

Minutes of the WSAVA Assembly 2018

Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre – Hall H – Singapore

24th of September 2018

Session II: Business Session

- 1. Call to Order** – The Chair, WSAVA President Dr. Walt Ingwersen, called the meeting to order at 13:30 GMT+8

It was confirmed that a notice of the meeting, the agenda, all nominations for office, annual audited financial statement and amendments to the By-Laws were sent 60 days prior the Assembly, as stated in the By-Laws.

Quorum was established with 162 out of 229 votes (71%) with 143 votes physically present at the Assembly and 19 votes received by postal ballots.

- 2. Recognition of Guests**

Dr. Shane Ryan	– Chair of the Local Host Committee 2018
Dr. Eleanor Ho	– President of SVA
Dr. Geoffrey Chen	– President of FASAVA
Dr. Wolfgang Dohne	– President of FECAVA
Dr. Johnson Chiang	– President of WVA
Dr. Ronello Abila	– World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
Dr. Carel du Marchie Sarvaas	– Health for Animals
Dr. Jolle Kirpensteijn	– WSAVA Past President
Dr. Gabriel Varga	– WSAVA Past President

- 3. Member Representative Regrets**

AMVEPA (Paraguay)
AMVEPE (Guatemala)
AMVEPPA (Peru)
ANCLIVEPA (Brazil)
BASAV (Bulgaria)
BHSAVA (Bosnia Herzegovina)
BVA (Botswana)
CCVC (Cuba)
CSAVS (Croatia)

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ESAVA (Estonia)
GeoSAVA (Georgia)
KAHA (South Korea)
LSAPS (Latvia)
MSAVA (Macedonia)
NZVA CAV (New Zealand)
OMVL (Lebanon)
SASAP (Serbia)
SOMEVEPA (Venezuela)
VEPA (Colombia)
AMVQ (Canada)
ACVD
LAVC
NZVNA

4. New Member Representatives – the President welcomed the representatives of associations applying for membership:

<u>Dr. Riad Katrib</u>	representing AMMVEPE (Mexico)
<u>Dr. A.K. Srivastava</u>	representing ISACP (India)
<u>Dr. Onolbaatar Byambaa</u>	representing MoSAVA (Mongolia)
<u>Dr. Jamshed Tahir</u>	representing PVSPF (Pakistan)
<u>Dr. Mudenda Ntombi</u>	representing VAZ (Zambia)

5. Vote Proxy Assignments and Postal Ballots

5.1. Postal Ballots were received from 10 Member Associations;

ACVD
BASAV (Bulgaria)
CSAVS (Czech Republic)
DSAVA (Denmark)
IEWG
KAHA (South Korea)
LSAPS (Latvia)
MSAVA (Macedonia)
SASAP (Serbia)
VPAN (Nepal)

5.2. Proxy assignments were received from 8 Member Associations;

AMVEPA (Paraguay) assigned their proxy to Dr. Guillermina Manigot (AVEACA)

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SOVEMEVEPA (Venezuela) assigned their proxy to Dr. Guillermina Manigot (AVEACA)

AMVEPE (Guatemala) assigned their proxy to Dr. Oscar Umaña (MEVEPES)

AMVEPPA (Peru) assigned their proxy to Dr. Marco Garcia Siabala (AMVEPPA)

AMVQ (Canada) assigned their proxy to Dr. Jim Berry (CVMA)

CCVC (Cuba) assigned their proxy to Dr. Juan Krauss (RMA South America)

VEPA (Colombia) assigned their proxy to Dr. Juan Krauss (RMA South America)

BVA (Botswana) assigned their proxy to Dr. Lawson Cairns (RMA Africa)

- 6. Attendance, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Declaration** – Dr. Gabriel Varga and Dr. Zoe Belshaw were nominated and elected to act as scrutineers
Motion was seconded by Jim Berry (CVMA)

