Session I: Members’ Forum

Minutes of the Members’ Forum, covering Assembly meeting agenda items 1-7, provided as a separate document.

Session II: Business session

8. Call to order for Business session
   The meeting Chair, WSAVA President Dr. Colin Burrows, called the meeting to order at 3.00 PM. This was followed by a brief welcome by Local Host Committee chair, Dr. Guillermo Lugo Cardona, who updated the Assembly regarding statistics of the Congress to date, and social event information.

9. Moments of silence
   The President called for a moment of silence to remember Professor Marian Horzinek and Dr Earl Rippie

10. Attendance, code of conduct, conflict of interest statement
   Introduction of WSAVA parliamentarian Past President, Dr Jolle Kirpensteijn a non-voting Assembly member

Proxy Votes
   Hungary (HSAVA) awarded their proxy vote to Dr Jerzy Gawor, Poland
   Bulgaria (BASAV) awarded their proxy vote to Dr Tkachov-Kuzmin, Russia

Substitutions
   CSAVA (Czech Republic)      Dr. Jan Hnizdo
   MSAVA (Malaysia)             Dr Gopinathan Gangatharan
   CAS (New Zealand)            Dr Mike Scully
   SAVA (South Africa)          Dr Ian Southern
   VPAT (Thailand)              Dr Walasinee Moonarmart

Selection of scrutineers
   Motion by the chair to accept Dr. Gregg Takashima and Dr. Ivanov Castello to act as scrutineers
   All in favour
   Motion approved

Regrets
   Dr. Lea Kreszinger
   Dr. Janne Orro
   Dr. Elena Chitchinadze
   Dr. Fedor Ushakov
   Dr. Herman Hazewinkel
   Dr. Lea Kreszinger
   Dr. Nick Woo
   Dr. Takuo Ishida
   Dr. Geeta Saini
   Dr. Andrew Edney
   Dr Anselm Voigts
   Dr Ferenc Biró
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11. Motion by the chair to approve the agenda

The agenda was revised to reflect the following additions/deletions:

- Industry Canada Motion – under Honorary Treasurer’s report
- Membership application from Paraguay – under Member Applications
- Venezuela to change the status of their membership application – under membership Applications
- Withdrawal of El Salvador’s new member application

Motion by the chair to accept revised agenda
Motion approved

12. State of the association address

The President addressed the Assembly and gave updates 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 report of the current and future Congresses and a thank you to the Local Host Committee, the Honorary Treasurer, the Congress Liaison officer and the WSAVA Foundation. The President welcomed the introduction of the Regional Member Advocate committee and said they would play an important part in the strategic plan. He thanked outgoing Past President, Jolle Kirpensteijn, for his service to the WSAVA and to David Wadsworth and Jill Maddison who were standing down as Chairs of the Leadership and Nomination and Continuing Education committees respectively. Appreciation was also extended to the industry partners and sponsors, the Executive Board and June Ingwersen for her tireless support. An update on the strategic plan and membership benefits was also mentioned. In conclusion, the President thanked everyone for their support over the years and he called for continued contributions to ensure the success of WSAVA and its members.

13. Motion by the chair to approve the Assembly 2015 minutes

Motion approved
9 Abstentions

14. Major motions

a. Motion to accept the Executive Board positions by the chair (voting held by secret ballot)

i. Motion to approve Dr. Walt Ingwersen as WSAVA President
   Motion approved
   2 Abstentions

ii. Motion to approve Dr Shane Ryan as WSAVA President-elect
    Motion approved
    2 Abstentions

iii. Motion to approve Dr Siraya Chunekamrai as WSAVA Vice President
    Motion approved
    2 Abstentions

iv. Motion to approve Dr. Ellen van Nierop as WSAVA Honorary Treasurer
    Motion approved
    1 Abstention

v. Motion to approve Dr. Renee Chalmers Hoynck van Papendrecht as WSAVA Honorary Secretary
    Motion approved
    3 Abstentions
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 Honorary Treasurer’s report**
   Seconded: Dr Brook Niemiec
   *Motion approved*
   5 Abstentions

