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State of the Association
WSAVA in 2019 – by Dr. Shane Ryan (WSAVA President)

Please find “State of the Association” here on the website

This year marks WSAVA’s 60th anniversary, our Diamond Jubilee, and it is a particular honour to report on the achievements of our global community whilst celebrating this milestone.

Since our last meeting in Singapore, our clinical committees have continued to support our members and all companion animal veterinarians globally. A strategic planning task force led by WSAVA vice-president Siraya Chunekamrai has also been working hard on our strategic plan for the period 2020-2023. WSAVA assembly member representatives received a draft of the plan in May.

We look forward to discussing this and other matters during Assembly Meeting and Members’ Forum at WSAVA World Congress in Toronto. But before we look ahead, let us reflect on some of our achievements during 2018-2019.

World Congress 2018 – a great success

More than 3,350 delegates from 66 countries attended the Singapore WSAVA Congress, making it the most popular World Congress ever. These record-breaking numbers reflect the rapid growth of companion animal practice across the Far East and the enthusiasm of Asian veterinarians and others from around the world to involve themselves in our global community. We sincerely thank the Singapore Veterinary Association and the many others who contributed to the success of the 2018 conference.

The Launch of the WSAVA’s Animal Welfare Global Guidelines for Companion Animal Practitioners and the Veterinary Team

At the Singapore congress we launched the latest in our highly respected series of Global Guidelines, tackling the vital issue of animal welfare and highlighting the role of veterinarians as the advocates for welfare. Supporting animal welfare is one of the most fundamental obligations we have as veterinarians and we are proud that these guidelines have already been endorsed by 37 of our member associations. The full Animal Welfare Guidelines have recently also been published in the Journal of Small Animal Practice (JSAP), our official scientific journal. They are currently available in English, Portuguese and Slovakian with further translations planned and practical tools and resources for clinicians in development.

Continuing Education

Our Continuing Education (CE) program and CE Committee (CEC) have undergone changes this year and a new era ushered in under interim chairperson and Executive Board member Ellen van Nierop.

To understand requirements of, and type of CE that is most beneficial for our members, the CEC has recently undertaken a global survey of needs and will prepare the 2019-2020 program based on these findings. We appeal to our larger members to help us deliver this much needed CE to
our colleagues in developing countries, joining contributing associations like BSAVA, ASA and NACAM. We are also recruiting volunteer Regional CE Coordinators for West Africa, South East Asia and South Asia. Please contact Emma van Rooijen if you would like more information.

In addition to our face-to-face training, we now offer a vast array of online CE to our members, including state-of-the-art lectures from recent World Congresses. These resources are free to access and download from the WSAVA Academy on our website.

Understanding Veterinary Wellness

The work undertaken by our Committees helps to drive veterinary practice forward but, our efforts are at risk if we do not also work to safeguard the mental health and well-being of all members of the veterinary team. With the help of more than 4,000 participating WSAVA members, our Professional Wellness Group has recently undertaken the first global study into veterinary wellness. It will report initial findings during World Congress 2019 and will then focus on developing tools and resources to support our members’ well-being.

New Industry Partner Agreements

We have received a positive response from our industry partners for our remodelled partnership offering and now have two ‘Diamond Partners’ – Purina Institute and Mars Petcare and one ‘Gold Partner’ - Hill’s Pet Nutrition. Our work would not be possible without our Industry Partners and we are very grateful for their continuing commitment to companion animal practice and to companion animal veterinarians globally.

A New Educational Partner

Our Educational Partners help us to deliver high-quality veterinary education to our members. China is a particular focus so we were delighted to welcome ACTAsia as a new Educational Partner. ACTAsia is a not-for-profit association that provides veterinary training in Asia as part of its wider remit to promote animal welfare. It will now encourage the adoption of the standards set out in our Global Guidelines during the programs it runs in China and other Asian countries. We believe that working with ACTAsia will accelerate our joint efforts to develop companion animal veterinary practice in the region. It is without doubt a positive step forward for animal welfare in Asia.

