



Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

October 1st 2021, 07:00 (EDT) / 13:00 (Paris)

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

0. Agenda of the meeting

Thomas opened the meeting and welcomed David Kirk to the IAALS Board. David introduced himself to the Board. The meeting Agenda was circulated via e-mail by Rosalind prior to the meeting.

1. Minutes of last Board meeting

September 3rd 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. Organization of seminars and colloquia update

- **2021 IAALS Virtual Colloquium**

Ernst asked the Board for a moderator for the afternoon session and Ana volunteered to assist. Juan also reminded the Board to register for the colloquium. Thomas asked how many individuals had registered for the colloquium and Juan confirmed that at the time there were 107 people registered. Séverine provided the Board with an update on the review of the papers for the best prize and asked the Board to respond to her and Fred's final selection via e-mail. She also noted that both she and Fred may have a conflict of interest as they both know the authors of the papers, so they will remain as objective as possible when reviewing the papers, and they selected papers by Katja Hanewald and Qiqi Wang. Subsequent to the call, as a standard procedure to proceed with the payment of the Best Paper Award from the Online Joint Section Colloquium 2021, Bill approved remittance of funds to Juan. The prize is \$1000 CAD that will be divided between the two authors.

- **2022 Colloquium Hong Kong**

Bill expressed some concern to the Board as the call for papers had only received 13 responses to date. Because of the significant decline in responses, the deadline has been extended to the end of the year. Bill also hoped that increased marketing would help in this regard. He confirmed that there are 5 sponsors to date and gave an update on the keynote speakers and noted that it would be desirable for Thomas to moderate the keynote session, since he would be able to do so virtually.

- **2023 Congress Sydney**

Christian asked the Board whether we could consider having a Board meeting in Sydney and an AGM. The Board were optimistic that this might be possible, in conjunction with a hybrid meeting for those unable to be in Sydney. Christian also raised a question on the prize pool and Rosalind took an action to confirm what the Board had previously agreed in this regard. Fred reminded the Board to forward on any sponsorship connections. Rosalind asked a question about conference fee reimbursement and Fred noted this was still under consideration. Thomas suggested the committee consider a reimbursement policy given the global situation, and Fred agreed there was a requirement for flexibility in this regard. Christian added that more details should follow when registrations open in the new year.

3. Webinars



Rosalind let the Board know that she had reached out to the IFoA and was awaiting a response. She also suggested we could achieve synergies with other IAA working groups who may not necessarily be researching life specific topics, but where their research does impact life more broadly, for example, the recent climate change talk given by the IAA's Climate Risk Taskforce. A final idea was for the IAALS to include a wider 'Call for IAALS webinars' via e-mail, much like a call for papers for the recent colloquium. We could also circulate this to our local or regional societies.

The Board agreed that it would add value if Christian or Juan to keep Rosalind and Pedro informed of any upcoming webinars that might appeal to IAALS members, even if these are only in the pipeline.

Pedro raised a question as to whether we could profile existing webinars which were available for members to watch. Stuart agreed there may be an opportunity to promote material that is readily available in the YouTube bank more widely.

Martin agreed that it would be good to also receive a notification with a link so these can be posted and promoted further.

The Board agreed this was a great idea which would enhance member engagement. In summary, if we receive a notification of upcoming webinars, we can then link up with Martin to make sure we are all aligned from a promotion perspective.

4. Scientific & Research committee update

Séverine informed the Board that unfortunately no responses had been received for the call for the research grant. She urged the Board to consider how we can better promote this, and noted that without appropriate promotion we won't receive sufficient responses. Rosalind suggested reminding attendees at the upcoming colloquium. Thomas suggested extending the deadline to ensure candidates had enough time to respond. The Board agreed to a two month extension. Séverine suggested we continue to promote the research grant on Actuviv, on the IAALS website and also via our own network connections. David added that it would be useful to have a mechanism which tracks responses so in future we can understand which promotional avenues and channels work better than others.

5. Any other business

Bill had an AOB item which he agreed to circulate via e-mail.



Thomas closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

- Actions from 1st October meeting**
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| 1 | Confirm what the Board had previously agreed for the Sydney Congress Prize pool | Rosalind | Closed
(see below) |
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- Actions from 3rd September meeting**
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| 1 | Gesa to gain access to LinkedIn Group | Martin
and Juan | |
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Extract from the August 2021 minutes:

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.