ii. **Motion to install a minimum membership fee** membership fee calculated from the official minimum membership numbers as stated in the bylaws.
   Seconded: Dr. Debbie Osborne
   *Motion approved*
   1 against
   1 abstention

iii. **Motion to approve audited financials**
    Seconded: Dr Brook Niemiec
    *Motion approved*
    7 Abstentions

iv. **Motion to hold the WSAVA Assembly meeting in conjunction with 2017 World Congress**
    Seconded: Dr. Walt Ingwersen
    *Motion approved*

v. **Motion to reappoint Ward and Uptigrove as WSAVA auditing firm for 2016**
    Seconded: Dr. Colin Burrows
    *Motion approved*
    8 Abstentions

c. **Motion to approve Congress 2020 recommendation by the CSC chair (vote held by secret ballot)**

The CSC proposal, with the ratification of the EB, is to recommend that AVEPA be awarded the bid to host WSAVA 2020 in Barcelona, with the provisos that the following needs to be agreed upon:

- the WSAVA identity needs to be clearly retained
- SEVC 2020 congress needs to coincide with WSAVA 2020.
- A joint congress protocol including the financial model needs to be signed with AVEPA by 1 November 2016. KI needs to decide on the most suitable venue. Should agreement not be reached by 1 November 2016, the bid will revert to PSAVA for WSAVA 2020 to be hosted in Poland. This will be subject to the acceptance of the offer by PSAVA.

Seconded by: Brooke Niemiec

*Motion approved*
40 Abstentions
14 Disagree

d. **Motion to accept new Assembly members by the President (voting held by secret ballot)**
i. Motion to approve Veterinary Practitioners Association of Nepal (VPAN) change from Associate to Full Membership.
   Mukti Shrestha 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 Nepal as a full member**
   **Motion approved**

ii. Motion to approve Kenya Small and Companion Animal Veterinary Association (KESAVA) for Associate membership
   Susan Mbugua 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 Kenya as an Associate Member**
   **Motion approved**

iii. Motion to approve General Union of Tunisian Doctors of Veterinary Medicine (UGVMT) for Associate membership
   Faouzi Kechrid 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 Tunisia as an Associate Member**
   **Motion approved**

iv. Motion to approve Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA) for Affiliate membership
   Abdul Rahman 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 CVA as Affiliate Members**
   5 Abstentions
   **Motion approved**

v. Motion to approve Veterinary Association of Veterinary Specialists in Small Animals of Guatemala (AMVEPE) for Full membership
   Sandra Avila de Ruano 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 Guatemala as a Full member**
   **Motion approved**

vi. Motion to approve Veterinary Association of Specialists of Costa Rica (MEVEPES) for Full membership
   Francisco Garcia Raya 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 MEVEPES as Full member**
   **Motion approved**

vii. Motion to approve Veterinary Association of Specialists in Small Animals of Venezuela (SOVEMEVEPA) change in status from Full member to Associate member.

   **Motion to accept SOVEMEVEPA as Associate Member**
   **Motion approved**

viii. Vote to allow a motion for consideration of the Veterinary Medical Association Specialists Small Animals Paraguay (AMVEPA) membership application.

   Vote approved

ix. Motion to approve Veterinary Medical Association Specialists Small Animals Paraguay (AMVEPA) for Full membership

   **Motion to accept AMVEPA as Full member**
   **Motion approved**
e. Motion to approve consent agenda by the Chair
   Motion approved
   2 Abstentions

15. AOB
   No new business was raised from the floor

16. Transfer of Presidential Chain
   Dr. Colin Burrows passed the Presidential Chain to Dr. Walt Ingwersen, who provided brief comments to the Assembly as incoming WSAVA President

17. Next meeting September 24, 2017 Copenhagen, Denmark

18. Adjournment
   All approve, meeting adjourned at 17:00 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 June Ingwersen.

   Gabriel Varga was invited to the stage to address the assembly and brought greetings and a brief over-view of WSAVA Foundation activities relevant to the WSAVA global veterinary community.