



American Society for Virology

Minutes, ASV Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time
Palais des congrès de Montréal
Montréal, QC, Canada

1. **Call to Order.** The ASV 2025 Business meeting was held after the Wednesday symposium session at the ASV 2025 annual meeting at The Palais des congrès de Montréal. Hector Aguilar-Carreno, ASV President, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** It was moved, seconded, and approved that the minutes of the ASV 2024 Business meeting be accepted as distributed.
3. **Secretary Report.** Sandra Quackenbush, Secretary of ASV, gave the report.
 - a. **Election Results.** The results of the ASV 2025 election are as follows: the President-Elect is Susan Weiss, University of Pennsylvania; the Councilor for Medical Virology Helen Lazear, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; the Councilor for Veterinary Virology is Tony Schountz, Colorado State University; the Councilor for Virology Trainees is Pierce Longmire, University of Arizona. The newly elected councilors will take office on July 16, 2025, after the ASV 2025 Business Meeting.
 - b. **Committee Updates.** The following people will take over as committee chairs or co-chairs for their respective committees: Priya Shah, Communications; Sam Jeyasingh, Education & Career Development (co-chair); Alan Goodman, Finance; Miguel Quiñones-Mateu, Global Partnerships & Advocacy; Alison Kell, Membership; Tuli Mukhopadhyay, Program (vice chair). All new committee chair terms begin on July 16, 2025, after the ASV 2025 Business Meeting.
 - c. **ASV Office Activities.** The 2026 meeting is being held at the University of Minnesota and the 2027 meeting is being held at the Monona Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin. Planning for both meetings is underway. ASV is also working with Conference Solutions on future site selections. As part of its global outreach initiatives, ASV exchanged speakers with the Australasian Virology Society (AVS). A 2024 Junior Investigator Awardee, Jenna Guthmiller, was sent to the AVS meeting in December 2024, and ASV is hosting Natalee Newton, the AVS Rising Star recipient. The ASV Office is undergoing a website and membership portal transition. ASV is migrating to MemberClicks, which will host the ASV membership portal and website.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Pranav Danthi, Treasurer of ASV, gave the report. The state of financial activities from October 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 was presented. The Society's fiscal year ends September 30th, so this statement covers 9 months of the year. Income for this year to date totaled \$529,617. Membership dues income totaled \$162,230. Contribution income was \$209,326. Investment income was \$157,709, and miscellaneous income was \$353. Direct Expenses totaled \$41,890 and include annual meeting expenses for 2025 of \$37,820 and Organization Support to IUMS and Research!America for \$4,070. Other expenses included office & overhead expenses (\$23,096), payroll & employment expenses (\$131,560), insurance expenses (\$4,719), and bank & merchant service fees (\$8,809). Other expenses totaled \$167,464. Total expenses, direct plus other, total \$209,354. The change in net assets for this period was \$320,263.

Pranav also presented the Finance Committee Report, on behalf of Anthony Nicola who could not attend the meeting. The Finance committee reviews ASVCares awards. For ASV 2025, the maximum award is \$1,500. There were 10 applications. All 10 were awarded, for a total of \$10,700. Our investment accounts,

totaling \$3.1 million, are held by Vanguard. There is our main account, the Baltimore fund, and the Honess fund. Anthony is stepping down as chair and has appointed Alan Goodman as the next chair of the Finance Committee.

5. Committee Reports.

- a. **Education & Career Development Committee.** Susan D’Costa, Committee Chair, and Co-chair David Kushner reported. The committee has organized several events for ASV 2025 including the Virology Education Workshop, the Career Development Workshop, Careers Beyond Academia Workshops (formerly Careers in Industry), and the Assistant Professor Panel Discussion. In addition, the committee organizes networking socials and trainee lunch discussion tables. The committee’s new initiatives include Career Transition Guidance to help people who want or need to make a career shift. Additionally, they are considering a ‘Guidance for those approaching retirement’ event. They requested feedback from members and thank their committee members.
- b. **Travel Awards.** Christiane Wobus, Committee Chair reported. The committee received 114 postdoctoral travel award applications, 359 student applications, and 21 undergraduate applications. ASV awarded 73 (64%) postdoc, 291 (81%) student, and 21 (100%) undergraduate awards. The total financial cost of these awards is \$218,225 in waived registration. She thanked her committee members and announced they are looking for new members.
- c. **Membership.** Kevin Sokoloski, chair of the Membership Committee, presented. ASV membership has slightly declined, mostly with Associate members. Membership is down from peak membership in 2009-2010. ASV has 1,832 members within the United States, and 617 international members from 55 different countries. Members from low- and middle-income country received waived membership dues. Membership benefits include discounted article processing with several journals. Kevin’s term is ending and Alison Kell will be the next chair of the committee.
- d. **Program.** Moriah Szpara, the committee chair, gave the report. There were a total of 1339 abstracts submitted for ASV 2025 and 1,118 were presented at the meeting. There were 348 fifteen-minute talks and 309 three-minute flash talks with posters scheduled for ASV 2025. There were 461 poster-only presentations.