Acronym	Country	Number of votes	Representative
AVEACA	ARGENTINA	2	Guillermina Manigot
ARMSAVA	ARMENIA	1	Vahan Khachatryan
ASAVA	AUSTRALIA	5	Debbie Osborne
VOEK	AUSTRIA	4	Manfred Hochleitner
SAVAB	BELGIUM	2	Marc Vangheluwe
BVA	BOTSWANA	1	Lawson Cairns
CVMA	CANADA	8	Jim Berry
AMVQ	CANADA (QUEBEC)	4	Jim Berry
BJSAVA	CHINA (BEIJING)	2	Torren Stone
HKVA	CHINA (HONG KONG)	2	Veronica Leong
SHSAVA	CHINA (SHANGHAI)	2	Geoffrey Chen
VEPA	COLOMBIA	2	Juan Krauss
MVEPES	COSTA RICA	1	Oscar Umaña
CCVC	CUBA	1	Juan Krauss
CSAVA	CZECH REPUBLIC	3	Jan Hnizdo
AMVEPE	ECUADOR	2	German Fierro Pazmino
FAVP	FINLAND	3	Minna Rinkinen





AFVAC	FRANCE	6	Claude Beata
HCAVS	GREECE	4	Ben Albalas
AMVEPE	GUATEMALA	1	Oscar Umaña
HSAVA	HUNGARY	2	Ferenc Biró
FSAPAI	INDIA	5	Makarand Chavan
ISAPVA	INDONESIA	1	Siti Komariah
ISAVA	IRAN	2	Mahan Bitaraf
AIVPA	ITALY	4	Stefano Romagnoli
JBVP	JAPAN	2	Takuo Ishida
SJCAP	JAPAN	3	Takashi Koseki
KESCAVA	KENYA	1	Derick Chibeu
LSAVA	LITHUANIA	2	Linas Varanauskas
MSAVA	MALAYSIA	2	Gonipathan Gangadharan
NACAM	NETHERLANDS	4	Daphne Westgeest
NZVA - CAV	NEW ZEALAND	3	Natalie Lloyd
SAVAN	NIGERIA	1	Olatunji Nasir
NSAVA	NORWAY	3	Anne Torgersen
AMVEPA	PARAGUAY	1	Guillermína Manigot
AMVEPPA	PERU	1	Marco Garcia Siabala
PAHA	PHILIPPINES	2	Odysseus Camarillo
SPVS	RUSSIA (ST. PETERSBURG)	4	Rublev Vasily
SVA	SINGAPORE	2	Eleanor Ho Pei Min
SkSAVA	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	2	Robert Manko
SAVA	SOUTH AFRICA	2	Ian Southern
AVEPA	SPAIN	7	Jordi Franch
SCAP	SRI LANKA	1	Mayuri Thammitiyagodage
SVK	SWITZERLAND	3	Kathi Brunner
TVMA	TAIPEI	2	David Tan
VPAT	THAILAND	8	Monchanok Vijarnsorn
UGMVT	TUNISIA	1	Faouzi Kechrid
AVMA	USA	8	Julie Stafford
SOVEMEVEPA	VENEZUELA	1	Guillermína Manigot
VSAVA	VIETNAM	1	Le Quang Thong
AVD	International	1	Brook Niemiec
ISVO	International	1	Gil Ben-Shlomo

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IVSA	International	1	Magda Jannasch
LAVECCS	International	1	Adriana Lopez Quintana
NAVC	International	1	Leann Kuebelbeck
WAVMA	International	1	Devon Dublin
WSAVA Executive Board	-	None	Walt Ingwersen Shane Ryan Siraya Chunekamrai Renée Chalmers Hoyneck van Papendrecht Nicola Neumann Ellen van Nierop Michael Day Colin Burrows (Past President)

- 7. Adoption of Agenda** – The Chair called for any amendments to the Consent Agenda by removing any content to be placed on the Discussion Agenda. No amendments were made.

Dr. Brook Niemiec (AVD) moved to accept the agenda.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Debbie Osborne (ASAVA).

