



American Society for Virology

Minutes, ASV Annual Business Meeting
Friday, July 23, 2021; 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Cvent Attendee Website/Zoom

- 1. Call to Order.** The ASV 2021 Business meeting was held during the ASV 2021 virtual meeting using Zoom and livestreamed to attendees through the Cvent Attendee Website. Craig Cameron, ASV President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** It was moved, seconded, and approved that the minutes of the ASV 2019 Business meeting be accepted as distributed.
- 3. Secretary-Treasurer's Report.** Kathy Spindler, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. She presented the statement of financial activities for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. In 2019, the Society had revenues of \$605,852, expenses of \$476,781, for a change in net assets of \$129,071. In 2020, the Society had revenues of \$186,743, expenses of \$270,991, for a loss in net assets of \$84,247. This was not a typical year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and cancellation of the annual meeting.

The unofficial statement of activities for fiscal year 2021 was presented. Kathy noted that membership dues have decreased, which could be the result of not having a meeting in 2020. Total income is \$276,815. The Society's direct expenses included small meeting expenses for 2020, the annual meeting expenses for 2021, and support to organizations including ICTV, TWiV, Black in Microbiology, ABRCMS, Research!America, AAAS, and the World Microbe Forum (ASM/FEMS). Other expenses included the Vaccine Task Force, overhead, and payroll. Total expenses were \$269,860, giving the Society a change in net assets of \$6,955.

For ASV 2020, there were several sponsors who maintained support that helped offset the loss of cancelling the meeting. This support totaled \$9,500. Total meeting expenses for ASV 2020 were \$45,235. The net loss for cancelling ASV 2020 was \$35,735.

For ASV 2021, the projected meeting revenue totals \$333,710 and includes registration revenue, corporate sponsorships, NIH Grant for Travel Awards, and the Baltimore Award for registration awards. Estimated total meeting expenses are \$114,424, which includes the Cvent platform for registration and hosting the annual meeting, the abstract submission site, and various awards given to trainees. The projected net income for ASV 2021 is \$219,286. At the time of this business meeting (the final day of ASV 2021), there were 1787 registrants.

Upcoming ASV annual meeting sites are The Monona Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison (2022); the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia, hosted by the University of Georgia (2023); the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus Ohio, hosted by the Ohio State University (2024); the Palais des Congrès de Montréal in Montréal, Quebec, hosted by McGill University (2025); and the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota (2026).

In 2021, ASV received a total of \$208,163 in sponsorships, with \$104,700 coming from corporate sponsors. ASV President Craig Cameron put in considerable effort contacting and obtaining new sponsors for 2021. ASV Members also made significant contributions to the Society.

Vaccine Education Town Halls. A new major activity for the Society was the establishment of Vaccine Education Town Halls. This program was initiated by ASV Member Dan Engel (University of Virginia). This program included the production of two videos, a “Talk to Me” teaser video and a longer “Five Common Questions and Answers about the COVID Vaccine” video. These videos direct viewers to sign up for town halls with virologists to ask questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. As of July 13, 2021, there had been 64 town halls with a range in attendance from 4 - 97 people. Some of them were given in Spanish to meet the needs of Spanish-speakers.

The expense for the videos and town halls was \$26,369. The Society received \$9,565 in donations for the Vaccine Education initiative. Thus, the net cost to ASV was \$16,804.

Virologists that died during the past year were mentioned in memoriam.

4. **President’s Report.** President Craig Cameron gave his report. He presented ASV’s statement against discrimination and harassment as well as the Society’s statement on evidence-based science and expert leadership.

The Society has been asked to sign on to different letters and initiatives from peer organizations. The list of letters signed during the year was presented. The ASV Executive Committee vets and approves ASV’s signing these letters on behalf of the Society.

The Society has established a Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion committee. Hector Aguilar-Carreno is the chair of the committee.

The winner of the 2021 Joel Dalrymple Award is Stephanie Ander. This award goes to the best abstract in the arbovirus or bunyavirus session.

The results of the election for 2021 are as follows: President-Elect is Colin Parish, Cornell University; Councilor for Animal Virology is Andrew Mehle, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Councilor for Invertebrate Virology is Michelle Flenniken, Montana State University; and Councilor for Virology Trainees is Chelsey Spriggs, University of Michigan.

5. Committee and other reports

- a. **History & Archives.** Lorena Passarelli, chair of the committee, gave the report. The committee continues to organize and archive documents at the Bancroft Library at the University of California – Berkeley. The committee established the Wolfgang & Patricia Joklik Distinguished Service Award and assisted in making recommendations for recipients. The first winner, awarded on the first day of ASV 2021, is Frederick A. Murphy. Dr. Murphy

has also donated the copyright to his book, *The Foundations of Virology*. ASV is working on making these available for purchase.

- b. **Program.** Stephanie Karst, outgoing chair of the Program Committee, gave the report. Stephanie thanked the committee members and highlighted those rotating off. She also highlighted the State-of-the-Art speakers for 2021, who were originally scheduled to speak at ASV 2020 before it was cancelled.

