item:** Kaitlin will meet with Marielle to discuss how much to purchase and designs.
 - c. **Action item:** Orlando is going to check on OSU old T-shirts from Summer program- can we buy these and sell them at the conference?
 - d. Stickers
 - e. **Action item:** 3D printed stuff? Marcello, Allan, Orlando, Livia- collect and share 3D printed model files with the group
5. Nominating Committee
- a. **Open Positions for 2026-2028:**
 - i. President Elect
 - ii. 2 board members (Marielle & Dave)
 - iii. Social Media?- **Action item:** Kaitlin check with Sofia and see if she wants to continue next year, if not we will advertise an additional position.
 - b. **Action item:** Emilie and Kaitlin will serve as Nominating Committee and coordinate the elections- will meet in October and get things ready for nominations to come in.