



Life Section Board Zoom-meeting

February 3rd 2023, 07:30 (EDT) / 13:30 (Paris)

Present:	Thomas Behar Pedro Pacheco Villagrán Bill Sayre Rosalind Rossouw Ana Bojanic Ernst Visser Simone Brathwaite David Kirk Martin Oymanns Mike Lombardi Takuro Sorihashi Stuart Wason Teboho Mabeba	Chair Vice-Chair Treasurer Secretary Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member IAA Delegate IAA Section Coordinator
Apologies:	[Quorum achieved] Fred Rowley Jeremy Brown Christian Levac	Board Member IAA Delegate IAA Director
Also joined:	Jacques Tremblay Karla Zuniga	IAA Executive Committee? IAA Secretariat

0. Agenda of the meeting

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

1. Minutes of last Board meeting

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved.



2. Marketing of IAALS to members (Simone & Mike)

Simone presented an updated draft of the new IAALS description for the website (last time circulated in October, when there wasn't much feedback).

New feedback regarding website was that it was very research-focused and not enough items on what our impact has been.

Simone added more focus on the life insurance industry and practitioners (not just academia).

New part will address collaboration (which we didn't have previously); New visuals.

Stuart approved the collaboration effort; asked if we've looked at what the other sections put in terms of collaboration (within the IAA or amongst sections?).

Several board members agreed that it was a great idea to add what we've achieved; Rosalind suggested using information from previous AGM slides.

Pedro agreed regarding improving collaboration, not just on climate change. There could be different efforts, for example, there was not significant collaboration over Covid-19, which is a topic for all sections. Having the words will encourage collaboration. Stuart mentioned that he's on the Pandemic Task force, which collaborates with all sections.

Ros suggested adding something that encourages members to collaborate (like the LinkedIn page or the online community platform) – Simone responded that this is addressed with a large "GET INVOLVED" button on the page.

Agreed to also highlight areas where IAALS already collaborated with other sections etc., e.g. Actuaries du Monde.

Next step: once approved (re-circulate with Board, but Ros pointed out that could take another month; so perhaps just make a final call and after approval Simone to send to Christian and Tebo).

Mike asked if we could make the website but not have it be published, so that we could look at the final version prior to going live. Simone will send screenshots.

Other than the website: Simone discussed optimizing presence on social media platforms (utilizing them to the fullest; we are present now but need to encourage sharing/liking/posting), collaboration with FMA life committees. Ros and Simone will discuss this offline.

Medium- to long-term revisit activities to determine if any of the objectives are not being addressed adequately (are there gaps in the mission statement in terms of activities).

Other ideas to promote the section/ increase memberships: Pedro suggested also networking with experienced (not just chief – too narrow) actuaries in insurance companies and consulting.



3. Organization of seminars and colloquia update

- **2023 ICA Sydney**

Pedro said he received information (he volunteered to promote the virtual content, which should be a great advantage to actuaries who can't attend, has been working on this will update us more specifically next month), he was invited to be an ambassador to the congress

Thomas mentioned that the reduced fee ("summer special") applies through the end of February

Tebo invited Carla to give us an update. So far 1.018 registrations, 879 in person, 139 are virtual. Forecast is around 1.374 in-person and 370 virtuals.

Speakers: 50-75 selected speakers still to register.

During month of March will focus on promoting the virtual registrations.

- **2024 Colloquium Brussels**

Regarding the request to suggest keynote speakers:

Rosalind noted that this was likely to be expected when we agreed to review papers and that her interpretation is more along the lines of – who would we want as our keynote speakers and make recommendations.

Thomas mentioned that if we know very good speakers but know them personally, we can recommend them to the board and our committee can nominate them.

Rosalind noted that the deadline for recommendations was around mid-February so we don't have that much more time; Thomas said we can do it via email.

Mike raised the question on whether this keynote speaker needed to be a life actuary (in the name of IAALS) or in general (maybe not even an actuary). Thomas clarified that it IS for a "general" keynote speaker, but it would be natural for the IAALS Board to pick people from the life world. Ros clarified that they can come from any field, just keeping in mind that the keynote talks are the ones that *all* participants go to (there's 4 of them) and it would be good for at least one to be from the life area so as to attract IAALS members.



Ros suggested to see with Martin and Ernst since Europeans would be more likely to attend (although also not that difficult to reach Brussels from North America, but they still have to pay their way). Mike also raised the question of whether this is just a preliminary recommendation which would ultimately be voted on (not guaranteed to be selected as a final keynote speaker).

