



**WSAVA Jeju Assembly Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**Thursday October 13, 2011**  
**ICC Jeju – Halla Hall A**

**Present from the Executive Board:**

- Dr. Jolle Kirpensteijn, President
- Dr. Peter Ihrke, President Elect
- Dr. Colin Burrows, Vice President
- Dr. Shane Ryan, Honorary Treasurer
- Dr. Walt Ingwersen, Honorary Secretary
- Dr. David Wadsworth, Immediate Past President
- Dr. Veronica Leong, 7<sup>th</sup> Board Member

Dr. Rene Chalmers Hoyneck van Papendrecht NACAM Netherlands	Dr. Johan Van Tilburg Director SAVAB Belgium	Dr. Clement Anthony Representative MSAVA Malaysia
Dr. Adriana Lopez Quintana Representative LAVECCS	Dr. Jerzy Gawor Representative PSAVA Poland	Dr. Brooke Niemic President AVD
Dr. Karina Ryborg Chair DSAVA Denmark	Dr. Ellen Bjerkaas Representative NSAVA Norway	Dr. Jean Francois Director AFVAC France
Dr. Nicola Neumann Representative VICAS Ireland/ CSC Chair	Dr. Pieter Verhoek Representative CAS New Zealand	Dr. Maurice Roze Rep. ISVO President FAFVAC
Dr. Asier Basurco Representative AVEPA Spain	Dae-Sung Yu Representative ISVA	Dr. Chris Amberger Representative SVK Switzerland
Dr. Paulo Steagall Representative IVAPM	Dr. Roger Clarke Representative ASAVA Australia	Dr. Zoe Polizopoulou Representative HVMS Greece
Dr. Mark Sheherd Chairman NVCG South Africa	DR. Gregg Takashima Representative AAHA United States	Dr. Junghee Yoon Representative KAHA South Korea
Dr. Umesh Karkare Representative FSAPAI India	Dr. Cathy Chan Representative SVA Singapore	Dr. Siman Yang Representative TVMA Taipei
Dr. Ferenc Biro Representative HSAVA Hungary	Dr. Seyed Aldavood Representative ISAVA Iran	Dr. Abdo Kallasy Representative Lebanon

Dr. Zhensheng Shi Representative BJSABA Beijing	Dr. Geoffrey Chen Representative SHSAVA Shanghai	Dr. Janne Orro Rep. ESAVA Estonia/( LSAPS Latvia)
Dr. Minna Rinkinen Representative FAVP Finland	Dr. Rick LaCouter Representative NAVC	Dr.Tetsuo Shoji Vice President JSABA Japan
Dr. Julian Wells Rep. BSAVA United Kingdom/FAC	Dr. Kaywalee Chatdarong President VPAT Thailand	

### **Guests in attendance:**

- Ursula Benavente
- Vanya Kohlweg
- Miguel Hernandez
- Dr. Michael Day- WSAVA SAC, OHC, Chair
- Dr. John Holt - Past President
- Dr. Peter Bedford - Past President (PM)
- Dr. Andrew Ash - BSAVA President
- AAHA President - Dr.Michael Moyer
- Dr. Gopinaythan - President MSAVA Malaysia
- Dr. Douglas Aspros - President Elect AVMA
- Tomoko Ishibashi - Senior Deputy OIE
- Dr. James Nave - Representative WVC
- Dr. Byeongjun Cheon - President KAHA South Korea
- Dong Ho Kim - Translator
- Dr. Jong-Il Kang - Director LOC 2011 Korea
- Dr. Jim Berry - Vice President CVMA Canada
- Dr. Devon Dublin - Representative WAVMA
- Dr. Larry Dee Past - President/WSAVAF Chair
- Dr. Kiyoyuki Obayashi - Scientific Committee JSABA Japan
- Dr. David Little - Representative WVC
- Dr. Kevin Stevens - Local Host Committee Chair 2014
- June Ingwersen - WSAVA Administrative Assistant

### **Substitutions**

- IEWG - Dr. Gert ter Haar (IVENTA)
- Germany - Dr. Barbara Kohn

### **Regrets received by:**

- Latvia - Linda Jakušenoka
- Italy (AIVPA) - Stefano Romagnoli
- Slovakia -Tibor Brauner
- Sweden – Alexandra Vilen
- Austria - Adalbert (Atschi) Fellner
- Slovenia - Natasa Tozon
- Ecuador – Ellen van Nierop
- Luxemborg - Katia di Nicolo
- Lithuania - Saulius Laurusevičius
- Serbia – Denis Novak
- Philipines - Sonny Bautista
- Past President – Gabriel Varga
- Past President – Heinz Heinemann

