



WSAVA
Global Veterinary Community

WSAVA Auckland Assembly Meeting Agenda

9:00 AM Tuesday March 5, 2013

SkyCity Auckland, New Zealand - New Zealand Room 2

(Registration beginning @ 8:30 AM)

Minutes (draft)

1. Welcome by the President – Professor Jolle Kirpensteijn

1.1. Recognition of VIPs/Guests

- Doug Aspros President AVMA
- Johnson Chiang President FAVA
- Artur Font, Secretary FIAVAC
- Mark Johnston, President BSAVA
- Jong-il Kang, President FASAVA
- Pavel Stellar Czech Republic
- Keiko Uchida JBVP Japan
- Kai Shigeta JBVP Japan
- Daisy Macaraeg Philippines
- Elizabeth Green USA
- Ben Gardiner, President AVA
- Graham Catt CEO AVA
- S. Ponglowhapan LHC 2015
- Lynne Johnson President of NAVC
- Bastiaan Schot Kenes

1.2. Moment of Silence – Jean Maynard

2. Regrets

- Peter Ihrke-Immed. Past President
- John Holt - Past President
- Brian Romberg - Past President
- Larry Dee - Past President
- James Nave - WVC
- Alexandra Vilen - Sweden

- Clement Anthony - CE Coordinator
- Linda Jakusenoka- Latvia
- Cathy Chan - Singapore
- Andy Sparkes -ISFM
- German Fierro - Ecuador
- Simon Orr – FECAVA
- Oron Prager – Israel
- Jim Berry – Canada
- Saulius Laurusevicius – Lithuania
- Jordi Franch – Spain
- Johan Van Tilburg – Belgium
- Veronica Leong – Hong Kong
- Adalbert Fellner – Austria
- Huỳnh Thị Thanh Ngọc - Vietnam

3. Welcome

3.1. New Representatives

- Debbie Osborne - ASAVA
- Katerina Loukaki - HVNS

3.2. Substitutions/proxy votes

- Nora Koa - SVA
- Ellen van Nierop de Fierro - AMVEPE
- Artur Font – AVEPA
- Joy Santos – PAHA
- Manfred Hochleithner - VOEK

3.3. Termination of membership - none

3.4. Explanation of consent agenda – Jolle Kirpensteijn (JK). JK explained the necessity of having a consent agenda incorporated into the assembly meeting to enable the meeting to proceed more efficiently. The items in the consent agenda are mostly reports and will no longer be discussed but left for the assembly to accept in a collective motion at the end of the meeting. Any items that assembly representatives are concerned about or need further discussion can always be pulled out to be discussed.

Motion from the chair: to adopt the Consent Agenda format as the method of conducting Assembly meetings

Motion was carried with 1 against and 3 abstentions

4. Attendance, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Declaration - The attendance sheet, including declaration of adherence to the WSAVA Code of Conduct and potential Conflict of Interest was circulated for Assembly Representatives to complete.

Executive board:

- President and Chair: Jolle Kirpensteijn (JK)

- President Elect: Colin Burrows (CB)
- Vice-President: Walt Ingwersen (WI)
- Honorary Treasurer: Shane Ryan (SR)
- Honorary Secretary: Siraya Chunekamrai (SC)

also - Admin Assistant: June Ingwersen

Assembly representatives:

