



# Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

August 6th 2021, 07:00 (EDT) / 13:00 (Paris)

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

## 0. Agenda of the meeting

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

## 1. Minutes of last Board meeting

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021: Rosalind circulated the minutes of the meeting via e-mail prior to the meeting so that Board members had an opportunity to review the minutes in advance. Rosalind gave a summary of the agenda items covered and discussed the status of each of the open actions with the Board, and where applicable, discussions were reserved for the agenda items.

The minutes were approved.



## **2. Q2 2021 Financials and 2022 Budget Proposal**

Bill presented the 2022 Budget proposal and the Q2 2021 position relative to the 2022 budget. He noted that we are currently running a surplus, mostly due to a decent size of unrealised gains on investments, even with membership dues running slightly below expectations. Bill then presented the membership history and noted that by Q3 we should be in a better position from this perspective – this is because some renewals are due to occur later in the year, although the group also acknowledged that some members may not have decided to not renew their IAALS membership at this time.

Related to this was the budgeted figure for revenue, which is primarily driven by membership fees. The Board discussed whether it was appropriate to assume \$50 CAD or \$60 CAD here, and what membership figure to apply to this. The Board also discussed 'investing in the IAALS' when it came to budgeting for research grants and prizes. Rosalind took an action to cover this with Bill over e-mail. The Board gave their tentative approval of the 2022 Budget and also agreed to provide final approve the 2022 Budget via e-mail.

## **3. Organization of seminars and colloquia update**

- **2021 IAALS Virtual Colloquium**

Juan provided the Board with an update in Alberto and Ernst's absence. The call for abstracts had been extended from August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speakers have been agreed and is hoping to have all of their sessions confirmed by the August 13<sup>th</sup> so advertising and marketing can commence. The milestone for the website launch is August 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the milestone date for registrations being September 6<sup>th</sup>. This timeline then leaves one month for promotion and registrations. Juan confirmed Actuvie is being kept in the loop for marketing purposes. Juan also hopes to circulate a save the date around the week ending August 20<sup>th</sup> but keynote speaker confirmation is required ahead of this.

- **2022 Colloquium Hong Kong**

Bill let the Board know that he hoped to have more information for the September Board meeting update. Thomas asked Bill to try to encourage the committee to opt for a virtual conference.

- **2023 Congress Sydney**

Fred let the Board know that the Steering Committee held a meeting recently and that the plan is to have a hybrid virtual and in person conference. Christian



added that there will be some flexibility for the speakers who aren't able to come to Australia to present virtually too.

Christian asked whether the IAALS would contribute towards the best paper prize for ICA 2023. The organisers had set aside \$3,000 AUS per prize. The Board agreed that the quality of the papers awarded prizes in the past were exceptional and that it would be a good idea to encourage strong contributors to submit their papers for the congress. Rosalind noted that for the research grant we had previously agreed an amount of up to \$50,000 CAD, so \$3,000 AUS is comparatively lower. The Board agreed to contribute to the best paper prize for the ICA 2023 Congress.

#### **4. Webinars**

Pedro gave an update on the webinar which occurred on July 29<sup>th</sup>. He noted it was an interesting webinar, which wasn't too technical. There were 20 attendees and the recorded webinar is available for members to view.

#### **5. Any other business**

As part of agenda item 2, the Board also had a discussion on how to increase investment in our members. A suggestion was made to consider forming local IAALS Chapters. Christian took an action to circulate the information package which ASTIN sends out and any information on how other sections create podcasts for their members – Juan took an action to send podcast episodes to Board with a link to the IAALS website. Rosalind took an action to consider how best to structure a local chapter so that it doesn't add to the Board's existing responsibilities. Pedro also suggested that each member of the Board lead a small project and then you can engage members as volunteers. Other ideas discussed also included hosting smaller cross-sectional events. These ideas will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Thomas closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.



<b>Actions from 6<sup>th</sup> August meeting</b>			
1	Conclude 2022 budget via e-mail	Rosalind and Bill	Closed
2	Circulate the information package which ASTIN sends out	Christian	Open
3	Send podcast episodes to Board with a link to the IAAHS website	Juan	Open
4	Consider how best to structure a local chapter	Rosalind	Closed
<b>Actions from 2<sup>nd</sup> July meeting</b>			
1	Let Martin know when regular posting to the group could commence	Rosalind and Ana	In progress
3	Connect with someone at <i>Actuaires du Monde</i> to find out whether there is some activity we could support financially	Thomas	Thomas has connected – item kept open as discussions are ongoing
<b>Actions from 4<sup>th</sup> June meeting</b>			
1	Consider having a webinar immediately after the 2022 AGM to attract higher attendance numbers	All	Carried to 2022
<b>Actions from 7<sup>th</sup> May meeting</b>			
<b>Membership Survey actions</b>			
1	Cast the net of request for IAALS assistance wider	All	Reminder
<b>2021 IAALS Virtual Colloquium</b>			
2	Involve Martin with the marketing of the upcoming IAALS Virtual Colloquium	Ernst and Alberto	In progress
3	Send Ernst ideas for keynote speakers and academics	All	Closed
<b>Any other business</b>			
5	Board members to consider if they would like to be delegates of the advance committee.	All	Reminder