## **1. Welcome by the President** – Prof. Jolle Kirpensteijn

### **1.1.**Recognition of VIPs/Guests

### **1.2.**Moment of Silence in memory of those colleagues who had passed away during the previous year

#### **1.2.1.** Dr. Peter Suter

#### **1.2.2.** Dr. Rau Pedro Benavente Hurtado

### **1.3.**Selection of scrutineers

Drs. Larry Dee and Laurel Kadatz agreed to act as scrutineers

### **1.4.**Quorum confirmation

Prof Kirpensteijn requested confirmation of a quorum based on attendance and this was confirmed by the WSAVA Secretariat.

## **2. Attendance, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Declaration**

All in attendance acknowledged and accepted the WSAVA Code of Conduct by virtue of their signature on the attendance sheet.

## **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

Agenda adopted to include the following discussion items

- Proposed addition under 14.3.3 Affiliate members: World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association
- WSAVA Executive Board honorarium as item 5.3.7

### **Motion: to accept the proposed agenda amendments**

Carried unanimously.

### **Motion: to adopt the agenda as amended**

Carried unanimously.

## **4. Adoption of the Geneva Assembly Minutes**

### **Motion: to adopt the minutes of the Geneva Assembly meeting as presented**

Carried unanimously with no revisions.

## **5. Officer's Reports**

### **5.1. President** – Prof. Jolle Kirpensteijn

There were no questions or comments to the President's report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

#### **5.1.1.** Presentation of the WSAVA President's Award

Prof. Kirpensteijn presented the WSAVA President's Award to Dr. Rau Pedro Benavente Hurtado, posthumously. Accepting on her brother's behalf was Ursula Benavente.

### **5.2. Honorary Secretary** – Dr. Walt Ingwersen

There were no questions or comments to the Secretary's report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

### **5.3. Honorary Treasurer** – Dr. Shane Ryan

Dr. Ryan introduced the Treasury discussion as involving 3 major areas of focus: 2010 Audit and outcome, current P&L statements and proposed budget, and the transactional review. Each would be discussed with applicable motions to be voted upon.

#### **5.3.1.** Audited Financials 2010

There were no questions or comments to the audited financial statements as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

### **Motion: to accept the audited financial statements as provided by Ward & Uptigrove**

Seconded Dr. Umesh Karkare and unanimously adopted.

**5.3.1.1. 2010 Interim Audit Management recommendations**

**5.3.1.2. Management Progress Letter - Year End Letter from the auditor**

As a result of the interim and final 2010 Auditor's reports, numerous recommendations were forwarded to the WSAVA regarding Treasury and accounting practices and protocols. These had been adopted, prioritized, and were in the process of being implemented, as the year-end management letter from the auditor attests to.

**5.3.2. 2011 WSAVA Budget**

**5.3.3. Balance Sheet Comparison**

**5.3.4. Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison**

The Treasurer spoke to the above based on the reports provided in the Assembly book. A question arose regarding the WSAVA protocol for managing accounts receivable. As this was primarily related to lack of membership dues payment, it was noted that under the current Treasurer this had virtually been resolved through a process of both generic and personal reminders.

**5.3.5. FAC Report – Prof. Ellen Bjerkas**

Prof. Bjerkas spoke to her Assembly report and to the outcome of the meeting held by the FAC the day prior to the Assembly meeting. The FAC expressed concern over historical issues related to the WSAVA Treasury and associated accounting procedures/protocols, including FAC involvement; however, Prof Bjerkas noted that as an outcome of the 2010 Audit procedure, the WSAVA has adopted and is in the process of implementing sound accounting procedures/protocols and the By-Laws have been revised to reflect the proposed FAC Terms of Reference, which would see a more defined oversight and "at arms length" role for the FAC. It was the FAC recommendation that similar oversight be considered for the Foundation and that clear reporting requirements for committees and projects should include financial expectations and associated budget(s).

The WSAVA budget was supported with the recommendation that the current WSAVA Central Secretariat administration levy of 10% for sponsored projects be increased to 12% and that membership dues reflect inflation. It was recognized that both may impact on current and future WSAVA membership and projects, and would be left to the discretion of the EB to administer appropriately. Based on a deficit budget forecast, the FAC reinforced the importance of Congress changes and the attendant economic benefits associated with the Congress moving to centralized management in partnership with a preferred PCO partnership.

