



# Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 07:00 (EST) / 13:00 (Paris)

## AGENDA

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| 0. Agenda of the meetings and notes                    | Thomas         |
| 1. Minutes of last Board meeting for approval          | Thomas         |
| 2. Research / Scientific committee                     | Fred           |
| 3. Organization of seminars and colloquia update       |                |
| - 2024 JoCo Brussels                                   | Rosalind/Ana   |
| · Recording/virtual day                                | Martin         |
| - 2025 Online event                                    | Martin & Ernst |
| - 2025 Colloquium Brazil                               | Pedro & Bill   |
| - 2026 Congress Tokyo                                  | Takuro         |
| 4. Webinars  | Pedro          |
| 5. Expansion of the Life section                       | Martin/Simone  |
| - Interview series with climate practitioners          |                |
| 6. Pandemic/mortality conclusions                      | Pedro          |
| 7. Value proposition of the Life Section               | Pedro          |
| - Initiative for quarterly informal virtual gatherings | Rosalind       |
| 8. Any other business                                  |                |



#### Board members

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- Pedro Pacheco Villagrán (Mexico) – Vice-Chair
- Bill Sayre (United States) – Treasurer
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- Martin Oymanns (Germany)
- Ernst Visser (The Netherlands)
- Takuro Sorihashi (Japan)
- David Kirk (South Africa)
- Simone Brathwaite (Barbados)

#### IAA Delegates

- Gunn Albertsen

#### IAA Director

- Christian Levac

#### IAA Section representative

- Teboho Mabeba

#### Absent Board Members

- Mike Lombardi (Canada)
- Rosalind Rossouw (United Kingdom)
- Fred Rowley (Australia)

## MINUTES

### 0. Agenda of the meeting and notes

The agenda for today's meeting was adopted without any changes.

### 1. Minutes of last Board meeting for approval

Minutes of the January Board meeting were approved.

### 2. Research / Scientific committee

Re: the new call for research, Thomas confirmed with Christian that 5 applications were received, and asked Christian to prepare a list and share with the Board. The Scientific committee will be reviewing these.



Re: the current research in progress, Christian updated that we received a request from the researchers to re-allocate the funds – \$15k out of the 30k budget was for high performance computers, licenses etc for their research, but they didn't use most of this as the university provided the equipment needed. Fred, Severine & Bill reviewed this and the proposal is that \$5k to be re-allocated to aid in publishing of the paper; 2,5k for conference attendance (including JoCo) and +1,5k for acceptability of the final paper; the savings for the Section would then be around \$2k compared to the original budget. The abstract has been submitted to JoCo already. The Board agreed, and Christian will notify the researchers.

### 3. Organization of seminars and colloquia update

#### - **2024 JoCo Brussels** (September 22-25 2024)

Ana updated that the two points to discuss were:

- the costs of the recording/virtual option for the IAALS content at the colloquium since the IAALS is the only section that was in favor of this option; Martin has updated information regarding the costs based on a meeting with the Belgians on this topic two days ago, and
- paper/abstract selection (which Mike & Severine were leading), given that the deadline for paper/abstract approvals is next week (February 15<sup>th</sup>).

The next joint call regarding the JoCo is scheduled for the week of February 19<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the second point above, Ana updated that around 20 abstracts were received but only a few papers; and agreed to share more detailed info with the Board.

Regarding the first point, Martin updated that the cost range for recording was between 3.800-7.500 EUR for 1-3 days. Our feedback was that we would be interested in maximizing the broadcasting, considering how our budget is 10.000 EUR. We are waiting on feedback regarding the final price, so that we can provide a specific proposal to the Board. Regarding realization, Martin's idea is that we offer an IAALS "webinar" in which the recordings would be live streamed at that IAALS members could join for free. So the cost would be just the people on site.

