Dear WSAVA Member Associations,

At the WSAVA Assembly meeting in Copenhagen on September 24, 2017, the Assembly adopted a succession plan for the WSAVA Executive Board (EB), which encompasses the addition of 2 Board member positions – one to commence in 2018 and the second in 2019.

This is a call for nominations for the 2018 position of Board Member, which as defined by the WSAVA By-Laws is an individual who shall act as voting advisors on the Executive Board with select responsibilities as determined by the Executive Board based on need. The Board member(s) shall be a liaison member of certain of the Corporation’s Committees as determined by the Executive Board.

Interested individuals will work actively with other Executive Board members and WSAVA leadership to achieve the WSAVA Vision and Mission, which are:

WSAVA Vision: All companion animals worldwide receive veterinary care that ensures their optimal health and welfare

WSAVA Mission: To advance the health and welfare of companion animals worldwide through an educated, committed and collaborative global community of veterinary peers.

As per the WSAVA By-Laws, nominations will only be considered from a current WSAVA member association member: specifically, association representatives of full association members or from active participants within the WSAVA Committees. As the business of the association is conducted in English, interested individuals should be reasonably fluent in English – both written and oral. They should be able to attend monthly EB teleconferences and 2 annual face-to-face meetings, one of which will occur in conjunction with the WSAVA World Congress, encompassing a maximum of 5 and 9 days respectively. It is anticipated that this position will require approximately 5 hours of time per week. Any reasonable costs incurred by the successful candidate while working on behalf of the WSAVA will be reimbursed.

Individuals will be elected to serve a 2-year term, renewable based on performance for an additional 2-year term.

While this is an open call to all of the WSAVA Members, the selection process will provide preferential consideration for individuals with skills sets/expertise and/or from a WSAVA region based on the strategic needs of the Executive Board and to ensure its reflection of the WSAVA Global Veterinary Community.

For the Board Member seeking election for the 2018-2020 term, preferential consideration will be given to members from Latin America (LATAM)

Interested individuals must provide the following information to be considered:

- Letter of intent, including how the candidate meets the current defined EB strategic needs
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of support from Membership association
- Letter of support from person who nominated the candidate
- One additional letter of support from a WSAVA member

Application and package submission must be submitted to the WSAVA Secretariat at admin@wsava.org with a submission deadline of June 1, 2018. Applicants will be provided with a confirmation of receipt notification.
Applicants will be reviewed by the LNC (Leadership and Nomination committee) based on their submitted credentials and the preference skill/region as defined by the EB. The LNC will make a recommendation to the EB and Assembly as to the most suitable candidate, although all candidates may continue to let their names stand for election at the September 24, 2018 Assembly meeting.

Should there be any additional questions, please forward to Arpita Bhose, WSAVA Chief Executive Officer at yourwsava@wsava.org

With kind regards

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