In addition, maintaining the Executive Board honoraria was supported.

**5.3.5.1. FAC Terms of Reference**

There were no questions or comments to the Audited Financial statements as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

**5.3.6. Nomination and acceptance of WSAVA auditor**

**Motion: to re-appoint Ward & Uptigrove to be the WSAVA auditor for fiscal year 2011**

Seconded Dr. Johan van Tilburg and unanimously adopted.

**Motion: to accept the Honorary Treasurer's report**

Seconded Dr. Jerzy Gawor and unanimously adopted.

**Motion: to accept the Officers' and FAC reports**

Seconded Dr. Johan van Tilburg and unanimously adopted.

**5.3.7. WSAVA Executive Board honoraria**

**Motion: to accept the Executive Board honorariums as defined in the WSAVA Code of Conduct**

Seconded Dr. Roger Clarke and unanimously adopted.

**5.3.8. 2009 Transactional Review**

Due to the nature of the materials to be discussed, this session was held *In Camera* and was attended only by confirmed WSAVA representatives and the Executive Board.

**5.3.8.1. Transaction Review Summary – Dr. Shane Ryan**

**5.3.8.2. FAC Comments to the Transaction Review – Prof. Ellen Bjerkas**

**Motion: that the WSAVA investigate avenues for financial clarification and/or restitution, while adhering to By-Law 5.14(b)**

Seconded Dr. Gregg Takashima and adopted with 2 abstentions.

**6. By-Law Amendments – Dr. David Wadsworth**

The following By-Law amendments were tabled:

**5.8 Additional Executive Board members**

The WSAVA Executive Board may elect an additional Executive Board member for one year. That person may be re-elected to this office twice, for a total of three years. Notwithstanding Clause 5.2, a nomination under this provision must be ratified by Assembly members during the Assembly Meeting.

**6.11 World Congress**

Each year, the Executive Board will invite and accept applications from General

Assembly member associations that have been General Members in good standing for at least three years, to organize the annual WSAVA World Congress and will put such applications to the Assembly for determination of the host of such annual WSAVA World Congress at the annual Assembly meeting. Rules and regulations concerning such World Congresses will be defined in the WSAVA

Congress Standard Operating Protocol Manual by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the Assembly

**7.1 Auditor**

The Members shall at each General Assembly meeting appoint an external and professionally accredited auditor to audit the accounts and prepare the annual financial statements of the Corporation for report to the members at the next annual Assembly meeting. The auditor shall hold office until the next annual Assembly Meeting provided that the Executive Board may fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor. The remuneration of the auditor shall be fixed by the Executive Board and not bound by By-Law 6.2(f)

**7.5 Financial Advisory Committee**

The FAC will be chaired by an individual from an Assembly member association in good standing. Nominations for this position must be approved by the Executive Board and voted on by the Assembly. The Committee will be composed of at least two other individuals from an Assembly member association and the Honorary Treasurer. The Honorary Treasurer will attend in a non-voting capacity. The maximum term of office for the FAC chairman or committee member will be 5 years. Nominations for the positions of Chairman and Committee members must be received sixty (60) days before the Assembly meeting, when they will be circulated to the Assembly. The Honorary Treasurer under the direction of the Financial Advisory Committee, shall set the budget, keep the financial books and records of the Corporation and work with the company's auditors to enable procurement of the Corporation's annual financial statements.

**Motion: to accept the By-Law revisions as provided and/or amended**

Seconded Dr. Brook Niemic and unanimously adopted.

**7. Strategic Planning – Prof. Colin Burrows**

Prof. Colin Burrows provided the plans for the strategic planning session to occur the following day, including the focus on "who are the WSAVA customers and how do we best serve them while reinforcing the WSAVA brand?"

## **8. WSAVA Foundation – Dr. Larry Dee**

Dr. Larry Dee spoke to his Assembly book report. He was questioned regarding the Foundation's plans for the upcoming year and indicated this would be addressed at the Foundation's annual general meeting to be held on Saturday, October 15 but that fundraising was the Foundation's current main focus. It was also suggested from the floor that the WSAVA Foundation contact Foundations from other associations to learn from their successes and failures.