Motion was approved with all votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

7.1. Consent Agenda

- 7.1.1. Committee Reports**
- 7.1.2. Standardisation/Guidelines Project Reports**
- 7.1.3. Congress Reports**
- 7.1.4. Honorary Secretary Report**
- 7.1.5. Member Association Reports**
- 7.1.6. WSAVA Foundation Report**

- 8. In Memoriam** – The Chair called for a moment of silence to remember
Dr. Elena Tchitchinadze of the Georgian Small Animal Veterinary Association
Prof. Timoleon Rallis of the Hellenic Companion Animal Veterinary Society
Dr. Meas Sothy of the Cambodian Veterinary Association
Dr. W. Brian Singleton WSAVA Past President of 1975-1977

- 9. 2017 Minutes – Call for Errors and Omissions** – No errors or omissions received in advance or from the floor.

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Dr. Debbie Osborne (ASAV) moved to approve the Assembly 2017 Minutes

Motion was seconded by Dr. Ben Albalas (HCAVS)

Motion was approved with all votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

10. WSAVA Finances & Treasury – Dr. Ellen van Nierop (WSAVA Honorary Treasurer) made a presentation to highlight the Treasurer's items that were detailed in the Assembly Book. Afterwards, the Assembly was called to vote on the following motions

10.1. 2017 Audited Financials – Dr. Olatunji Nasir (SAVAN) mentioned there was no allocation in the budget for mini-congresses and asked if it would be strategic to include this in the budget. Dr. Ellen van Nierop (WSAVA Honorary Treasurer) explained that it will be cost neutral due to the PCO underwriting any loss and it may not be included in the budget for next year as it may not be feasible to host a mini-congress in the next financial year.

The Chair moved to approve the audited financials

Motion was seconded by Dr. Brook Niemiec (AVD)

Motion was approved with all votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

10.2. Honorary Treasurers Report and 2018 Budget & Financials to Date

The Chair moved to approve the Honorary Treasurer's Report

Motion was seconded by Dr. Gopinathan Gangadharan (MSAVA)

Motion was approved with all votes cast in favour

10.3. Budget 2017 Projected vs. Actual – Dr. Ellen van Nierop (WSAVA Honorary Treasurer) presented the Budget of the financial year of 2017 demonstrating the projected and actual costs of the association.

10.4. 5-year Budget Plan 2018-2022 – Dr. Ellen van Nierop (WSAVA Honorary Treasurer) presented the 5-year Budget Plan 2018-2022.

10.5. FAC Report – Dr. Debbie Osborne (ASAV and Chair of the FAC) presented the annual FAC Report.

10.6. Auditor Appointment – Colins Barrow for 2018 – Devon Dublin (WAVMA) asked if this is the first time that Colins Barrow is being appointed. Ellen van Nierop (WSAVA Honorary Treasurer) confirmed that this would indeed be the first time and clarified the reasoning behind selecting a new auditor.



The Chair moved to appoint Colins Barrow as WSAVA Auditing firm for 2018

The motion was seconded by Dr. Ben Albalas (HCAVS)

Motion approved with all votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

10.7. Industry Canada

The Chair moved to hold the WSAVA Assembly Meeting in conjunction with the 2019 WSAVA Congress

Motion was seconded by Claude Beata (AFVAC)

Motion was approved with all of the votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

11. By-Law Revisions – The Chair explained the reasoning for revising the WSAVA By-Laws.

The Chair moved to accept the WSAVA By-Laws as revised

Motion was seconded by Dr. Debbie Osborne (ASAV and Chair of FAC)

Motion was approved with all votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

12. WSAVA Officer Positions – The Chair explained that one nomination was received per officer position.

The Chair moved to proceed with voting for the WSAVA Officer Positions with a show of hands

Motion was seconded by Dr. Devon Dublin (WAVMA)

Motion was approved with all votes cast in favour (1 abstention)

12.1. President

The Chair moved to elect Dr. Shane Ryan as President.

Motion was seconded by Faouzi Kechrid (UGMVT)

Dr. Shane Ryan was elected with all votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

12.2. Vice-President

The Chair moved to elect Dr. Siraya Chunekamrai as Vice-President.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Olatunji Nasir (SAVAN)

Dr. Devon Dublin (WAVMA) asked if this would be the first time a woman was to hold this position. The Chair explained there has been one other female in the past in this position but she did not proceed to presidency.