Enhancing Member Communication

Ensuring that our activities and leaders are accessible to our members is a priority for my presidency. We have hosted two well-attended Members’ Forums this year – the first during VMX in Florida, USA, in January and the second in Bangalore, India, in March. Both sparked lively discussion on the type of support our members need and how we can better serve them. We thank everyone who attended and shared their views.

We have also launched a new monthly newsletter for our Member Representatives in order to help them share our news with their own members and have increased the frequency of our Bulletin to twice a month. Our Bulletin’ readership continues to increase but please contact us if you are not receiving all our output.
WSAVA Leadership Team

This year we bid farewell to Nicola Neumann, who will step-down from the Executive Board at the Toronto Congress. Nicola has been Congress Liaison Officer since 2015, an at-times difficult role that she has managed magnificently. I thank Nicola for her service and enormous contribution. We are now seeking a new Executive Board Director, preferably from Africa, the Middle East or Eastern Europe, to ensure that our leadership team is representative of our global membership.

WSAVA also said goodbye and happy retirement to our long-standing Financial Officer, June Ingwersen. I am delighted to say that our new Finance Officer, Joyce Dao, has settled in well and successfully completed the first audit with our new auditor and help from our Honorary Treasurer Michael Day.

These are just some of the highlights of our work during the last year and I hope they give you sense of what we have worked together to achieve in this, our 60th year.

WSAVA is, of course, reliant on the support of our diligent and hard-working volunteers, who include the members of our 20 Standing and Clinical Committees, our Member Representatives and, of course, my colleagues on the Executive Board. I thank them and you all for this unstinting commitment to WSAVA and its members. We are always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to find out more about being involved, please contact Geeta Saini, Chair of the Leadership and Nomination Committee.

Finally, I would also like express my thanks to all of our member associations and their members for the enthusiasm with which they support our work. We are strong global community and we work every day to make a difference to the welfare, well-being and health of companion animals and to the veterinarians and veterinary teams who take care of them.

Together we have made great progress during our first 60 years. Together we can achieve even more during the next 60.

Thank you

Shane Ryan
WSAVA President

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Assembly 2019 - Agenda
15th of July 2019

Location: Metro Toronto Convention Center
Time: Registration starts at 8:00 AM
Session 1: Members’ Forum starts at 09:00 AM
Session 2: Assembly Meeting starts at 13:30 AM

Session 1: Members’ Forum
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1. President’s welcome
2. Presentation of format of the day
3. Presentation of the Consent agenda from the business session and call for removal of items
   The consent agenda includes all officers’ reports, committee reports, standardization group reports, congress reports, member association reports, and other information that needs to be motioned but does not need to be discussed.
4. Members’ Forum on the Strategic Plan (SC) 2019 – 2022
5. Future steps

Session 2: Business Meeting
13:30 – 16:30 PM

1. Call to order
2. Welcome by the Chair
   2.1. Recognition of guests
   2.2. Member representative regrets
   2.3. New member representatives
   2.4. Vote proxy assignments
   2.5. In Memoriam
3. Attendance, code of conduct and conflict of interest declaration
4. Adoption of agenda
   4.1. Consent agenda
       - Committee reports
       - Standardization/Guidelines Project Reports
       - Congress reports
       - Honorary Secretary report
       - Member Association reports
       - WSAVA Foundation report
5. Minutes of the Members’ Forum and Assembly Meeting 2018
   *Motion:* to approve the Minutes of the Members’ Forum and Assembly Meeting 2018
6. WSAVA Finances & Treasury
   6.1. 2018 audited financials
       *Motion:* to approve audited financials
   6.2. Honorary Treasurer’s Report
Motion: to approve Honorary Treasurer’s report

6.3. FAC report
6.4. Auditor Appointment – Baker Tilly for 2019

Motion: to approve Baker Tilly as WSAVA auditing firm for 2019

6.5. Industry Canada

Motion: to hold the WSAVA Assembly meeting in conjunction with the 2020 WSAVA Congress

7. Getting Assembly Members to Congress – Presentation of Recipients

8. WSAVA Officer positions
8.1. Executive Board Member

Nominees: Martin Soberano (AVEACA), Lea Kreszinger (CSAVS), Felisbina Queiroga (AMPVEAC), Kevin Stevens (SAVA) and Mahan Bitaraf (ISAVA)

The nominee receiving the most votes will be elected to the position of WSAVA Executive Board Member.