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **9.1. Congress Steering Committee – Dr. Nicola Neumann**

#### **9.1.1. Congress Scientific Program Committee Guidelines – Prof. Ed Hall**

During discussion, it was confirmed that speaker honoraria were the responsibility of the CSC. There were no other questions or comments to the Guidelines as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

#### **9.1.2. Standard operating procedure WSAVA World Congress bids**

#### **9.1.3. WORLD CONGRESS Aims and Structure Final Document**

#### **9.1.4. Local Host Committee SOP**

Dr. Neumann spoke to the documents cited in 9.1.2-4. Historically, FECAVA often co-hosted WSAVA Congresses held in Europe with recent revisions to their Congress SOP reflecting proposed dating in the WSAVA Congress SOP. These were to be shared with the CSC.

#### **9.1.5. Report of the Congress Liaison Officer – Prof. Jolle Kirpensteijn**

Prof. Kirpensteijn spoke to his report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book. It was noted that the preferred partnership PCO contract with Kenes was in the final stages of revisions and is expected to be complete and signed by year's end.

#### **Motion: to accept the WSAVA SOP for WSAVA Congress Bids**

Seconded Dr. Johan van Tilburg and adopted with 4 abstentions.

#### **Motion: to accept the WSAVA Congress Aims and Structure Document**

Seconded Dr. Pieter Verhoek and adopted with 3 abstentions.

#### **Motion: to accept the WSAVA SOP for the Local Host Committee**

Seconded Dr. Johan van Tilburg and adopted with 3 abstentions.

### **9.2. Scientific Advisory Committee – Prof. Michael Day**

There were no questions or comments to the report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

### **9.3. One Health – Prof. Michael Day**

There were no questions or comments to the report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

### **9.4. Continuing Education Committee – Dr. David Wadsworth**

#### **9.4.1. CE Programme sponsors meeting Prague 2011**

#### **9.4.2. CE Programme financial statements**

#### **9.4.3. CE Programme 2011 and 2012 CE plans**

#### **9.4.4. CE Programme SOP**

Dr. Wadsworth spoke to his reports as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book with special recognition to sponsors and regional coordinators. Dr. Jill Maddison has agreed to assume the chair when Dr. Wadsworth steps down in April 2012.

### **9.5. Animal Wellness & Welfare Committee – Dr. Michael Moyer**

There were no questions or comments to the report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

### **9.6. Hereditary Defects Committee – Prof. Urs Giger (no report received by Assembly book due date)**

### **9.7. V5/Nutritional Guidelines Committee – Dr. Clayton MacKay**

There were no questions or comments to the report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

### **9.8. Global Pain Council – Prof. Karol Mathews**

There were no questions or comments to the report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

### **9.9. Public Relations Committee – Dr. Veronica Leong – (no report received)**

### **9.10. Website/Editor – Dr. Veronica Leong – (no report received)**

**Motion: to accept the Foundation and committee reports as submitted**

Unanimously adopted.

**Motion: to accept the committee chairs as presented**

Unanimously adopted.

## **10. Standardization Reports**

**10.1.** Renal – Prof. David Polzin & Larry Cowgill

There were no questions or comments to the report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

**10.2.** Vaccine Guidelines Group – Prof. Michael Day

There were no questions or comments to the report as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

**Motion: to accept the standardization reports as submitted**

Unanimously adopted.

## **11. Executive Board Nominations & Elections**

**11.1.** Honorary Secretary – Dr. Walt Ingwersen (incumbent)

**Motion: to accept Walt Ingwersen as Honorary Secretary**

Unanimously adopted.

**11.2.** 7<sup>th</sup> Board member – CV - Dr. Siraya Chunekamrai

**Motion: to accept Siraya Chunekamrai as the 7<sup>th</sup> EB member**

Unanimously adopted.

Prof Kirpensteijn recognized and thanked Dr. Veronica Leong, retiring 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board member, for her time and contribution on the WSAVA Executive Board.

## **12. Congress Reports and Bids**

**12.1.** Post Geneva, Switzerland – Dr. Chris Amberger

Dr. Amberger spoke to his report in the Assembly book and was presented with a gift from WSAVA 2011 Jeju World Congress President, Dr. Jong-Il Kang.

**12.2.** Jeju, Korea 2011 – Dr. Jong-Il Kang

Dr. Kang reviewed the WSAVA 2011 Jeju World Congress Program, including social events, shuttle bus routes, and registration statistics to date. He also thanked the prime sponsors.

**12.3.** Birmingham, UK 2012 – Dr. John Williams

Dr. Williams spoke to his report in the Assembly book and expressed excitement at seeing everyone in Birmingham next year.

**12.4.** Auckland, New Zealand 2013 – Dr. Pieter Verhoek

Dr. Verhoek spoke to his report in the Assembly book.

