



**AAAR Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
Zoom (via registration)**

I. Call to Order & Welcome

A. Ferro called meeting to order @9:02 am PT; 63 people in attendance online. Agenda and plan for taking questions (raising virtual hand).

II. President's Remarks

A. Ferro gave the president's remarks, noting the strong and healthy community, and dedicated members. Aerosols is now a household word!

Highlights of 2019-2020 (see slides for details): new strategic plan, code of conduct, representation and equity statement, representation & equity affairs ad hoc committee; new AAAR award named after Susanne Hering; and virtual conference with an open plenary that drew 300 viewers.

Updates on membership and demographics (gender, age, working group, employment sector) were presented; membership numbers down slightly from previous years.

Next two conference locations will be Albuquerque in 2021 and Raleigh in 2022. We were able to recoup all costs associated with moving to a virtual conference in 2020 by agreeing to return to Raleigh in 2022. Portland is the likely location for 2023.

Question: *Will AAAR consider a hybrid conference in the future? A note in the chat that this is a good idea.* The answer is yes, will depend on costs.

III. Secretary's Report

K. Barsanti led review of 2019 minutes and vote to approve. One correction was made to the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Votes were made by comment in the chat, raising a virtual hand, or a virtual thumb. Minutes were passed with no "nay" votes recorded.

IV. Treasurer's Report

A. Sullivan presented report on AAAR budget (see slides for details), including: conference budget was adjusted to account for likely lower income and expenses with virtual meeting; attendance and sponsorship were strong even with the virtual format; tutorial registration was low; virtual platform expensive; and losses appear to be about half of anticipated.

A. Sullivan reviewed four strategic projects and four new budget line items.

A. Sullivan announced the Susanne Hering award and a new online donation portal for all awards.

Questions:

(a) How did we not get exhibitor fees for this year's conference - we had an exhibit hall and sponsors.

Since there were no physical booths, no fees were collected. The virtual booths that were present were covered by sponsorship fees.

(b) there is good interest from outside the Americas (and talks presented at AAAR are from around the world!) but \$800 for registration is well over a month's salary/research funds are often not available. Any chance of extending waivers to outside-the-Americas/LMIC professionals/students who get a talk?
Funds for this award are higher for international students/professional than the typical student awards specifically to cover a greater percentage of costs. This specific fund will remain dedicated for the Americas, but if it becomes a stable initiative, we will consider proposals for expanding to other continents.

V. AS&T Update

J. Reid gave AS&T update (see slides for details), including listing a large number of initiatives since Oct. 2019: special issue on bioaerosols and four editorials on COVID aerosol transmission. Interesting note: by end of September almost double the number of downloads than is typical.

VI. 2020 Conference Report

M. Maricq gave conference report, noted transition to the virtual conference as well as transition in management team.

VII. 2019-2020 Election Results Murray Johnston

M. Johnston introduced incoming members: vice-president elect, secretary elect, and three new directors; introduced new working group vice-chairs. Election slate was put together by: Lupita Montoya, CY Wu, and Murray Johnston.

VIII. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

A. Ferro thanked outgoing members: 3 directors, treasurer, and president.

Officers

IX. Passing of the Gavel

A. Ferro passed the virtual gavel to S. Nizkorodov. S. Nizkorodov acknowledged the leadership of A. Ferro and M. Maricq.

X. Adjournment

S. Nizkorodov adjourned meeting @9:48 am PT