9. Matters pertaining to Congress
9.1. 2023 CSC Congress bid recommendation

Motion: to approve the location of the Congress 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal, as recommended by the CSC and endorsed by the WSAVA Executive Board.

10. Membership
10.1. Loss/Withdrawal of membership

IVENTA will lose its membership benefits due to non-payment of membership fees, as described in the WSAVA By-Laws under section 3.6.ii.

10.2. New members

Motion: to approve the AOVET for Affiliate Membership

Motion: to approve the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) for Affiliate Membership

Motion: to approve the Council of the Association of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Technicians of Haiti (AVEM-Haiti) for Associate Membership

Motion: to approve the Tanzania Small Animal Veterinary Organization (TASAVO) for Associate Membership

Motion: to approve the Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association (CbVMA) for Associate Membership

Motion: to approve the Emirates Veterinary Association (EVA) for Full Membership

10.3. Membership category changes

Motion: to approve the Kenya Small and Companion Animal Veterinary Association (KESCAVA) for Full Membership

10.4. By-Law exemption request

Motion: to grant a By-Law exemption to the Veterinary Association of Specialists in Small Animals of Venezuela (SOVEMEVEPA) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years

Motion: to grant a By-Law exemption to the Ghana Private Veterinary Surgeons Association (GHAPRIVETS) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years

Motion: to grant a By-Law exemption to the General Union of Tunisian Doctors
of Veterinary Medicine (UGMVT) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years

11. **Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022**  
   🐾 Motion: to approve the Strategic Plan for 2019 - 2022

12. **Member recognition**

13. **Adoption of the Consent Agenda**  
   🐾 Motion: to approve consent agenda

14. Next Assembly meeting - 22 September 2020

15. AOB

**Relevant Documents**
You can find relevant document on the page of each agenda point in this booklet or on the page the **Assembly Meeting 2019** on the WSAVA website.

Alternatively, you can download all the documents referenced in this Booklet as a ZIP file [here](#).
Consent Agenda

Committee Reports

The report for each committee can be found on the relevant committee’s page on the WSAVA website. Please see the relevant link for each committee below.

All reports are also combined in one document, which you can find here: [All WSAVA Committee Reports combined (PDF)]

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WSAVA World Congress 2018 & 2019

2018: WSAVA Congress: Singapore

Please find the Financial Report of the WSAVA Congress 2018 held in Singapore on the website.

2019: WSAVA Congress – Toronto, Canada

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association welcomes the 44th World Small Animal Veterinary Association World Congress in 2019 to be held in beautiful Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Toronto is Canada’s continental gateway and an international crossroad where the world loves to meet.

Planning is well underway for the 44th WSAVA World Congress 2019. The Veterinary Profession is as exciting and varied as the multitude of individuals who compose its membership.

We invite you to plan your attendance now for the 44th WSAVA World Congress 2019. The Organizing Committee and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association invites you to participate in this one of a kind Congress and enjoy an unparalleled experience in Canada’s premier entertainment and travel destination that will inspire your imagination for years to come.

Kind regards,

Dr. Jim Berry
Chair of the Local Host Committee

2020, 2021 and 2022: WSAVA Congress

Warsaw, Poland
23-26 Sept 2020

Lima, Peru
29-31 Oct 2022

Toronto, Canada
16-19 July 2019

Hyderabad, India
November 2021

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Honorary Secretary Report - 2019

Dear friends,

I am sure this has been a very busy year for us all. I thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve the WSAVA as its Honorary Secretary. It makes me very happy and proud to see that the secretariat continues to grow professionally and in hours as is needed. This dedicated team allows the Executive Board (EB) to focus on strategy and become less hands on. This is work in progress as the EB consists of vets who are by nature hands on, but now have to learn to leave the operational work in the very capable hands of the executive assistant, Emma van Rooijen and CEO, Arpita Bhose. This process takes time but is a major step forward and enables the CEO to focus more on strategic direction and the EB on governance. Our new financial officer Joyce Dao is also doing a superb job and has now fully taken over from June Ingwersen. June has been the working heart of our association for years, for which we all are very grateful.