**12.5.** Capetown, South Africa 2014 – Dr. Kevin Stevens

Dr. Stevens spoke to his report in the Assembly book.

**Motion: to accept the Congress committee reports as submitted**

Unanimously adopted.

**12.6. Congress 2015 recommendation – Dr. Nicola Neumann**

**12.6.1.** Bids received from Singapore (SVA), Taiwan (TVMA), and Thailand (VPAT)

**12.6.2.** CSC recommendation

**12.6.3.** Kenes Congress venue 2015 evaluation report

Dr. Neuman spoke to the reports in the Assembly book, reiterating the motions adopted at past Assembly meetings regarding changing the manner that Congresses would be hosted. Dr. Neumann also reviewed in detail the process that was undertaken to arrive at the CSC and Executive Board recommendation that the 2015 WSAVA World Congress be hosted by the Veterinary Practitioners' Association of Thailand (VPAT) at the Bangkok Centara Grand Congress Center with dates to still be determined.

Concern was raised from the floor that the mandated 2-page bid submission document was too restrictive in content and hence resulted in insufficient information upon which to make a recommendation, and this was further complicated by no contact between bid evaluators and submitters. Dr. Neumann assured representatives that the expertise and knowledge of preferred partner PCO Kenes, critical in the assessment process, was comprehensive based on their past and ongoing work as an international PCO in the specific region where bids had been received. Had any deficiencies in information been identified, requests for additional information would have been made.

Based on the acknowledged closeness of the SVA and VPAT bids, the matter of a vote between them was raised, and this option is considered in the previously adopted venue selection protocols; ultimately, the Assembly has the final decision-making authority. Dr Neumann agreed, but restated historical problems with Congress venue selection (emotional versus objective voting) and reiterated the objective reasons that the VPAT bid is being recommended. Ultimately it is up to the Assembly to decide and the process of Assembly voting outcomes and options was reviewed. It was recognized from the floor that if the Assembly elects to vote between venues, it is contrary to the previously Assembly adopted Congress process and would be a step backwards.

Concern was also expressed that based on the move to a more economic model for Congress venue selection, Congresses may ultimately cycle through the same venues with smaller countries/venues biased against. Dr. Neumann clarified that this is not the intention of the Congress bidding process and should this become a concern, it could be addressed through revisions in the bid protocol SOP. Based on concerns raised during the meeting, Dr Neumann committed the CSC to reviewing the current Congress Bid SOP over the course of 2012 rather than the original intent of 2019.

**Motion: that the WSAVA 2015 World Congress venue be awarded based on the recommendation of the Congress Steering Committee and WSAVA Executive Board**

Seconded Dr. Brook Niemic; on voting overseen by the selected scrutineers, the vote was carried with 49 votes cast in favour and 44 against.

### 13. WSAVA Member Association Reports

The Assembly member/representative responsibility of providing an annual report was reinforced and those that had complied were recognized, including:

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| • Argentina – AVEACA            | • Greece – HMVS            | • South Africa – SAVA             |
| • Australia – ASAVA             | • Latvia – LSAPS           | • Spain – AVEPA                   |
| • Austria – VOEK                | • Lithuania – LSAVA        | • Sri Lanka – SCAPSL              |
| • Beijing (China) – BJSAVA      | • Luxemburg – LAK          | • Sweden – SSAVA                  |
| • Belgium – SAVAB               | • Malaysia – MSAVA         | • Switzerland – SVK               |
| • Bosnia & Herzegovina – BHSAVA | • Nepal – VPAN             | • Thailand – VPAT                 |
| • Bulgaria – BASAVA             | • New Zealand – NZVA-CAS   | • Turkey – TSAVA                  |
| • Czech Republic – CSAVA        | • Norway – NSAVA           | • United Kingdom – BSAVA          |
| • Denmark – DSAVA               | • Poland – PSAVA           | • USA – AAHA                      |
| • Ecuador – AMVEPE              | • Quebec (Canada) – AMVQ   | • Academy of Veterinary Dentistry |
| • Estonia – ESAVA               | • Romania – AMVAC-RoSAVA   | • ACVD                            |
| • Finland – FAVP                | • Russia – RSAVA           | • ISVO                            |
| • France – AFVAC                | • Serbia – SASAP           | • ISFM                            |
| • India – FSAPAI                | • Singapore – SVA          | • IVAPM                           |
| • Iran – ISAVA                  | • Slovak Republic – SkSAVA | • IVSA                            |
| • Ireland – VICAS               | • Slovenia – SZVMZ         | • IEWG                            |
| • Japan – JSAVA                 |                            | • LAVECCS                         |
|                                 |                            | • NAVC                            |

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## **14. New member applications**

### **14.1. Full Membership**

#### **14.1.1.** American Veterinary Medical Association (full member)

Dr. Douglas Aspros, AVMA Vice President, spoke to the AVMA application in the Assembly book. There were no questions. The application was unanimously adopted.