Dr. Siraya Chunekamrai was elected with all votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

12.3. Honorary Secretary

The Chair moved to elect Dr. Renee Chalmers Hoyneck van Papendrecht as Honorary Secretary.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Claude Beata (AFVAC)

Dr. Renee Chalmers Hoyneck van Papendrecht was elected with all votes cast in favour (2 abstentions)

12.4. Honorary Treasurer

The Chair moved to elect Dr. Michael Day as Honorary Treasurer.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Adriana Lopez Quintana (LAVECCS)

Dr. Michael Day was elected with all votes cast in favour (1 abstention)

12.5. Executive Board Member

The Chair moved to elect Dr. Ellen van Nierop as Executive Board Member.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Devon Dublin (WAVMA)

Dr. Ellen van Nierop was elected with all votes cast in favour (1 abstention)

13. Matters Pertaining to Congress

- 13.1. 2022 CSC Congress Bid Recommendation** – Dr. Kevin Stevens (Chair of the CSC) presented the recommendation of the CSC and WSAVA PCO for the 2022 Congress bid. The vote was held by Secret Ballot.

The Chair moved to approve the location of the Congress 2022 in Lima, Peru as recommended by the CSC Chair and endorsed by the WSAVA Executive Board

The motion was approved with all votes cast in favour (4 abstentions)

14. Membership – All votes for membership were held by Secret Ballot

- 14.1. Loss/Withdrawal of Membership** – As stated in 3.6. of the WSAVA By-Laws, the associations listed have been in arrears of payment and not responded to three (3) or more monthly invoices, sent with notice of receipt, and warning of imminent membership loss. As such their membership is terminated:
Belarusian Republic Small Animal Veterinary Association (BelSAVA)

New Members



- *Mexican Small Animal Veterinary (AMMVEPE)*

Dr. Riad Katrib was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed. Dr. Ben Albalas (HCAVC) inquired if there was an outstanding debt from the WSAVA Congress 2005 that was held in Mexico. The Chair explained that the current applicant and board were not involved with the association at the time of the congress in 2005. As the entire association has been revived, this is considered as a new application, therefore the association is not required to pay the outstanding debt of the previous association. Nalinika Obeyesekere (SCAPS) requested for clarification on whether any regulations are in place in Mexico objecting to this association assuming the name of the previous 'dormant' association. Dr. Katrib answered that the procedure followed was legal.

The Chair moved to approve Mexican Small Animal Veterinary (AMMVEPE) Association for Full Membership

The motion was approved (11 abstentions).

- *Ordre des Medecins Veterinaires au Liban (OMVL)*

No representative of the OMVL was present to present their application. Nalinika Obeyesekere (SCAPS) inquired if WSAVA assists with providing financial support if applicants cannot afford travel to attend the WSAVA Assembly. The Chair confirmed that WSAVA does not financially support any associations applying for membership.

The Chair moved to approve Ordre des Medecins Veterinaires au Liban (OMVL) for Full Membership

The motion was approved (13 abstentions).

- *Cambodian Veterinary Association (CVA)*

No representative of the CVA was present to present their application. Dr. Siraya Chunekamrai (WSAVA Vice-President) presented some of the history regarding the formation of CVA.

Dr. Debbie Osborne (ASAV) suggested removing the regulation that states that full members must have more than 100 members, as WSAVA is including more and more smaller associations, and to now include member associations of all sizes.

The Chair moved to approve Cambodian Veterinary Association (CVA) for Associate Member



The motion was approved (19 abstentions).

- *Indian Society for Advancement of Canine Practice (ISACP)*
Dr. A.K. Srivastava was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation, answer any questions and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed. Dr. Olantunji Nasir (SAVAN) asked Dr. Srivastava to explain the relationship between ISACP and FSAPAI. Dr. Srivastava explained that there is no relationship. Dr. Debbie Osborne (ASAV) asked why ISACP is applying for associate membership. Dr. Srivastava explained this is due to financial constraint, but the association aims to become a full member and pay membership dues fully.

