



Board Report February 2022

Botany 2022 It's Alive!

Registration and Abstract Sites opened February 11th

Highlights:

After running several scenarios of income vs expense, we decided to keep the registration rates for in-person attendees the same as Botany 2019 in Tucson. The virtual rates are approximately 75% less than the in-person rates, with some exceptions. Rates can be found here:

<https://2022.botanyconference.org/registration-rates.html>

Here are some financial scenarios. As you can see, it really depends on attendance.

This is the best case:

	Total Attendees	On-site Attendees	Virtual Attendees		
Attendees	1500	800	700		
Professional Post-Doc Graduate Student	Published Fees			Actual Income	
	On-site	% of Onsite	Virtual	On-site	Virtual
	\$450	75%	\$338	\$143,326	\$94,057
	\$380	75%	\$285	\$25,986	\$17,053
	\$230	75%	\$173	\$62,482	\$41,004
	\$110	25%	\$28	\$15,560	\$3,404
	Income			\$247,354	\$155,518
	Costs			\$295,381	\$78,385
Total Costs			\$373,766		
Total Income			\$402,872		
Nets - Onsite vs Virtual			(\$48,028)	\$77,134	
Net Estimated Conference Income			\$29,106		

	Total Attendees	On-site Attendees	Virtual Attendees		
Attendees	1200	800	400		
Professional Post-Doc Graduate Student	Published Fees			Actual Income	
	On-site	% of Onsite	Virtual	On-site	Virtual
	\$450	75%	\$338	\$143,326	\$53,747
	\$380	75%	\$285	\$25,986	\$9,745
	\$230	75%	\$173	\$62,482	\$23,431
	\$110	25%	\$28	\$15,560	\$1,945
	Income			\$247,354	\$88,868
	Costs			\$302,349	\$67,872
	Total Costs			\$370,221	
	Total Income			\$336,221	
Nets - Onsite vs Virtual			(\$54,995)	\$20,996	
Net Estimated Conference Income			(\$33,999)		

	Total Attendees	On-site Attendees	Virtual Attendees		
Attendees	1000	300	700		
Professional Post-Doc Graduate Student	Published Fees			Actual Income	
	On-site	% of Onsite	Virtual	On-site	Virtual
	\$450	75%	\$338	\$53,747	\$94,057
	\$380	75%	\$285	\$9,745	\$17,053
	\$230	75%	\$173	\$23,431	\$41,004
	\$110	25%	\$28	\$5,835	\$3,404
	Income			\$92,758	\$155,518
	Costs			\$197,734	\$92,851
Total Costs			\$290,584		
Total Income			\$248,276		
Nets - Onsite vs Virtual			(\$104,976)	\$62,668	
Net Estimated Conference Income			(\$42,308)		

We can expect to lose money if we do not have enough people attend in person.
The good news is as of 2/22 we have 51 people already registered, 2 are virtual!



The “Rules”(at this point!)

Those giving their presentations on site will be able to do live Q&A That will include Special Lectures, the Plenary, Symposia and Live Contributed Papers and Colloquia. These will be streamed live while happening. These will also be recorded and added to the virtual platform after the fact. When scheduling, we need to be mindful of the number of rooms live streaming due to AV and internet costs. Virtual symposia presenters need to be kept to a minimum. (Melanie to check with organizers to see how many are planning to be virtual.)

Those presenting virtually, will be watched from the meeting room for onsite attendees, and registrants will be able to watch the post event recorded sessions, and submit their questions to the speaker via email.

All presentations will be uploaded prior to the conference.

- ❖ June 1 – All presentations will start to be uploaded to the platform
- ❖ July 7th – All presentations need to be uploaded to the platform

All sessions and presentations will need to be arranged in the same agenda style as normal. In person presentations will take place at the beginning of the sessions, then going to virtual (Prerecorded playback) for the remaining. Onsite, Prerecorded sessions: will need to hold to their scheduled start and end times. Talks being 15 minutes – inclusive of questions. Again, a scheduling issue.