Over the past year, the WSAVA has continued to grow in strength and influence. With new members from several countries joining in 2018, the WSAVA now has 110-member associations, representing over 200,000 individual veterinarians. We benefit from the broadest geographical and cultural footprint the organization has achieved in its history. This expansion enables the association to better fulfil its mission around the world.

The new sponsorship plan has provided a lot of work for the CEO and is of the utmost importance to provide the WSAVA with sufficient income to make all our dreams possible. In order to enable Arpita to focus more on that, our Executive Assistant, Emma, is now working full time.

What have been and will be my focus areas besides the secretariat this year and next year? One has been to reinforce the Leadership and Nomination Committee (LNC) as their new EB liaison. The LNC, under excellent leadership of Geeta Saini, is now heavily involved in leadership decisions and has renewed and standardized the open nomination processes of committees, Executive Board and membership applications. All this with the ultimate goal of creating an engaged and open WSAVA community.

Another focus area is the very rapidly changing veterinary landscape and how to deal with that. The role of corporates is increasing in, not all, but many parts of the world. This development affects a lot of our members, the member associations as well as our individual members. It is of the utmost importance for the WSAVA to have strong associations, which are the backbone of the WSAVA, and to work together with corporates. The veterinary community nowadays and in the past is dealing with another big issue, professional wellness. This concerns all of us in our clinics whether privately owned or by corporates. We also need to look at involving vet technicians more, because of a lack of veterinarians. As new EB liaison for the Professional Wellness Group, I hope to contribute in this area.

Last but not least is Europe one of my responsibilities. It gives me great pleasure to be able to tell you that relationships with the European veterinary associations as FVE, UEVP and especially the FECAVA are excellent and we are working together on the issues mentioned above and will continue to do so.

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We need to keep working on building a strong veterinary community that communicates in the way that works for all, young or old, making people feel they belong. We need to communicate through all channels, social and digital and in person when and where ever we can. Rebecca George our PR consultant and Emma van Rooijen are vital in building our community. Communication is a big part of the Strategic Plan that is being developed. The operational part, the How will be a big part of the responsibilities of Emma.

All of this will be discussed with you all during the Members Forum in Toronto.

As for me: I have always felt very strongly about being a WSAVA member, I have attended WSAVA congresses since 1986, in Paris, Toronto will be my 19th WSAVA Congress!

I hope you do too.

The secretariat consists of:

- WSAVA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) – Arpita Bhose
- WSAVA Executive Assistant - Emma van Rooijen
- WSAVA Finance Officer – Joyce Dao
- PR Consultant – Rebecca George

The goal was and is to have the secretariat developed in that way that in 2020 a specific position of Honorary Secretary is no longer necessary and that the board position can be taken by a Board member that can focus on strategy. There is no doubt that this fantastic group of people that is very much dedicated to the WSAVA will reach this goal.

I want to thank all of them for their tremendous and hard work and I am very grateful and happy to work with them.

I am sure we will have your support as we move forward. We always welcome your suggestions on what you want from your membership and how we can provide this.

Kind regards,

Dr. Renée Chalmers Hoynck van Papendrecht
WSAVA Honorary Secretary

Please find the “WSAVA Honorary Secretary Report” here on the website
Member Association Reports

All member associations are required to submit an annual report of their activities, contact details and number of members at the end of every year. All reports can be found on the individual page of the Member Association on the website which can be accessed via the links below. You can find the report at the bottom of each page.

Only Member Associations that have sent in a report for 2018 are displayed below.

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WSAVA Foundation Report

Please find the “WSAVA Foundation Report” on the website.

This year the Fun(d)Run will be held on Thursday 18th of July and will start at 06:30 AM.
Call for errors and omissions

Please find the minutes of the “Members’ Forum” and the “Assembly Meeting” held during the WSAVA World Congress 2018 in Singapore, here on the WSAVA Website.

Make sure you read the minutes as there will be a motion to vote to approve the minutes and it will give you insight on previous WSAVA business.

