



American Society for Virology

Minutes, ASV Annual Business Meeting of Members
Wednesday, July 29, 2026, 10:45 a.m. Central Time
The University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

1. **Call to Order.** The ASV 2026 Business meeting was held after the Wednesday symposium session at the ASV 2026 annual meeting at Northrop Auditorium at The University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. Shan-Lu Liu, ASV President, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** It was moved, seconded, and approved that the minutes of the ASV 2025 Business meeting be accepted as distributed.
3. **President's Report.** President Shan-Lu Liu reported on activities during his term as president, including establish the ASV President's Advisory Board, enhancing engagement with ASV members and the public, strengthening collaborations with other scientific societies and organizations, and planning the symposium program for ASV 2026. He reviewed the Society's enhancements in member engagement through ASV365, quarterly newsletters, website updates, and social media efforts. He also provided updates on ASV committee activities, including increased travel awards, expanded career development through webinars, and strengthened partnerships with organizations like ICTV and ASM. He closed his report with areas of opportunity and growth for the Society and virology community.
4. **Secretary Report.** Sandra Quackenbush, Secretary of ASV, gave the report.
 - a. **Election Results.** The results of the ASV 2026 election are as follows: the President-Elect is Louis Mansky, University of Minnesota; the Councilor for Plant Virology is Cristina Rosa, Penn State University; the Councilor for Prokaryotic Virology is Paul Turner, Yale University; the Councilor for Evolution & Ecology is John Dennehy, Queens College of New York; the Councilor for Applied Virology is Liang Deng, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; and the Councilor for Virology Trainees is David Buchholz, University of California, Los Angeles. 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: Megan Stanifer, Communications Committee Co-Chair; Kari Debbink, Education & Career Development Committee Co-Chair; and Christine O'Connor, Travel Award Committee Chair. All new committee chair terms begin on July 29, 2026, after the ASV 2026 Business Meeting.
 - c. **Future ASV Sites.** Sandy announced the next two meeting sites for the ASV Annual Meeting. ASV 2028 will be July 19 - 22 at the Monana Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin and hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The local host team includes Nathan Sherer, Kristen Bernard, and Paul Friesen. ASV 2028 will be July 10 – 13 and located at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver Colorado. Tem Morrison of the University of Colorado Anschutz and Rushika Perera of Colorado State University will team up to co-host ASV 2028.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** Pranav Danthi, Treasurer of ASV, gave the report. The state of financial activities from October 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 were 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 \$576,060. To note, membership dues income totaled \$204,630 which increased from last year, and investment income made up the largest portion of revenue with \$302,386. Direct Expenses totaled \$258,783, with the majority

being annual meeting expenses of \$174,216. Other expenses included office & overhead expenses, payroll & employment expenses, insurance expenses, and bank & merchant service fees for a total of \$253,237. Total expenses, direct plus other, total \$512,020. The change in net assets for this period was \$64,040.

6. Committee Reports.

- a. **Communications Committee.** Co-chairs Bryan Mounce and Priya Shah gave an overview of the 2026 workshop and highlighted their work on social media, the quarterly newsletter, and other committee initiatives. This year marked the first video abstract competition on social media, organized by Priya, which received 25 submissions, and winner's will be announced during Thursday's Symposium. Bryan's term ends at this meeting and Megan Stanifer will be the next co-chair of the committee.
- b. **Education & Career Development Committee.** Co-chairs David Kushner and Samuel Jeyasingh reported. The Education and Career Development Committee reported on various programming initiatives, including career development workshops, mentoring discussion tables, and travel support. They gave an overview of all their events at the annual meeting, as well as which events were virtual.
- c. **Travel Award Committee.** Committee Chair Christiane Wobus reported. The committee received 164 postdoctoral travel award applications, 404 student applications, and 18 undergraduate applications. ASV awarded 97 (59%) postdoc, 309 (76%) student, and 18 (100%) undergraduate awards. The total financial cost of these awards is \$220,800 in waived registration. This is Christiane's final term and Christine O'Connor is the incoming committee chair.
- d. **Finance Committee.** Alan Goodman, Committee Chair, made the report. The Finance committee reviews ASVCares awards and provides recommendations for ASV support to other organizations. For ASV 2026, the maximum award is \$1,500 and 16 out of 18 applications were funded for a total of \$15,516. In current fiscal year, ASV funded the following organizations at \$5,000 each: ICTV, Black Microbiologists Association for Black in Micro Week, and This Week in Virology (TWiV). Alan reported healthy financial assets of \$3.4 million with approximately 10% annual growth.
- e. **Membership Committee.** Alison Kell, Chair of the Membership Committee, presented the membership committee report showing ASV's current membership of 2,809 members, representing a 10% increase from the previous year. There was a slight decrease in Lifetime and Emeritus memberships due to removing accounts with bounced emails. Alison urged members to check their contact information in their ASV member profile. The new website system has significantly improved membership retention through automated renewal reminders. The Society has members in all 50 U.S. states, 585 international members, and 123 members from low- to middle-income countries.
- f. **Program Committee.** Program Co-Chair Aurelie Rakotondrafara reported that the Society received 1,285 abstracts and 1,217 of those were sessioned for ASV 2026 workshops and poster sessions. The committee was able to accommodate 755 talk requests (87.7% of requests) including 344 full talks and 421 flash talks. They reviewed the historical data and trends of abstract requests and types. The program included 60 concurrent workshops with 32 selected topics based on abstract submissions.
- g. **Virology Impact Resources & Opportunities (VIRO).** Cara Pager and John Purdy, co-chairs of the committee, gave an overview of the ASV365 webinar series and their 2026 workshop where Temple Grandin will be speaking on neurodiversity in science.
- h. **History & Archives Committee.** Wendy Maury, the Chair of the History and Archives Committee reported on the committee's work generating endowed lecture slides and awarding the Joklik Distinguished Service Award to Felicia Goodrum. For the upcoming year, the committee will be

recruiting a new chair and adding additional committee members, submitting records to the archive at the Bancroft Library, and providing more content for the ASV website.

7. **Plans for ASV 2027, University of Wisconsin-Madison.** Nathan Sherer, ASV 2027 local host, presented details about the upcoming ASV 2027 meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, scheduled for July 19-22, highlighting the venue, accommodations, and local attractions. This will be the eighth annual meeting hosted at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The meeting will feature approximately 50 virology labs at UW Madison and is expected to draw a large attendance.
8. **Questions from Membership.** There were no questions from the members in attendance.
9. **Presentation of Plaques to Outgoing Councilors/Committee Chairs.** Shan-Lu Liu thanked all the outgoing leaders of the Society. Plaques were presented to the outgoing councilors and committee chairs, as well as the ASV 2026 local hosts.
10. **Introduction of New President.** Shan-Lu Liu introduced the Society's new president, Susan Weiss of the University of Pennsylvania.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra Quackenbush".

Sandra Quackenbush
Secretary