Dr. Devon Dublin (WAVMA) said that WSAVA should support associations like this as governments should be involved more.

Dr. Makarand Chavan (FSAPAI) explained that FSAPAI have a strong association with the government as well. The association is working hard to achieve the WSAVA World Congress in 2021 and more and more associations are joining FSAPAI each year. FSAPAI is a proud member of WSAVA, following the duties and ethics as a WSAVA member. Dr. Umesh Karkare (FSAPAI) explained that FSAPAI was created specifically to support the WSAVA By-Laws and he would suggest that ICASP join FSAPAI instead of seeking individual membership.

Dr. Nalinika Obeyesekere (SCAPS), Dr. Wiwiek Bagja (ISAPVA) and Dr. Kunle Abiade (SAVAN) all indicated that they recommend that ICASP should be encouraged to join with FSAPAI rather than applying for individual membership.

Dr. Umesh Karkare (FSAPAI) indicated he would be more than happy to assist ISACP to join FSAPAI.

Dr. Debbie Osborne (ASAV) explained that WSAVA By-Laws are in place related to these situations and they continue to be ignored. She felt strongly that the By-Laws should be followed in this case, especially since ISACP does not have the financial resources and they have the possibility to join FSAPAI.

The Chair moved to approve Indian Society for Advancement of Canine Practice (ISACP) for Associate Membership

The motion was denied (17 abstentions).

- *Mongolian Small Animal Veterinary Association (MoSAVA)*
Dr. Onolbaatar Byambaa was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation, answer questions and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed. Dr. Nalinika Obeyesekere (SCAPS) asked if MVMA is an active WSAVA member. Dr. Byambaa explained that MVMA mainly focussed on livestock, whereas MoSAVA only



focusses on small animals.

Dr. Jim Berry (CVMA) says the letter given by MVMA does not suggest that MVMA will step back as a WSAVA member. Dr. Debbie Osborne (ASAV) explained she interpreted this differently as the letter indicated that MoSAVA is a sub-group of MVMA, and as such the MVMA would still be the member. Dr. Julie Stafford (AVMA) asked if there is a procedure whereby MoSAVA would be able to replace MVMA as a WSAVA member. The Chair explained that no procedure is in place. Dr. Adriana Lopez Quintana (LAVECCS) explained that in smaller countries it is normal that over time a specific association for small animals is developed and would recommend setting up a protocol for situations like these where these small animal specialist associations can replace the main association as WSAVA Member Association. Dr. Nalinika Obeyesekere (SCAPS) requested another letter from MVMA clearly stating their position on the membership of both associations.

Dr. Jim Berry (CVMA) requested to ask Dr. Byambaa to clarify the relationship between MVMA and MoSAVA. Dr. Byambaa explained that MoSAVA is not a member of MVMA and are both completely separate associations.

Dr. Devon Dublin (WAVMA) explained that he felt that it might not be understood that one member, in this case MVMA, could be represented by a specific small animal group, in this case MoSAVA, and this sub-group does not necessarily have to apply for separate membership.

Dr. Derick Chibeu (KESCAVA) explained that this has happened in Kenya and denying their application will set MoSAVA back, which is undesirable.

Dr. Stefano Rogmagnoli (Italy) said he thought it was a bias towards MVMA to deny MoSAVA as MVMA is still allowed to be a member as opposed to MoSAVA.

Dr. Julie Stafford (AVMA) moved to postpone definitely until more information was available.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Olajuntji Nasir (SAVAN)

Motion was denied (11 abstentions)

Dr. Jim Berry (CVMA) explained that both associations agree and it would logistically be challenging for MoSAVA to present their application at the next Assembly as it is financially more challenging for them to travel to Canada. Marc Vangheluwe (SAVAB) asked if there was a possibility to grant them 1 year associate membership. The Chair explained that this is not an option.

