



# Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

September 3rd 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
	Séverine Arnold	Board Member
	Ernst Visser	Board Member
	Martin Oymanns	Board Member
	Christian Levac	IAA Director
	Juan Laverde	IAA Section Coordinator
Stuart Wason	IAA Delegate	
<b>Apologies:</b>	[Quorum achieved]	
	Alberto Abalo	Board Member
	Jeremy Brown	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

August 6<sup>th</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.



For completeness, Thomas conducted a vote for the 2022 budget which was circulated via e-mail for approval. The 2022 budget was approved.

Thomas also held a discussion to close the amount of the best paper prize award. Séverine suggested a prize amount of \$1,000 CAD which aligned with the prize amount given by other sections. The Board agreed this amount was reasonable for a virtual conference as it was also in line with the prize awarded for the most recent Paris virtual colloquium and was also lower than the amount agreed for the Sydney congress. Thomas then held a vote for the Board to agree a virtual conference best paper prize of \$1,000 CAD. The Board voted in favour and the prize amount of \$1,000 CAD was approved.

## **2. Activities to retain and attract members**

The Board had a group discussion on this topic. The first point raised was the LinkedIn Group and posting within the group. The Board agreed the best approach was to allow Geza and Martin to be able to post into the LinkedIn Group directly.

The suggestion of establishing various chapters was then discussed, and in particular, the idea of setting up a pilot chapter. The Board looked at the list of ranked local associations and agreed that most of these in the top five have their own locally run activities, making setting up a chapter more challenging and there may not be an appetite for any further IAALS activity.

The Board agreed there could potentially be more synergies achieved between local societies and the IAALS, for example, when it comes to advertising our conferences and webinars, in order to attract new members to these. A suggestion was made to investigate whether Board members could connect with their local associations and find out what can be achieved here.

Stuart noted there may be more appetite in Canada for a local section or chapter and will investigate this further in 2022.

The Board also agreed that it may not be clear to non-members how they can become members. Some can do so automatically when they renew their local memberships and others may not be able to do this. Juan noted there was information available on the website but the Board also noted that a non-member would need to know where to look on the website itself. Pedro suggested we could create a short video which detailed the benefits of joining the life section. Ana suggested that it might help if local societies could include a



paragraph or a short description in their renewal form itself or educational material stating the benefits of signing up to the IAALS when you automatically renew your local society subscription.

The Board also discussed the idea of podcasts but felt that webinars were the most value-add activity for the IAALS at this time. Martin also suggested we could promote the IAALS webinars more widely on Actuvew.

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

- **2021 IAALS Virtual Colloquium**

Ernst provided the Board with an update noting the virtual colloquium is broadly on track. Ernst suggested that it would be good if we were able to give a general update on the IAALS so that non-members attending the sessions may consider joining the IAALS. The Board suggested this was a good idea, but felt it would be best if combined with other sections. Ernst also asked for a volunteer to introduce the keynote session and Rosalind confirmed her availability to do so. Severine also added that she would like support with a shortlist selection of the best paper and the Board agreed that she could complete a first review and share her top selection with the Board for consideration. Bill also said he could make himself available to support Ernst as a parallel session moderator for the afternoon.

- **2022 Colloquium Hong Kong**

Bill let the Board know that there hadn't been a call since the last Board meeting. Christian noted the deadline for the call for papers had passed. The Board asked Bill to continue to try to encourage the committee to opt for either a virtual or hybrid conference.

- **2023 Congress Sydney**

Fred let the Board know that call for papers had been circulated. He also confirmed that the nature of the congress would be hybrid and asked Board members to get in touch if they had any connections which could help with sponsorship.

Thomas closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.



- Actions from 3<sup>rd</sup> September meeting**
- 1 Geza to gain access to LinkedIn Group Martin and Juan
- Actions from 2<sup>nd</sup> July meeting**
- 3 Connect with someone at *Actuaires du Monde* to find out whether there is some activity we could support financially Thomas Thomas has connected – item kept open as discussions are ongoing
- Actions from 4<sup>th</sup> June meeting**
- 1 Consider having a webinar immediately after the 2022 AGM to attract higher attendance numbers All Carried to 2022
- Actions from 7<sup>th</sup> May meeting**
- 1 Cast the net of request for IAALS assistance wider All Reminder
- Any other business**
- 5 Board members to consider if they would like to be delegates of the advance committee. All Reminder