Agreed that all Board members should think about who they could suggest and discuss via email by the end of this week.

- **Actuaires du Monde**

Pedro updated that he talked with Jean Berthon, President of Actuaires du Monde; due to some logistic problems the 2nd Congress of this association that was going to take place in Dakar has been postponed to the end of this year and it will take place in **Morocco**. Pedro will update us as the next Board meeting.

- **2025 Colloquium Brazil**

Martin asked to clarify that this is indeed a virtual/hybrid event. Thomas clarified that this is the most likely option since it is difficult to organize in a hard-to-reach country where the local organization is not fully committed. In terms of location, ASTIN and AFIR approved Brazil but this is not set in stone yet.

Martin showed what he and David worked on (in terms of the **self-standing virtual event in 2025**) to discuss with the Board first before drafting the actual proposal. The main ideas: are we the only hosts or not, do we invite more sections to join, time of the year it should take place (as the international calendar gets more and more crowded), how long it should last (5 days is probably too long, most likely 2-3 days), the program (do we send a call for papers or invite people for topics we select), should we select the topics, online/live/recorded, finances (do we want to invite sponsors, should we charge a fee for non-members/all/none). Is the structure a series of Zoom webinars, or is there an event platform from which participants go to different presentations, etc.

David had to leave early so Martin suggested that we spend 15 minutes at the next Board meeting to discuss the open questions (see questions in screenshot).



- **2026 ICA Tokyo**

Takuro updated the Board that this ICA will be in early November 2026, but all decisions/aspects of the Congress (e.g. hybrid/in-person only) will be made after ICA 2023. Everything still under preparation.

4. Webinars

Pedro updated on the 01/19 webinar sponsored by Hannover Re in London titled “**Innovation to close the gap in protection in insurance coverage**”. The webinar was very successful; 129 registered people, around 65 stayed the whole event, he received good comments afterwards. Pedro thanked Tebo for her help. The next seminar will be in the next couple of months.

5. Any other business

- Ros will not be able to be at the March, April and May meeting, but hopes to join the Board in June
- Update from Jacques on anything new coming from IAA; the topic of interest in section memberships & membership engagement; this is high on IAA President-Elect Charles Cowling’s mandate. Hot topic is climate change and climate index, also sharpening pencil on how to talk to large international bodies (like IAIS), making sure we have good connections. Regarding engagement, the IAA chat function (not live yet) will be great and encourages us all to join; the Executive committee is really working hard on re-energizing membership. Thomas suggested a webinar with Micheline as guest (with Pedro), to talk to our members and answer questions. Jacques noted it would be useful to talk about priorities and direction.
- Thomas shared sad news that past SOA president ?? from South Africa passed away



- Rosalind brought up the climate change agenda item from the Dec 2 Board meeting; Simone updated that they have been discussing what would be pertinent for the life section (in formulating strategy & action plan). They have some idea on profiling life actuaries for this space. Stuart pointed out many people are working on this, it will be a very good topic to bring to the life section.
This is a big enough theme to get our members involved.
- Bill updated re: financials, takes a little longer since the year-end ones need to be audited; most likely won't be ready by March meeting but likely presented at the April meeting.
- Tebo and Thomas discussed the selecting of remaining Board meetings for 2023 and selecting appropriate time zones so all members could attend; Tebo will send out the invites.

Thomas closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

Actions from February 3rd meeting

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| 1 | Send screenshots of semi-final version of IAALS webpage to Board for approval | Simone | |
| 2 | Send suggestions for keynote speakers for 2024 Brussels Colloquium | All | Closed |

Actions from January 12th meeting

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| 2 | Engage ICA 2018 organizing committee with Brussels JoCo 2024 committee for marketing advice | Martin | In progress |
| 3 | Liaison with Christian to see what is possible for IAALS members Re: 2025 Colloquium Brazil and exchange ideas/ identify next steps | Martin and David | In progress |
| 5 | Liaison with Severine to select PARTY papers for prize | Pedro | Closed |
| 8 | Hand over as much responsibilities regarding secretarial work (for AGM etc) as possible to Ana | Rosalind | |



Actions from December 2nd meeting

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| 1 | Outline what the IAALS might do in the climate change / climate risk space | Simone & Stuart | Open |
| 3 | Liaise with Actuaire du Monde and draft a proposal of support for Board consideration | Pedro | In progress |