

New England Biological Safety Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

Present: Ted Myatt, Anne Sallee, Rhonda O'Keefe, Carolina Sanchez-Cano, Krisanthi Giaya, Dana Buckley, Jessica Healey, Pari Arokiaraj, Mary Sabolefski

Absent: Bill Greene, Julien Farland,

- I. Call to order 2:03 pm
- II. January 2024 minutes approved
- III. Open issues
 - A. Fall Symposium: Broad Wednesday September 25, 2024 has been reserved
 - B. Webmaster role will transition to shared responsibility between several board members
 - C. ABSA would like to post affiliate symposiums/webinars for ABSA members to join (and get points)
 - D. Spring webinar: May, free offering. Ted will reach out to FBI contact for topic: FBI intersection with biological samples being confiscated
 - E. NEBSA taxes are due: Ted will look take care of documents needed
 - F. Dana researched that other ABSA Affiliates charge for membership: which offer reduced rates for individual, corporate, student, or emeritus members to affiliate symposiums and webinars.
 - G. Website: Wild Apricot:
 - i. Discussion to expand our current plan. We have 484 contacts now and our Wild Apricots plan at the community level which has 500 NEBSA membership number limit capabilities. So @ \$240.00 a month we would gain up to 2000 contact capabilities.
 - ii. Board discussed having corporate sponsors

- iii. Board voted to increase the Wild Apricot membership capabilities
 - iv. 2 factor identification will be instituted for Wild Apricot in near future
 - H. More networking ideas revisited. MSMR working on offering this monthly, we could join and observe for our own networking event ideas
 - I. Scholarship will be offered again in March
 - i. Board will set a time limit for use of the academic scholarship funds, and conditions set where applicants demonstrate a need
 - ii. Biosafety Education scholarship could be opened to community members
 - J. Board Appreciation Dinner:
 - i. Tuesday March 19 Barcelona @ 5pm Cambridge

IV. Adjournment 2:56pm