Dr. Gil Ben-Shlomo (ISVO) emphasized that WSAVA should encourage more specific associations, such as MoSAVA to join over general associations such as MVMA. Dr. Devon Dublin (WAVMA) suggests to have WSAVA reconsider their policy of having 1 association per country as a member. He added that MVMA might include small animal veterinarians that are not members of MoSAVA.



Dr. Zoe Belshaw (CE Chair) explained that CE could be offered to non-members so benefits would be offered even if their membership application is denied.

The Chair moved to approve Mongolian Small Animal Veterinary Association (MoSAVA) for Associate Membership

The motion was approved (37 abstentions).

- *Pets Veterinary Sciences Promotion Foundation (Pakistan)*

Dr. Jamshed Tahir was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation, answer questions and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed. Dr. Devon Dublin (WAVMA) asked if this was the first association applying for membership from Pakistan. This was confirmed. Dr. Olatunji Nasi (SAVAN) suggested that WSAVA needs to invest more time in determining whether or not the applying association is the appropriate association to represent their country.

The Chair moved to approve Pets Veterinary Sciences Promotion Foundation (Pakistan) for Associate Membership

The motion was approved (15 abstentions).

- *Veterinary Association of Zambia (VAZ)*

Dr. Mudenda Ntombi was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation, answer questions and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed. Dr. Olatunji Nasir (SAVAN) re-emphasized due diligence and suggested to organize One Care workshops in countries that are looking to become a WSAVA member.

The Chair moved to approve Veterinary Association of Zambia (VAZ) for Associate Membership

The motion was approved all cast in favour (5 abstentions).

- *Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada (RVTTC)*

Dr. Jim Berry (CVMA) was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed. Dr. Devon Dublin (WAVMA) asked if Dr. Jim Berry could explain the relationship between CVMA and RVTTC. Dr. Jim Berry (CVMA) explained that there is a MoU between the two and that the RVTTC has a seat on several of CVMA's committee boards. Dr. Brook Niemiec (AVD) emphasized the importance of veterinary nurses and technicians and fully supports this application.

The Chair moved to approve Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of

Canada (RVTTC) for Affiliate Membership

The motion was approved (9 abstentions)

14.2. Membership Category

- The Chair moved to approve Small Animal Veterinary Association Nigeria (SAVAN) for Full Membership

The motion was approved (5 abstentions).

- The Chair moved to approve Indonesian Small Animal Practitioner Veterinary Association (ISAPVA) for Full Membership:

The motion was approved with all votes cast in favour (5 abstentions).

14.3. By-Law Exemption Request

The Chair moved to grant a By-Law exemption to Macedonian Small Animal Veterinary Association (MSAVA) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years

The motion was approved with 87% of the votes (123 out of 142 votes) cast in favour (23 abstentions).

15. Update on WSAVA Foundation Activities – Dr. Gabriel Varga (President of WSAVA Foundation) presented the activities of the WSAVA Foundation the previous year.

16. Any Other Business – There were no items that were not on the Assembly Agenda, but were relevant for Assembly Member information and participation.

17. Presidential Transfer and Incoming President Remarks – Dr. Walt Ingwersen, outgoing WSAVA President, transferred his presidential chain to Dr. Shane Ryan, incoming WSAVA President. Dr. Shane Ryan give his Incoming President's Remarks after which he presented Dr. Walt Ingwersen with a Past President's medal.

18. Member Recognition – The Chair thanked retiring chairs Dr. Urs Giger and Dr. Michael Day. Also recognised were Dr. Kevin Stevens, retiring as CSC chair in 2019; and WSAVA past-president and long time volunteer Dr. Colin Burrows.

19. Adoption of the Consent Agenda, including committee reports and Committee Chairs & Members -

The Chair moved to approve the consent agenda, including committee chairs and composition

The motion was approved with all of the votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

20. Next Assembly Meeting – 15th of July 2019 – The next WSAVA Assembly will be held in Toronto, Canada on the 15th of July 2019.

Dr. Jim Berry moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Brook Niemiec (AVD)

The motion was approved with all of the votes cast in favour (no abstentions)

The meeting was adjourned at 17:05 GMT+8