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| • Koa Su-ching - SVA | • Gopinathan Gangadharan - MSAVA |
| • Mark Shepherd - NVCG | • Shi Zhengsheng - BJSVA |
| • Gary Stamp - VECCS | • Grant Petrie - BSAVA |
| • Brooke Niemiec - AVD | • Makoto Wahizu - SJCAP |
| • Maurice Roze - ISVO | • Renee Chalmers Hoynck van Papendrecht - NACAM |
| • Paulo Steagall - IVAPM | • Sheila Torres - ACVD |
| • Jiri Beranek - CSAVA | • Sue Blaikie - NZVA CAS |
| • Yang Ching YU - TVMA | • Takuo Ishida - JBVP |
| • Debbie Osborne - ASAVA | • Pavel Stellar - CSAVA |
| • Nicola Neumann - VICAS | • Karina Ryborg - DSAVA |
| • M. Hochtleitner - VOK | • Jerzy Gawor - PSAVA |
| • Frederic Lohr - IVSA | • Minna Rinkinen - FAVP |
| • Joy Santos - PAHA | • Ellen van Nierop - AMVEPE |
| • Katerina Loukaki - HVMS | • Laurel Kaddatz - AVMA |
| • Robert Manko - SkSAVA | • Rick LaCouteur - NAVC |
| • Ellen Bjerkas - NSAVA | • Adriana Lopez - LAVECCS |
| • Artur Font - AVEPA | • Geoffrey Chen - SHSAVA |
| • Andrew Edney - Past President | • Kathi Brunner - SVK |
| • Janne Orro - ESAVA | • Vasily Rublev - SPVS |
| • Kaywalee Chatdarong - VPAT | |

Committee Chairs

- Jill Maddison - CE Committee
- David Wadsworth - Leadership and Nomination Committee
- Michael Day - VGG Committee, OHC Committee, Scientific Advisory Committee
- Kevin Stevens - LHC 2014
- Lisa Freeman - GNC

- Chainarong Lohachit - LHC 2015
- Gabriel Varga - WSAVAF
- Ellen Bjerkas -FAC (also NSAVA rep)
- Nicola Neumann - CSC (also VICAS rep)

Guests and VIPs:

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| • Johnson Chiang President FAVA | • Daisy Macaraeg Philippines |
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5. Adoption of the Agenda

Amendments:

Delete - 7.1 Discussion agenda - motion to adopt: duplication

Additions:

- 7.3.5.5 One Health Committee (OHC) - Michael Day
- 7.3.5.6 Global Pain Council (GPC) - Walt Ingwersen
- 7.3.10.1 OIE address changed to IVSA

Motion from the chair: To adopt amendments to the agenda

Motion carried unanimously

- The New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association's intention to apply for affiliate membership was announced to the Assembly. The supporting documents and application form were made available to the Assembly. This item to be added for consideration as agenda item 7.3.9.2

Motion from the chair: To allow the New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association application for Affiliate Membership to be brought to the Assembly for consideration as agenda item 7.3.9.2

Motion carried unanimously

6. Consent Agenda – items in consent agenda were distributed to all assembly members in the assembly book prior to the meeting which included the following;

6.1. Officer's Reports

6.1.1. President – Prof. Jolle Kirpensteijn

6.1.2. Honorary Secretary – Dr. Siraya Chunekamrai

6.2. Committee Reports

6.2.1. WSAVA GNC (Global Nutrition Committee) – Prof. Lisa Freeman & Dr. Gregg Takashima

6.2.2. Congress Steering Committee – Dr. Nicola Neumann

6.2.3. Scientific Advisory Committee – Prof. Michael Day

6.2.4. One Health – Prof. Michael Day

6.2.5. Continuing Education Committee – Dr. Jill Maddison

6.2.6. Animal Wellness & Welfare Committee – Dr. Michael Moyer(no report)

6.2.7. Hereditary Defects Committee – Prof. Urs Giger

6.2.8. Global Pain Council – Prof. Karol Mathews

6.2.9. Public Relations Committee – Dr. Siraya Chunekamrai

6.2.10. Leadership and Nomination committee - Dr. David Wadsworth

6.3. Standardization Reports

6.3.1. Renal – Prof. David Polzin & Larry Cowgill

6.3.2. Vaccine Guidelines Group – Prof. Michael Day

6.4. Executive Board Automatic Positions

6.4.1. President – Prof. Jolle Kirpensteijn – automatic

6.4.2. Past President – Prof Peter Ihrke - automatic

6.4.3. President Elect – Prof Colin Burrows – automatic

6.4.4. Vice President – Dr Walt Ingwersen – automatic

6.4.5. Honorary Secretary – Dr Siraya Chunekamrai – automatic

6.5. Congress Reports and Bids

6.5.1. Post Birmingham 2012

6.6. WSAVA Member Association Reports – received for Assembly book distribution on time & posted on www.wsava.org

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| AUSTRALIA-ASAVA | IRELAND-VICAS | RUSSIA-RSAVA |
| AUSTRIA-VOEK | ITALY-AIVPA | RUSSIA-SPBV |
| BEIJING –BJSABA | JAPAN-JBVP | SERBIA-SASAP |
| BELARUS-BELSAVA | JAPAN-SJCAP | SINGAPORE-SVA |
| BELGIUM-SAVAB | KOREA-KAHA | SLOVAK REPUBLIC-SksAVA |

