Minutes of the WSAVA Assembly Meeting 2015

Centara Grand and Bangkok Convention Center, Bangkok

May 14, 2015

1. Opening - The WSAVA President, Colin Burrows called the meeting to order at 9.00 AM
This was followed by a brief welcome by Local Host Committee chair Chainarong Lohachit, who updated the Assembly regarding statistics of the Congress to date, and social event information
Housekeeping remarks were then made on:
   • Lunch and Assembly photo instructions
   • Change in the name of The Strategic Planning afternoon to Member’s Forum
   • Voting procedural issues:
     - Introduction of WSAVA parliamentarian to rest with Past President as s/he is a non-voting Assembly member
     - Secret voting will only be done if there are contending issues or candidates
     - Voting of absentee members: some proxy votes have been found invalid according to the By- Laws that state that proxy votes have to be received by the Secretariat in writing 3 weeks (21 days) prior to the Assembly Meeting. Jerzy Gawor expressed his regret that he will not be able to represent the member associations that have given him their proxy votes as they did not meet the deadline. He will take immediate measures to inform them of the situation
Relevant by - laws were referred to on the slides
   o [http://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/WSAVA%20Revised%20By-Laws%202014_FINAL_0.pdf](http://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/WSAVA%20Revised%20By-Laws%202014_FINAL_0.pdf)
   o Refer to by-laws point 4.2

- Selection of scrutineers
  Motion to accept Gabriel Varga and Ted Cohn as scrutineers
  All in favour
  Motion approved

2. Moments of silence The President called for a moment of silence to remember
3. **Recognition of guests and new Assembly representatives**

Special guests to the assembly were:

- Johnson Chiang (WVA)
- Phil Widders (OIE)
- Ian Dacre (World Animal Protection)
- Ted Cohn (AVMA)
- Monique Megens (FECAVA)

New Assembly Members were:

- Marcello Roza (Brazil)
- Valeria Grieco (Italy)
- Mukti Shrestha (Nepal)
- David Smith (NZ)
- Edgardo Unson (Philippines)
- Nick Woo (Singapore)
- Tsaja Pukl (Slovenia)
- Gizem Taktak (Turkey)
- Tricia Colville (UK)
- Christine Navarre (USA)

Special recognition was given to Mukti Shrestha from Nepal as his country was affected with a recent catastrophic earthquake and needed much financial help. The WSAVA Foundation Fun(d) Run pledged to donate part of its proceeds to Nepal as will many other activities during the congress.

4. **Attendance, code of conduct, conflict of interest statement**

**Regrets:**

| Annika Tranaeus Rowe - Sweden | Julie Hutt – New Zealand |
| Janne Orro-Taruste- Estonia   | Dennis Novak - Serbia   |
| Jesus Moreno Lazo - Cuba      | Peter Fahrenkrug – Germany |
| Alicia Del Almo – Argentina   | Ferenc Biro- Hungary     |
| Johan van Tilburg – Belgium   | Lea Kreszinger - Croatia |
| Josip Krasni – Bosnia         | David Tan - Taipei       |
| Linda Jakusonoka – Latvia     | Andrei Timen – Romania   |
| Saulius Laurusevicius – Lithuania | Sergei Sereda – Russia |
| Katia Di Nicolo – Luxembourg  | Boyko Georgiev – Bulgaria|
| Predrag Stojovic – Montenegro | Grant Petrie - BSAVA     |
| Sheila Torres - ACVD          |                           |
| Bruce Robertson – ISVO        |                           |
| Gert ter Haar – IVENTA        |                           |
| Nicolas Bacon – VSSO          |                           |
Present:

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5. **State of the Association** – This was the address by the President to update the Assembly on committee activities, WSAVA Foundation, general financial situation of the WSAVA, Board activities and the development of the central secretariat namely “YourWSAVA”. There was also a short update of the current and future Congresses and a thank you to the Local Host Committee, core PCO- Kenes, our current Congress Liaison Officer, Nicola Neumann, Jolle Kirpensteijn for his support to the CLO and the Congress Program Chair. Appreciation was also extended to the committee members, industry partners and sponsors, Executive Board and June Ingwersen for her tireless support as the sole employee of the Secretariat. An update on the strategic plan and membership benefits was also mentioned. In conclusion the President called for input, participation and the will to work together to develop a true and effective global veterinary community.

6. **Motion to approve Assembly 2014 Minutes**
   
   2 Abstentions
   
   *Motion approved*

7. **Consent agenda and call for removal of items**
   
   The President then called for a review of the consent agenda as stated in the Assembly book and asked for removal of any items for discussion. There were none.