The ASV 2025 schedule changed to address consistent feedback from attendees and ASV Council regarding long days. The new schedule reduced the number of days by 1 day and shortened the days. Posters will hang all day with 2 poster sessions per day, allowing for half the posters (every other poster) to be presented at a time. The goal of this is to reduce noise and crowding, along with providing more time for posters to be viewed. Satellites will be a half day followed by the Keynote and a symposium. The committee also included 2 blocks of flash talks in some of the concurrent workshops, so flash talks will be in the middle and at the end of the workshop.

Moriah acknowledged and thanked the program committee and workshop conveners. This was Moriah’s last year as program chair. Aurelie Rakotondrafara will be taking over as chair, and Tuli Mukhopadhyay will be the new program vice chair.

- e. **Virology Impact Resources & Opportunities (VIRO).** Rushika Perera and Cara Pager, co-chairs of the committee, reported. The committee has planned the ASV 2025 VIRO workshop, Celebrating Virology Across the Americas. They also teamed up with the Education & Career Development committee for the Career Workshop to host ‘Navigating Changing Regulations Impacting Virology Training and Research.’ They asked for members feedback for the 2025 events. Rushika’s term is ending and she is stepping down as chair.

- f. Communications.** Kari Debbink and Bryan Mounce, co-chairs of the committee, reported. The Committee has a ASV 2025 table that encourages participant engagement and offers swag to visitors. The committee continues to post and drive ASV social media on the following: X(Twitter), Bluesky, and LinkedIn. The committee's workshop is on Science Communication through Art with Tracy Debenport. Kari is stepping down as chair, and Priya Shah is the incoming co-chair.
 - g. History & Archives.** Wendy Maury, chair of the committee, reported. Over the past year, the committee has generated posters for each endowed lecturer to give historical information on ASV's lectureships. The committee archived records for the Society at the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley. Over the next year, the committee plans to update the History & Archives pages on the ASV website.
 - h. Global Partnership & Advocacy.** Stacey Schultz-Cherry, committee chair, reported. She is stepping down as chair and Miguel Quiñones-Mateu will fill the role. The committee has continued to work on their mission through advocacy opportunities and initiatives. They are holding a Global Scholar luncheon at ASV 2025 for the 2025 Global Scholars. The continue to build a community for ASV Global Scholars and advocate for virology.
- 6. Plans for ASV 2026.** Yuying Liang and Louis Mansky, co-hosts of ASV 2026, gave an overview of the plans for the 45th annual meeting. ASV 2026 will be July 27-30, 2026, in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the University of Minnesota. The University of Minnesota hosted the ASV annual meeting in 2011 and 2019. Highlights of campus and the city were shared to membership. The local hosts are excited to have ASV return to campus at the University of Minnesota.
- 7. Questions from Membership.**
- a.** Members asked if ASV is considering offering any programming during the year outside of the annual meeting. They also asked if virtual presentation to the annual meeting would be possible. There was concern from membership that there are only 2 scheduled future annual meetings. It was asked why ASV does not grant 100% of travel award applications. Membership also asked if ASV had plans to collaborate with other societies. Hector assured membership that all of these items are either being discussed or will be addressed in our future Council meetings.
- 8. Presentation of Plaques to Outgoing Councilors/Committee Chairs.** Hector Aguilar-Carreno thanked all the outgoing leaders of the Society. Plaques were presented to the outgoing councilors and committee chairs.
- 9. Introduction of New President.** Hector Aguilar-Carreno introduced the Society's new president, Shan-Lu Liu of Ohio State University.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Quackenbush
Secretary