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| BOSNIA-BHSAVA | LATVIA-LSAPS | SLOVENIA-SZVMZ |
| BULGARIA-BASAV | LITHUANIA-LSAVA | SOUTH AFRICA-SAVA |
| CANADA-CVMA | LUXEMBOURG-LAK | SPAIN-AVEPA |
| CANADA (QUE)-AMVQ | MALAYSIA-MSAVA | SWITZERLAND-SVK-ASMPA |
| CZECH REPUBLIC CSAVA | MONTENEGRO-MASAP | THAILAND-VPAT |
| DENMARK -DSAVA | NETHERLANDS-NACAM | UKRAINE-USAVA |
| ECUADOR-AMVEPE | NEW ZEALAND-NZVA CAS | U K-BSAVA |
| ESTONIA-ESAVA | NORWAY-NSAVA | USA-AAHA |
| FINLAND-FAVP | POLAND-PSAVA | USA-AVMA |
| GREECE-HVMS | PORTUGAL-APMVEAC | ALBANIA-ACHVS |
| HONG KONG- HKVA | ROMANIA-RoSAVA-AMVAC | CUBA-CCVC |
| ACVD | AVD | ESVC |
| IVENTA | IVSA | LAVECCS |
| WVC | VSSO | IEWG |
| VECCS | ISVO | IVAPM |
| WAVMA | NAVC | |

7. Discussion Agenda

7.1. Adoption of the Agenda (as above item duplicated and deleted from agenda)

7.2. Adoption of the Birmingham WSAVA Assembly Minutes

Motion from the chair : to adopt the minutes of the Birmingham WSAVA Assembly Meeting as presented and/or corrected
Motion carried - 2 abstentions (4 votes)

7.3. Officer's Activities

7.3.1. President – Prof. Jolle Kirpensteijn (JK). JK spoke briefly about his report in the assembly book and asked if there were questions. There were none.

7.3.1.1. Presentation of the WSAVA President's Award. JK made an announcement that for this year that the WSAVA has an opportunity to honor 2 recipients for this award. Both were outstanding individuals who contributed to the profession and the WSAVA but neither could be present to receive the awards at this time.

7.3.1.2. Prof Peter Ihrke – JK made a brief presentation about Peter Ihrke and Dr. Colin Burrows accepted the award on his behalf.

7.3.1.3. Dr Ray Butcher – A video clip of Ray Butcher making an acceptance speech was shown and Mark Johnson, President of BSAVA accepted the award on his behalf.

7.3.2. Honorary Treasurer – Dr. Shane Ryan (SR)

7.3.2.1. Audited Financials 2012 – SR spoke to the audited financials and asked for questions. There were none.

7.3.2.2. Management Progress Letter - Year End Letter from the auditor

In 2011 there were 3 main discussion points/recommendations from the auditor which have been addressed. The auditor is satisfied with the outcome and provided no management discussion letter for this year.

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

Motion carried 3 abstentions (8 votes)

7.3.2.3. 2013 WSAVA Budget

7.3.2.4. Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison –

SR explained that there was a decrease in total revenue in 2012 compared to 2011. This was due to changed congress sponsorship circumstances in 2012, decreased sponsorship funding of completed projects, decreased management fees secondary to the above and a relative foreign exchange loss due to the reporting requirements in Canadian dollars. However, total non-sponsorship income (consisting of membership fees, management fees, congress revenues) remained consistent compared with the previous year. Expenses for 2012 decreased markedly with diminished congress expenditure and strict control over other operating expenses. This contributed to a better than predicted outcome, with the general fund recording an operating surplus after a predicted deficit, and a slightly increased general fund balance in 2012 (1% increase over 2011).