#### **14.1.2.** Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (full member)

Dr. Jim Berry, CAVMA Vice President, spoke to the CAVMA application in the Assembly book. There were no questions. The application was unanimously adopted.

#### **14.1.3.** Japanese Board of Veterinary Practitioners (full member)

Dr. Takuo Ishida, JBVP President, spoke to the JBVP application in the Assembly book. There were no questions. The application was unanimously adopted.

#### **14.1.4.** Society of Japanese Companion Animal Practitioners (full member)

Prof. Makoto Washizu, SJCAP Representative, spoke to the SJCAP application in the Assembly book. A concern was raised from the floor that SJCAP was not located in Japan and did not have enough members to fulfill WSAVA membership requirements. This was disputed by Prof. Washizu, who reiterated the SJCAP location and current membership, indicating that SJCAP was comprised of a number of other groups and members with an Asian focus. The concern from the floor regarding SJCAP location was withdrawn and acknowledged as a mistake. The application was adopted with 4 against and 5 abstentions.

#### **14.1.5.** St Petersburg Veterinary Society (full member)

Dr. Arseny Gelasimov, SPVS Representative, spoke to the SPVS application in the Assembly book. There were no questions. The application was unanimously adopted with 2 abstentions.

### **14.2. Associate Membership**

#### **14.2.1.** Albanian Chamber of Veterinary Surgeons (associate membership)

There were no questions or comments to the application as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

#### **14.2.2.** Ghana Private Veterinary Medical Association (associate member)

There were no questions or comments to the application as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

#### **14.2.3.** Society of Companion Animal Practitioners of Sri Lanka (SCAPSL; move from full to associate member)

The submission from the WSAVA Assembly book was tabled for discussion. A question arose as to why the SCAPSL was requesting a change in membership status and it was acknowledged that this was strictly a financial decision.

#### **14.2.4.** Mongolian Veterinary Medical Association (associate membership)

There were no questions or comments to the application as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

#### **14.2.5.** Vietnam Small Animal Veterinary Association (associate membership)

There were no questions or comments to the application as presented in the WSAVA Assembly book.

The Associate Membership applications were voted on en bloc and unanimously adopted.

### **14.3. Affiliate Membership**

#### **14.3.1.** Veterinary Society of Surgical Oncology (affiliate member)

Prof. Jolle Kirpensteijn, VSSO Representative, spoke to the VSSO application in the Assembly book. There were no questions. The application was unanimously adopted.

#### **14.3.2.** Western Veterinary Conference (affiliate member)

Mr. David Little, WVC Assistant CEO, spoke to the WVC application in the Assembly book. A question arose as to the motive for WVC membership and whether the WSAVA membership categories support. Mr. Little responded that as a provider of international small animal medicine CE, they wanted to participate in the WSAVA network to assist where possible. A review of the WSAVA By-Laws reaffirmed the ability for associations dedicated to Congress CE provision to join

as affiliates under the “specialty associations” designation. The application was adopted with 5 abstentions.

**14.3.3. World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association (affiliate member)**

Dr. Devon Dublin, WAVMA Representative, spoke to the WAVMA application. He was questioned as to the degree of ornamental versus aquaculture focus within WAVMA and indicated this was approximately 50:50. The WAVMA had between 250-300 members representing between 25-30 countries. In the subsequent discussion, concern was raised over suitability for WSAVA membership due to the large aquaculture focus, however others from the floor felt that the ornamental fish segment of veterinary medicine has been long overlooked and an area that needs to be supported. The application was adopted with 2 abstentions.

**15. New Business**

No new business was tabled.

**16. Association liaison reports**

Brief presentations were heard from:

1. FECAVA
2. OIE
3. IVSA
4. FAFVAC
5. FASAVA

**17. Next meeting & adjournment**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 in Birmingham, England ahead of the WSAVA 2012 Birmingham World Congress.

Having accomplished the WSAVA Assembly meeting agenda, the meeting was adjourned