**Motion: to approve the minutes of the Assembly Meeting 2018**
WSAVA Financial Report

Audited Financial Statements of 2018
By Bakery Tilly GLD

The firm “Bakery Tilly GLD” (previously called Collins Barrow) has audited the books of the WSAVA for the year 2018. On the following two pages, you can find the introduction of the report.

The full final audit “Independent Auditors’ Report and Financial Statement 2018” can be found on the website.
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT

To the members of
World Small Animal Veterinary Association

Qualified Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of World Small Animal Veterinary Association, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018 and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary or significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion
In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Organization derives revenue from contributions and fundraising events and activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Organization. Therefore we were not able to determine whether at December 31, 2018 and for the year ended December 31, 2018, any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, fundraising events and activities revenues, deficiency of revenue over expenditures, cash flows and fund balances. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization’s financial reporting process.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Other Matter

The financial statements of World Small Animal Veterinary Association for the year ended December 31, 2017 were audited by another practitioner who expressed a qualified opinion on those statements on June 28, 2018 due to the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion paragraph.

Baker Tilly GWD

Guelph, Ontario
April 15, 2019

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Honorary Treasurer’s Report and Budget of 2019
By Emeritus Prof. Michael Day (WSAVA Honorary Treasurer)

**Income 2018**
- Other Income $48,038
- Membership Fees $71,576
- Sponsorships $244,706
- WSAVA Congress $339,757

**Total income** $724,077

**Expenses 2018**
- Congress Expenses $63,593
- Executive Board Expenses $81,507
- Operating Expenses $417,461
- Fund Expenses $306,742
- Other Expenses $8,407

**Total expenses** $637,800

**Income vs. Expenses 2018**
- Income $724,077
- Expenses $637,800
Comments from the Treasurer

After Congress 2018 Emeritus Professor Michael Day took over from Dr. Ellen van Nierop as Honorary Treasurer

Ms Joyce Dao was appointed as WSAVA Finance Officer in October 2018 and worked in parallel with Mrs June Ingwersen until December 2018

During 2018 a tender and interview process was conducted to appoint a new Auditor for WSAVA in accordance with direction given by the WSAVA Assembly. Collins Barrow was appointed and the name of company subsequently changed to Bakery Tilly GLD in January

The 2018 WSAVA accounts were audited by Baker Tilly GWD and are submitted to the 2019 Assembly for approval.

For the first time, all areas of the Association are now working to a defined budget for the 2019 financial year. For 2019 the reserves held by some project committees enable us to offset a reduction in sponsorship income and for all of our committees to continue to function. The 2020 budget will likely need to be more measured as to what is achievable with available funds without utilizing reserves.

In 2019 the PR/Communications budget will become part of the Secretariat budget and no longer appear as a separate fund account.

Please find the “Honorary Treasurer's Report 2019” here on the WSAVA website.
Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) Report
Chair of the FAC: Debbie Osborne

Find the “Annual Report of the FAC” on the website

**Motion:** to approve the audited financials

**Motion:** to approve Honorary Treasurer’s Report

**Motion:** to hold the WSAVA Assembly Meeting 2020 in conjunction with the 2020 WSAVA congress
WSAVA Grant: Getting Assembly Members to Congress

Our “Getting Assembly Members to Congress” initiative offers grants to help member representatives attend who could not otherwise because of their economic circumstances. It is important that as many representatives join us as possible to represent their association’s interests in the assembly meeting and to take their learnings back to share with their colleagues at home.

This year we will be welcoming one assembly representatives to #WSAVA2019 thanks to the Getting Assembly Members to Congress Grant:

Dr Ntombi Mudenda, VAZ, Zambia

We look forward to meeting Ntombi at Congress this year. To be able to offer this grants again next year, we rely on donations from our other Member Associations. Would your Association be able and willing to donate and support this great initiative? Please contact Emma van Rooijen for more information.

All donations are welcome and helpful, this grant cannot exist without your help.
**WSAVA Executive Board**

A ‘Call for Nominations’ for the position of ‘WSAVA Executive Board Member’ was sent out to the members via all WSAVA’s communication platforms. This opening on the EB is for a second ‘Board Member’. The position holds a 2-year term of office, starting after the WSAVA World Congress 2019 in Toronto, Canada. As the regions Africa, the Middle East and Europe (specifically Eastern Europe) are currently underrepresented on the WSAVA EB, members from those regions were strongly encouraged to submit a nomination but nominations from all regions were welcome.

