Annual Report for the WSAVA Financial Advisory Committee

Name of the Committee
Name of the Committee (Co-)Chair(s)
Name of the Committee Members

Financial Advisory Committee
Debbie Osborne
Laurel Kaddatz, Manfred Hochleithner, Dave Miller and Michael Day

Mission/Tagline of the Committee
Helping Keep WSAVA Sustainable

Committee Activities of 2018
The main activity of the Financial Advisory Committee for 2018 was the review of the WSAVA auditing firm. Proposals were received from five firms based in Toronto, Canada. The top three firms were interviewed using Zoom Video Conferencing. After the interviews, references were checked for the top two firms. Based on the original proposal, interview and references, Collins Barrow was the preferred firm for provision of auditing services to WSAVA for 2018 – 2023. This recommendation was put to the Executive Board and approved at the 2018 WSAVA Assembly Meeting.

Other activities during the year included providing feedback to the EB on:

- CEO remuneration package
- Contract with Kenes (PCO for WSAVA Congress)
- By-law revisions relevant to finances of WSAVA
- New sponsorship arrangements
- Banking and investments

Past Chair of FAC, Dr Mark Shepherd from South Africa, retired from FAC after the meeting in Singapore and is replaced by Dr Dave Miller, also from South Africa. Dr Ellen van Nierop from Ecuador finished her term as WSAVA Treasurer in 2018 and is replaced by new WSAVA Treasurer, Prof Michael Day from the United Kingdom. The WSAVA Treasurer is a non-voting member of the FAC. Continuing members of FAC are Dr Debbie Osborne from Australia (Chair), Dr Laurel Kaddatz from USA and Dr Manfred Hochleithner from Austria.

Priorities for 2019
1. Monitoring the new sponsorship arrangements and providing feedback to the EB.
2. Monitoring the costs and benefits to the WSAVA of the expanded central secretariat.