



Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

January 7th 2022, 07:00 (EDT) / 13:00 (Paris)

Present:	Thomas Behar	Chair
	Pedro Pacheco Villagrán	Vice-Chair
	Rosalind Rossouw	Secretary
	Fred Rowley	Board Member
	Ana Bojanic	Board Member
	Séverine Arnold	Board Member
	Ernst Visser	Board Member
	Martin Oymanns	Board Member
	Christian Levac	IAA Director
	Juan Laverde	IAA Section Coordinator
	Jeremy Brown	IAA Delegate
	Stuart Wason	IAA Delegate
	[Quorum achieved]	
Apologies:	Alberto Abalo	Board Member
	David Kirk	Board Member
	Bill Sayre	Treasurer

0. Agenda of the meeting

Thomas opened the meeting. The draft meeting Agenda was circulated via e-mail by Rosalind prior to the meeting.

1. Minutes of last Board meeting

Rosalind circulated the minutes of the last two Board meeting via e-mail, but these were not approved as the Board requested some time to review these and would provide their approval via e-mail. The Board discussed the open action items and the status of each in turn:

- Thomas noted he was still in contact with the Japan Actuarial Association to secure a new Board member from Japan, ahead of the 2026 ICA in Tokyo.
- Stuart took an action to reach out to Alberto as we'd not heard from him for some time now.



2. Scientific & Research committee update

Séverine and Fred presented the four research grant proposals received in turn:

- A proposal to consider methods to analyse mortality and to make comparisons across Spanish regions for mortality as well as between different countries
- A proposal to examine the relationship between greenhouse gas emission forecasts and equity returns and bond spreads
- A proposal to model the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic vaccine apathy on a mortality rates in Sub-Saharan Africa
- A proposal to describe the evolution of multiple yield curves using machine learning techniques

The Board discussed each of these and agreed the fourth topic would be selected for the research grant, although the Board also expressed a reservation that the research team were already receiving funds from another source and the IAALS would either not be exclusively accredited or members would not be able to receive the full benefits of the research output, such as a presentation or materials for publication by the IAALS. Séverine took an action to confirm this would not be the case. The Board also considered whether it would be possible to support the third proposal in some way and Rosalind took an action to explore this further.

3. Brainstorm: how to attract (and retain) members

The Board had a brainstorm session for ideas on how we can attract new and retain our existing members. Ideas raised were as follows:

- People tend to get involved with things if they contribute to them. It would be great to find a project which our members could contribute towards. An example would be a climate risk survey assessing the impact of climate risk in their country;
- Drawing upon a pool of volunteers which could get involved in existing IAA research activity, for example, helping the CRRT;
- Connecting members virtually via a set of various interest topics (Christian noted that this could be possible as the IAA is going to implement a new system for the website, which is like a networking site);



- More participation in special projects which are also driven by members themselves (like the member participation in the IAA Health Board's projects);
- Making it less technically challenging for new members to join and keeping the process online as simple as possible;
- Consider introducing IAA Country Ambassadors to understand why local memberships in different areas around the globe are connecting with sections and some are not; and
- An international mentorship programme idea was also raised, but it was noted that this would take extensive investment to set up and maintain.

4. Organization of seminars and colloquia update

- **Convention A**

Ernst will schedule a call on Convention A IAALS with Thomas and Martin to discuss potential topics.

- **Actuaries du Monde**

Pedro had a request for funding for the Actuaire du Monde seminar in Macedonia. The topic of interest was financial inclusion, and the Board agreed this would be interesting for our IAALS members as well as align with the Board's wish to support the development financial topics in underdeveloped countries. The Board agreed to provide support of \$CAD1,000 and asked Pedro to confirm this was available in the budget with Bill.

Thomas closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

Actions from January 7th meeting

1	Contact Alberto	Stuart	
2	Set up a meeting for Convention A	Ernst	Closed
3	Consider ways to support the Kenyan mortality study	Rosalind	
4	Confirm there is sufficient budget to support Actuaire du Monde seminar donation of \$CAD1,000	Pedro	Closed
5	Confirm the IAALS would be credited for the research output and members would be able to receive the full benefits of the research output	S�everine	