- Any nominee for a position on the EB, must be a member of one of the WSAVA’s full Member Associations (WSAVA By-Laws point 3.2. and 3.3. specify that Affiliate and Associate members cannot be represented on the EB)
- Any nominee must provide
  - short Curriculum Vitae
  - letter of intent
  - two supporting references, of which one must be from a WSAVA Member Association in their country
- Nominations should be sent to the WSAVA Secretariat [admin@wsava.org] by May 15, 2019
- Nominations are reviewed by the Leadership and Nominations Committee (LNC), who make recommendations to the Assembly. The post is subject to election at the annual Assembly as per point 5.3 of the By-Laws of the Association.

### Board Member Nomination

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<td>Mahan Bitaraf</td>
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Matter pertaining to Congress

Recommendation of the CSC for the WSAVA World Congress 2023

A ‘Call for Bids’ to host the WSAVA World Congress 2023 for the region Europe, Middle East and Africa has been sent out. Nine bids were received and reviewed by the WSAVA Congress Steering Committee. The CSC has recommended one bid for the location, which has been endorsed by the EB and will now be voted on by the Assembly.

Please find the full “Recommendation of the CSC for the WSAVA World Congress 2023” here on the website.

Overview of the bids

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Motion: to approve the location of the Congress 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal, as recommended by the CSC and endorsed by the WSAVA Executive Board.

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Motion: to approve the AOVET for Affiliate Membership

Motion: to approve the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) for Affiliate Membership

Motion: to approve the Council of the Association of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Technicians of Haiti (AVEM-Haiti) for Associate Membership

Motion: to approve the Tanzania Small Animal Veterinary Organization (TASAVO) for Associate Membership

Motion: to approve the Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association (CbVMA) for Associate Membership

Motion: to approve the Emirates Veterinary Association (EVA) for Full Membership

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Member Category Change Applications

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Motion: to approve the Kenya Small and Companion Animal Veterinary Association (KESCAVA) for Full Membership

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### Member By-Law Exemption Applications

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**Motion:** to grant a By-Law exemption to the Veterinary Association of Specialists in Small Animals of Venezuela (SOVEMEVEPA) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years

**Motion:** to grant a By-Law exemption to the Ghana Private Veterinary Surgeons Association (GHAPRIVETS) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years

**Motion:** to grant a By-Law exemption to the General Union of Tunisian Doctors of Veterinary Medicine (UGMVT) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years

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Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022

A Strategic Planning Task Force (SPTF) was formed and had their first face-to-face meeting in Singapore during the WSAVA World Congress 2018. A Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022 was drafted and will be considered by the Assembly for approving.

In the visual below, the aim and content of the Strategic Plan are displayed.

ียว The full “WSAVA Strategic Plan 2019-2022” can be found on the website.
ียว The “Timelines of the WSAVA Strategic Plan 2019-2022” can be found on the website.

Our "Why": 2019

Motion: to approve the Strategic Plan for 2019-2022

"Celebrate our diversity in a way that unites and empowers our community to enable positive changes in the world"
Member Recognition

On behalf of all WSAVA members, we thank those Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs whose terms of office have come to an end this year. Their dedication and commitment has helped to drive our global community forward and we are truly grateful for their contribution.

Nicola Neumann
Congress Liaison Officer (EB)

Kathi Brunner
Chair of the LNC

Gad Baneth
Chair of the SAC

Kevin Stevens
Chair of the CSC

Debbie Osborne
Chair of the FAC

Zoe Belshaw
Chair of the CEC

On behalf of all WSAVA members, we thank the Local Host Committee 2019 for its hard work to ensure what this year’s Congress is another great success. We couldn’t have done it without you – thank you!

Jim Berry – Chair of the LHC 2019
Jeanne Lofstedt
Susan McTaggart
Margaret Brown-Bury
Fran Rotondo
Shannon Brownrigg
Nadine Schueller
Sarah Cunningham
Del Zelmer
Kathleen McMillan
Marie-Claude Blais
Linda Chow