



Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

July 2nd 2021, 07:00 (EDT) / 13:00 (Paris)

Present:

Thomas Behar	Chair
Pedro Pacheco Villagrán	Vice-Chair
Bill Sayre	Treasurer
Rosalind Rossouw	Secretary
Ernst Visser	Board Member
Martin Oymanns	Board Member
Séverine Arnold	Board Member
Fred Rowley	Board Member
Ana Bojanic	Board Member
Christian Levac	IAA Director
Juan Laverde	IAA Section Coordinator
Jeremy Brown	IAA Delegate

Apologies:	[Quorum achieved]	
	Alberto Abalo	Board Member
	Stuart Wason	IAA Delegate

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

June 4th 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. There was some discussion on timing of the next Board meeting in August. Juan confirmed the invitations for the coming IAALS Board year had not yet been circulated.

The minutes were approved.



2. Activities

Rosalind had a few LinkedIn questions for Juan which she had suggested taking offline with Ana and Juan. Rosalind and Ana took an action to let Martin know when regular posting to the group could commence.

3. Organization of seminars and colloquia update

- **2021 IAALS Virtual Colloquium**

Ernst provided the Board with an update. The call for abstracts had been agreed and the next step was to organize keynote speakers. Juan let the group know that 33 submissions had been received and suggested we may need to extend the call for speakers deadline. Thomas reminded the Board about the importance of marketing of the event, for example, save the date and registration information. The Board agreed it would be a good idea to shift the focus to marketing once a keynote speaker became available. Rosalind asked whether we would be able to promote the event with our local societies. Juan was not sure who the IFoA FMA was and took an action to ask. Rosalind also asked whether speakers needed to be IAALS members, and Thomas confirmed they did not need to be.

- **2022 Colloquium Hong Kong**

Bill let the Board know that he had not received any further communication from the committee as to whether the colloquium would be virtual or live, but noted at the time of the last discussion the thought was that it would be virtual. He will update the Board should he receive any further information.

- **2023 Congress Sydney**

Fred let the Board know that he did not have much to report. He noted that in person attendance would depend on the possibility and appetite for international travel.

4. Webinars

Pedro gave an update on the upcoming webinar, which was planned for the 29th of July. He would continue to work towards this date to ensure everything is in place.

Rosalind suggested a possible webinar in September on the topic of the impact of mortality as a result of climate change / the pandemic. Alternatively, the topic could be covered as part of the virtual conference in October.



5. Scientific & Research committee update

Séverine let the Board know that the research grant call for proposals has been circulated and we'll wait to see what responses we get in return.

6. Any other business

Bill noted there was a meeting of the treasurers and chairs in the coming week. He also noted we will likely review the financials at our next meeting in August.

Thomas raised that he had received a request from *Actuaires du Monde* for funding. Although we agreed we had a healthy surplus available, the Board agreed more information was required before we could consider doing so. Thomas also suggested we could ask if they had a Life-oriented activity or a particular Life-themed mission which we could support instead, so that any funding would in turn give IAALS members value. Thomas took an action to connect with someone at *Actuaires du Monde* to find out whether there is some activity we could support financially.

Séverine asked whether the Board had concluded on the best paper prize award, as it would be best to include this in the call for speakers. She also noted there was an upcoming discussion with the scientific committee, and she asked for the views of the Board ahead of this, in particular whether we would prefer to have one award which could be shared with all the contributing Sections. Fred responded by saying that he believed that if we were going to give money for a prize, it would be really good to get the brand of the Life Section visible, and whether that meant that it had to be a separate IAALS prize. He also asked whether all Sections would contribute the same amount towards an award. Séverine noted that the discussion held to date were that we don't know whether there will be a lot of submissions – if there aren't many, one prize may be more reasonable; if there are sufficient submissions, one award per Section may be more suitable. So the outcome may depend on the number of submissions. Ernst also suggested there could be a combined prize for all Sections which we could contribute to, and a small IAALS prize. Fred added that if we receive a really terrific paper that he felt we should award a prize. The Board agreed to wait to see how many submissions are received and the quality of the papers submitted.

Thomas closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.



Actions from 2nd July meeting			
1	Let Martin know when regular posting to the group could commence	Rosalind and Ana	In progress
2	Who is the IFoA FMA	Juan	Open
3	Connect with someone at <i>Actuaires du Monde</i> to find out whether there is some activity we could support financially	Thomas	In progress
 Actions from 4th June meeting			
1	Consider having a webinar immediately after the 2022 AGM to attract higher attendance numbers	All	Carried to 2022
 Actions from 7th May meeting			
Membership Survey actions			
1	Cast the net of request for IAALS assistance wider	All	Reminder
 2021 IAALS Virtual Colloquium			
2	Involve Martin with the marketing of the upcoming IAALS Virtual Colloquium	Ernst and Alberto	
3	Send Ernst ideas for keynote speakers and academics	All	Closed
 Any other business			
5	Board members to consider if they would like to be delegates of the advance committee.	All	Reminder