#### - **2025 IAALS Online Colloquium**

Martin presented the current proposal including the marketing leaflet; main points:

- One-day online event in September/October 2025
- Open and free for all IAALS members (to join, have to become a member)
- One stream program with 2 selected keynotes and 6 technical sessions (we will invite speakers for these 8; no call for papers)
- In afternoon, 3 parallel moderated breakout session rooms (we will choose subtopics based on main conference topic)



- Current working title is Strategic responses to Long-term risks (climate, interest rates & inflation, demographic developments), which should then be implemented in the program
- Other IAA Sections also welcome as hosts or for joint keynotes etc (will be discussed once we get feedback)

Martin also presented the implementation options (basic zoom, advanced event platform, full service) with associated quotes on costs for the three options (based on 300 participants). He also clarified his link with actuvie: actuvie is operated by the AMC (Actuarial Media Center), which is a 100% daughter company of the German Association of Actuaries, for which he works.

Takuro added that since the 2026 ICA will be one year after this event, that it would be very useful to include some marketing for it at the event. This was confirmed possible by Martin.

The Board also discussed whether the current proposed topics would be aligned in the case of Life only vs. other Sections joining. Most were of the view that we should stick to just the Life Section.

Martin temporarily disconnected from the call while the rest of the Board voted on the option. The Board voted in favor of using actuvie for this event including the full service package.

Martin joined the call again after the vote, noting that we would need someone working on the program. Thomas offered to help, as well as Takuro and Simone, and tentatively Bill.

- **2025 Colloquium Brazil**

Christian updated on an email Thomas sent that morning, with 2 documents: an agreement between the IAA/Sections and the Brazilian association, and the agreement between the Sections regarding how the colloquium will be run, responsibilities regarding potential surpluses/deficits, and responsibilities of the Brazilian section in terms of marketing etc. Bill said he was comfortable signing. Pedro (also in favor) raised the concern of how to best market this outside of Brazil to make sure attendance was high enough to not cause a deficit, which the Board discussed.

The Board voted in favor on signing this agreement.

- **2026 Congress Tokyo**

Takuro updated that the call for sponsorship was posted on the website.

#### 4. Webinars

Pedro updated that he has been looking at the ASTIN bulletin papers which Christian sent and hopes that we will have our first webinar by end-of-March. There are some interesting topics on life issues so he is hoping to have good news by the next meeting.



## 5. Expansion of the Life section

Martin and Simone briefly updated that interview series progress is going well; they are in realization of the first 2 interviews, which will be recorded this month & next month.

## 6. Other topics

Date of the **2024 AGM**: Thomas noted that usually the Colloquium or Congress is in the first half of the year and that is where the GM takes place since it should be in H1; this year is a bit different since the Brussels colloquium is in the second half of the year. But the general consensus is that this is OK and is what the other sections are doing as well. The Board agreed this would be OK. Christian noted that we will need to have the final room/session arrangements for the JoCo to see what & when is available. His idea is to have the GM be 1,5 hour, including the Ragnar prize announcement in the first half, which could increase engagement.

Regarding Board membership, Thomas noted that other than him, two other Board members have terms expiring in 2024; he is in touch with them regarding their wishes for reelection. So there will be a vote, including a vote for the new Board Chair. So far, Pedro is interested in this position.

**The next meeting will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## ACTION ITEMS

(purple items are NEW, from this meeting)

### 1. Research

- ~~— Promote Call in own communities broadly (All)~~
- Reach out to research team to request invoices be sent prior to year-end (Christian)
- Get back to Ron Richmond re: review process for the paper (Fred)
- ~~— Send out (email) reminder for new call for research (Christian?)~~
- ~~— Post call on social media/LinkedIn (Tebo)~~
- Compose list of new applicants with topics & circulate with the Board (Christian)
- Notify current researches of approval to reallocate funds (Christian)

### 2. 2024 JoCo (Brussels)

- Suggest potentials sponsors (All)
- Circulate Excel with papers/abstracts received for IAALS (Ana)



### 3. Webinars

- ~~— Provide Pedro with email alternative address for Lisa Wells (Christian)~~
- Provide ideas for future web sessions to Pedro (All)
- ~~— Provide Pedro with contact information for Marc Tadif (Christian)~~

### 4. Value proposition of the Life Section

- Circulate short questionnaire to board members (Pedro/all)
- Introduce Thomas to chair of the SOA International Section (Mike)