

New England Biological Safety Association

Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

Present: Ted Myatt, Anne Sallee, Julien Farland, Rhonda O'Keefe, Carolina Sanchez-Cano, Pari Arokiaraj, Dana Buckley, Judy LaDuc

Absent: Andre Lowe, Mary Sabolefski, Bill Greene, Krisanthi Giaya, Jessica Healey,

- I. Call to order 2:07pm
- II. April 2023 minutes approved
- III. Open issues
 - A. Webinar Susan Santos June 14, 2023, 4:30pm-7pm. *Risk Communication* virtual lecture
 - i. NEAIHA co-sponsor. Registration cost \$25.00.
 - ii. Cost to host is event is \$2000.00. Proceeds split between NEBSA/NEAIHA
 - iii. NEAIHA will be managing registration
 - B. Scholarship application period ends May 15
 - i. 2 applicants thus far, for biosafety training scholarship option
 - C. NEBSA Fall Symposium: Broad –Nov. 7, 2023. Live audience.
 - i. Advertising for speakers via email announcements
 - ii. Keynote speaker Dr. Matthew Frieman- Center for Pathogen Research Department of Microbiology and Immunology. University of Maryland. Topic: Guidance for risk assessment for working with bats.
 - iii. other speakers:
 - a. Fahim Manzur- Merrick. Topic: Successfully integrating Operations and Maintenance (O&M.)
 - b. ABSA President Rebecca Moritz- updates from ABSA

c. Mohsin Saeed- BU. Topic: SARS chimeric virus generation and media backlash (Ted)

d. APHIS speaker for permit requirements (might also be speaking at ABSA, Ted)

e. Ozone treatment of waste (Dana)

f. Large scale (GLSP) viral vector production/validation for biotech/pharma (Pari)

iv. Exhibitors- 6 tables

IV. Adjournment 2:52pm