There was a slight decrease in the number of abstracts submitted this year. The committee did not need to move any oral requests to posters. This was due to the reduced number of abstracts and also the incorporation of five-minute flash talks.

Stephanie reminded us that in 2020, since workshops had already been planned when the meeting was cancelled, the 2020 conveners organized grassroots workshops in June 2020. The conveners reached out to each of the abstract presenters and organized the workshop via Zoom.

- c. **Communications.** Seema Lakdawala, chair of the committee, gave the report. The committee organized several programs over the past year. These programs included Chat with a Virologist, the ASV 2021 Communications Workshop: Debunking Disinformation, and the Vaccine Town Halls. The committee continued to drive social media engagement with members and the public.
- d. **Education and Career Development.** Lauren O'Donnell and Melissa Maginnis, co-chairs of the committee, presented the report. The committee organized several workshops and events at ASV 2021. These included the Education Workshop "Rethinking Equity in Higher Education," the Career Workshop "The most important things you need to know about stress," the Careers in Industry Workshop, Navigating the NIH, and discussion tables for trainees.
- e. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.** Hector Aguilar-Carreno, chair of the committee, gave the report. The committee has several initiatives they would like to implement. The committee plans to give yearly awards to outstanding minority scientists, encourage promotion of underrepresented minorities in virology to editorial positions on journals, and promote diversity in the ASV speaker and chair selections. The committee would also like to develop and conduct a new ASV DEI survey to identify needs of the ASV community, support more underrepresented minority postdoctoral scholars, and promote ASV membership DEI training.

- 6. **Plans for ASV 2022.** Paul Friesen, the local host for ASV 2022, reported. ASV 2022 will be at the Monona Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin, and hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Paul Friesen, Kristen Bernard, and Ann Palmenberg are leading the local host committee. The meeting is being planned in person. A celebration of the 40th anniversary of ASV is planned. The Madison Virology Program, made up of 30 faculty and 80 trainees, will volunteer during the

meeting. All events will take place at the Monona Terrace. There are several hotels within walking distance of the Monona Terrace.

7. **Outgoing Councilors/Committee Chairs.** Craig Cameron thanked all of the outgoing leaders of the Society. The outgoing councilors and committee chairs included Kristen Bernard (Past-President), Felicia Goodrum (Councilor for Animal Virology), Paul Friesen (Councilor for Invertebrate Virology), Kaitlin Davis (Councilor for Virology Trainees), and Stephanie Karst (Program Chair).
8. **Other business/Questions from the floor.** No comments or questions.
9. **Introduction of New President.** Craig Cameron introduced the Society's new president, Felicia Goodrum. Dr. Goodrum is a professor at the University of Arizona, and former Councilor for Animal Viruses. Felicia thanked Craig for his service as president.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.
Respectfully submitted,



Katherine R. Spindler
Secretary-Treasurer

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Attachment: 2021 Treasurer's Report



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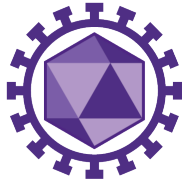
Treasurer's Report July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

INCOME

Membership Dues	
Annual	\$ 124,155
Lifetime	3,000
Total Membership Dues	127,155
Contributions	
General	12,870
Annual Meeting	77,255
Student/Postdoc Travel Awards	12,890
Teacher Travel Award	25
Global Scholar Awards	2,511
Junior Investigator Awards	4,025
Kate Ryman Award	310
Dalrymple Award	50
Milt Zaitlin Student Travel Award	100
Satellite Support	5,000
Vaccine Education Outreach	9,465
Total Contributions	124,501
Annual Meeting Revenue (2021)	24,600
Miscellaneous Income	559
TOTAL INCOME	276,815

EXPENSES

Direct Expenses	
Event Direct Cost	
Annual Meeting (2020 Meeting)	736
Annual Meeting (2021 Meeting)	68,849
CFA Poster Printing & Shipping	4,335
Total Event Direct Cost	73,920
Awards & Honors	
Organization Support (ICTV, TWiV)	21,250
Total Awards & Honors	21,250
Total Direct Expenses	95,170



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EXPENSES CONTINUED

Other Expenses

Vaccine Task Force	20,187
Future Meeting Expense (2021)	6,893
Office & Overhead Expenses	
Office Supplies	83
Legal Fees	8,472
Postage and Shipping	306
Internet & IT	7,173
Printing	305
Total Office & Overhead Expenses	16,338
Payroll & Employment Expense	
Secretary-Treasurer Salary	38,500
Admin Salary	55,657
Benefits	22,060
Office Temp Pay	2,649
Total Payroll & Employment Expense	118,865
Insurance Expense	6,268
Bank & Merchant Service Fees	6,139
Total Other Expenses	174,690
TOTAL EXPENSES (Direct + Other)	269,860
Income	276,815
Expenses	269,860
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 6,955