8. **Motion to adopt the agenda as is by the President**
   
   *Motion adopted unanimously*

   The Honorary Secretary apologized that the motions and slides at the Assembly Meeting were in a different order than on the agenda and assured that all motions will be voted on.
9. **Major motions**
   
a. **Motion to ratify the EB positions by the President** (all candidates were asked to leave the room during the voting process)
   
   It was explained that the vote on nominations are per acclamation because there were no other candidates, but are strengthened by ratification of the Assembly.
   
   i. **Motion to approve Honorary Secretary** – Siraya Chunekamrai
      
      2 Abstentions
      
      *Motion approved*
   
   ii. **Motion to approve Additional Board Member** – Renee Chalmers Hoynick van Papendrecht
      
      2 Abstentions
      
      *Motion approved*
   
      **Motion to approve Congress Liaison Officer** – Nicola Neumann
      
      4 Abstentions
      
      *Motion approved*
   
      Jerzy Gawor clarified that the abstentions by the PSAVA are an invitation for a discussion on secret votes and nothing personal.
   
   b. **Motions to approve financial statements by the Honorary Treasurer**
      
      Ellen van Nierop (EvN), the Honorary Treasurer made a presentation to highlight the treasurer’s items that were detailed on the Assembly book. Afterwards the Assembly was called to vote on the following motions made by EvN;
   
      i. **Motion to approve the Honorary Treasurer’s report**
         
         Seconded by: Ellen Bjerkas
         
         2 Abstentions
         
         *Motion approved*
   
      ii. **Motion to approve the audited financials**
         
         Seconded by: Ellen Bjerkas
         
         7 Abstentions
         
         *Motion approved*
   
      iii. **Motion to reappoint auditing firm Ward and Uptigrove for 2015**
         
         7 Abstentions
         
         *Motion approved*
   
   c. **Motion: to approve Congress 2019 recommendation by the CSC chair**
      
      CSC Chair Kevin Stevens gave a short presentation on the process of congress selection and presented a motion to approve the CSC congress recommendation host for 2019: the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
   
      Seconded by: Brook Niemec
Discussion followed - Laurel Kaddatz requested to review the date to maximize attendance, because it is currently just one week apart from the AVMA congress. Jim Berry explained that the CVMA is legally bound to June or July but will try to make it more than a week apart. So a suggestion was made for Canada to be as flexible as possible with the dates.

15 Abstentions
Motion approved

d. **Motion to accept new Assembly members by the President**

I. Sri Lanka Companion Animal Practitioners (SCAP) from associate to full membership.

Nalinika Obeyesekere was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called.

**Motion to accept SCAP as full member**

2 Abstentions
Motion approved

Devon Dublin asked to reveal where the abstention votes come from to know if there is a regional issue. The abstentions were from Luxemburg

II. Indonesia Small Animal Veterinary Practitioner Association (ISAVPA) for associate membership.

Gunadi Setiadarma was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called.

**Motion to accept ISAVPA as associate member**

4 Abstentions
Motion approved

III. Hellenic Companion Animal Veterinary Society (HCAVS) for Full Membership.

The assembly was reminded of the motion set forth and approved in Cape Town was “for the two Greek associations to further discuss collaboration as one association and bring the results to the meeting in Bangkok.”

Ben Albalas was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called. Discussion on this issue followed and all agreed that the Assembly asked the two associations to discuss collaboration and not to sort out all issues

**Motion to accept the HCAVS as full member**

The vote was done by secret ballot with the 2 assigned scrutineers: Gabriel Varga and Ted Cohn.

41 abstentions; 27 against; 70 for
Motion approved.
IV. Small Animal Veterinary Association of Nigeria (SAVAN) for Associate Membership.

Nasir Olatunji was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called.

**Motion to accept Nigeria as associate member:**
2 abstentions
Motion approved

V. Macedonian Small Animal Veterinary Association (MSAVA) for Associate Membership

Pero Bozhinovski was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called.

**Motion to accept Macedonia as associate member**
2 abstentions
Motion approved

e. **Motion to approve consent agenda and ratify the committee chairs by the President**

2 Abstentions
Motion approved

10. **Next meeting September 26, 2016 Cartagena, Colombia**

11. **Motion to adjourn**

All approve, meeting adjourned at 12:00 hrs

The following were items not on the Assembly meeting agenda but were relevant for Assembly member information and participation and were presented after adjournment.

**The WSAVA PRESIDENT’S AWARD** This award is presented on a time to time basis by the President of the WSAVA to a member of the WSAVA in recognition of the recipient’s outstanding contribution to the association. This year’s award recipient is Jan Gajentaan. His daughter Anka was invited to the stage to give an acceptance speech on behalf of her father. Jolle Kirpensteijn and Monique Megens were invited to share the honor of presenting this award with the President.

**Special Guests address to the Assembly** The following were invited to the stage to address the assembly and brought greetings and a brief over-view of association activities relevant to the WSAVA global veterinary community:

- Johnson Chiang (WVA)
- Phil Widders (OIE)
- Ian Dacre (WAP)
The WSAVA GARC MOU signing. A new partnership of the WSAVA with the Global Alliance on Rabies control (GARC) was announced. Colin Burrows on behalf of the WSAVA, and Sarah I Jayme on behalf of the GARC, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for future collaboration on global rabies control.