When submitting an abstract we are asking if you plan to present in person or virtually.

Our Hybrid Model as agreed on by the partners.

Special Lectures - All are to be presented in person – and recorded to be uploaded to the platform after the fact. (Maybe as much as a week later due to logistics.) Only live Q &A. Sessions will need a competent moderator to field questions. Virtual attendees can email speakers with questions after the fact. All attendees will have access to the talks through the platform for a period of time as long as the platform exists. (ie. Pathable – 1 year)

Symposia - All are to be presented in person – and recorded to be uploaded to the platform after the fact. (Maybe as much as a week later due to logistics.) Only live Q &A. Sessions will need a competent moderator to field questions – perhaps the organizer. Virtual attendees can email speakers with questions after the fact. All attendees will have access to the talks through the platform for a period of time as long as the platform exists. (ie. Pathable – 1 year)



Colloquia - The sessions will be scheduled with the live presentations going first with live Q&A with live audience. Sessions will need a competent moderator to field questions – perhaps the organizer. Presentations (slides) must be uploaded well in advance of the conference. Virtual attendees can email speakers with questions after the fact. All attendees will have access to all the recorded talks through the platform for a period of time as long as the platform exists. (ie. Pathable – 1 year)

Contributed Paper Sessions – The sessions will be scheduled with the live presentations going first with live Q&A with live audience. Session will need a competent moderator to field on site questions. Presentations (slides) must be uploaded well in advance of the conference.

Second half of the session will be the virtual presentations viewed on the big screen in a movie theater type feel (maybe even popcorn!) Live moderator to field questions from the chat – as per usual. In person attendees can ask questions also through the app which keeps all included in the talks. For all sessions the Student Conference assistants will be responsible for advancing the virtual talks.

Live presentations to be uploaded for viewing later. Virtual attendees can then connect with the live presenters via email. All attendees will have access to the talks through the platform for a period of time as long as the platform exists. (Pathable – 1year)

Posters – All posters to be presented in person. The posters are an integral and important part of the conference. For example - student professional development, important draw to the hall for exhibitors, networking, Artisan Extravaganza connects with the local community. Poster presenters may choose to also upload their posters to the platform. In person poster session as usual – presenters available for questions. If uploaded – questions can directed to the presenter by email. Physical posters stay up throughout the conference. Virtual posters must be uploaded in advance of the conference. And released after the on-site poster session. All attendees will have access to the talks through the platform for a period of time as long as the platform exists. (Pathable – 1year)

Workshops – Must be presented live time for as long as the platform exists. (Pathable – 1year)

Board Meetings, Section Meetings, etc. – can be in-person and virtual. Zoom meetings like in previous in person years.

Receptions, Mixers, Luncheons, Banquets – only in person (or up to the presenting society.)

Field Trips – only in person.

Child Care

We are hiring Kidde Corp to run our child-care program again this year. I anticipate a charge of \$5.00/hour to parents with the conference picking up the difference. They will accommodate children 6 months – 11 years old.



COVID Protocol

More good news: Anchorage's Covid 19 cases continue to drop. This article is from Feb.16th
<https://www.alaskapublic.org/2022/02/16/a-steep-downward-trajectory-alaska-sees-50-drop-in-reported-covid-cases-this-week/>.

- ❖ For the conference we will be
masking indoors (speakers may unmask with 10' distance)
- ❖ Requiring vaccination status for all. Still investigating on how to do this.
- ❖ And physical distancing, "as best as possible" or "recommended." – Most of the rooms are large and will be set to max....with plenty of room to spread out.

Board Member Perks!

You are all entitled to register for the conference complimentary. Go here:

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=665918&>

Choose Complimentary and use the passcode: **Anchorage2022!**

As soon as the hotel site is open – I will make reservations for you and send each of you your confirmation number.