



ASA Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom, 10 Oct 2025, 1:00-2:00 Eastern

In attendance:

- Executive Board Members: Orlando Combita Heredia (President), Emilie Demard (President Elect), Board Members: Marielle Berto, Livia Ataide, Marcello De Giosa
- Student Representative: Paola Villamarin
- Social Media Manager: Allan Busuulwa
- Not in Attendance: Kaitlin Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer), David Nielson, Andrew Jansen, Denise Navia (Board Member), Sofia Gonzalez (Social media manager), Past President: Alexandra Revynthi (Past President)

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kaitlin Campbell, Secretary/Treasurer (after watching recording)

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. No updates since last meeting to confirm any cancellations
 - ii. Ron/government members are still uncertain about whether they can attend. >5 people
 - iii. There were a few people who haven't registered still
 - iv. One person put their name forward late, but they didn't submit any of the materials so we can't include her.
 - v. If you hear anything about any issues or changes please let Orlando know so he can update our information.
 - c. **Luncheon**- Checked with Fisher and Nikon about funding for lunch. \$25-30 per person (maybe about 20-30 people) \$1000-2000
 - i. Orlando reached out to BioBee and they said they asked for more information (numbers of people) **Action item:** Orlando follow up when you hear from Becky.
 - ii. Can display supporting company information during breaks and during lunch.
 - iii. Orlando check with Becky to see how much it might be (if we can do an outside vendor or only catering)
 - iv. Microscope contacts are not funding anything and pulling funds rather than supporting any.
2. Website and Social Media
 - a. **Action item:** Orlando-send link to Alan for Latin American Acarology seminars to post on social media and webpage.
3. ASA & Latin American Acarological Society Collaboration
 - a. Orlando continues to connect with students and sponsors in latin America to assist with attending future symposia.
4. Sofia would like to offer her position to an alternative person
5. Merchandise & Outreach for ASA
 - a. T-shirts have been ordered for printing- ASA logo, I survive because I suck, and Mosquito/Tick shirt. (40 of each shirt @\$1600)
 - b. Orlando reached out to Hans about any remaining shirts- some will be donated



- c. **Action item:** Alan- Post on Facebook for the meeting so people can buy them. **Kaitlin recommends holding on this.
 - d. Could we do pre-sales? It's a lot of work to ship anything. Can we put them on the website with the shipping cost? It would be work on Kaitlin to do the shipping.
 - e. May need to increase price to \$25 to make up for the increase in price of the shirts.
 - i. **Action item:** Kaitlin will update the webstore prices.
 - ii. Should we have faculty pay more than students
 - f. 3D printed stuff- Orlando can print some small ones for free. Not sure if we can sell any models that have been made through USDA. Could print some just as decorations for the table.
 - i. Livia met someone who 3D prints things for events. Could be an option to mass produce them easier. **Action item:** Livia set up meeting with person and include Orlando to see about potential prices.
 - g. Maybe table the 3D printing idea for this season
 - h. Orlando can also make CT scans for use in the future.
6. Nominating Committee
- a. **Open Positions for 2026-2028:**
 - i. President Elect
 - ii. 2 board members (Marielle & Dave)
 - iii. Social Media- Sofia would like to step down if there is an alternative candidate
 - 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.
7. We will need judges for the student competition-Let Kaitlin Know if anyone can help with judging.
8. **Action item:** Paola or Marcello will contact all of the students to confirm they are attending for the current advances.