7.3.2.5. FAC Report – Prof Ellen Bjerkaas (EB) presented the report to assembly starting with FAC comments to the Hon. Treasurer's report;

FAC comments to Treasury report

- The financial statement for 2012 shows a positive result. The Board should be acknowledged for this.

- The Auditors' report is positive and reflects good bookkeeping routines within the association
- With a frugal budget, there are activities that would have been of benefit to the WSAVA but that cannot be carried out for economic reasons

The next major issue presented was the discussion on membership and associated fee structure which relates back to the strategic plan of the association. The FAC was asked to look at this issue in 2012 and the committee has been in discussion on the topic with summary points as follows;

Summary of membership discussion

- Review Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan as these determine the spending priorities
- Ensure obligations and accountability for associations receiving subsidies
- Ensure there is a specific, individual plan to convert each associate member to a full member
- Review minimum number of members in national associations required for WSAVA membership
- Follow-up on present number of members in the national member associations to avoid the risk of under-reporting
- Adjust "multiplier" to reflect ability of organisation to pay while ensuring the contribution of each individual veterinarian to their organisation is equitable

Other recommendations that FAC forwarded were:

- An annual surplus that is expected from 2014 should be invested into membership activities based on the Strategic Plan
- WSAVA should include in the budget expenses for meetings with stakeholders
- A permanent secretariat should be further investigated
- Honoraria for president and board members should be adjusted to follow the annual inflation rate
- FAC recommends that the Foundation is evaluated 5 years after it was established, with focus on its achievements, income and expenses

EB stressed that the above are only FAC recommendations and discussions are to be brought up in the assembly member's strategic planning later in the week.

7.3.2.6. Nomination and acceptance of WSAVA auditor

Motion forwarded from the chair to re-appoint Ward & Uptigrove to be the WSAVA auditor for fiscal year 2013

Motion was carried with 2 abstentions (4 votes)

7.3.2.7. Accept the Honorary Treasurer's and Officers' and FAC Report

Motion forwarded from the chair to accept the Honorary Treasurer's report

Motion carried 5 abstentions (11 votes)

Motion forwarded from the chair to accept the Officers' and FAC reports

Motion was carried unanimously

7.3.3. Strategic Planning – Dr Walt Ingwersen

7.3.3.1. Strategic Planning Task Force

7.3.3.1.1. Introduction Walt Ingwersen (WI). WI provided an overview to the reason the SPTF was initiated and that was to change the process of running the WSAVA from a 'Top-down' process to have more engagement and contribution from members. This will help the WSAVA to become a true global veterinary community. The task force comprises regional representatives, representatives of the affiliate membership category and also key committee representatives. Current members of the task force are:

- North America: Doug Aspros
- South America: Ellen van Nierop
- Western Europe: Stefano Romagnoli
- Eastern Europe + Middle East: Oron Prager
- Asia: Makoto Washizu
- Oceania: Debbie Osborne
- Africa: Mark Shepherd
- Affiliates: Brook Niemiec
- Chair, CE Committee: Jill Maddison
- Chair, Congress Steering Committee: Nicola Neumann
- Chair, PR Committee: Siraya Chunekamrai
- Chair, Scientific Advisory Committee: Michael Day
- Past President: Gabriel Varga

The aim of SPTF is to generate a 5 year strategic plan for the WSAVA which will be presented at the next assembly meeting in 2014. The issues tabled for discussion of this group will come from the SPTF discussions, the inaugural Member Association survey, the Assembly representative Congress strategic planning discussions, and meetings with key stakeholder. Additional input is encouraged through the regional and/or affiliate representatives. The survey was translated into 3 languages and sent out prior to the assembly meeting. Only 1/3 of this survey was sent back and WI encourages assembly members to take part in this survey. In addition assembly members were reminded to take part in the strategic planning session which was scheduled on Friday March 8 and open to all assembly members.

Motion: to accept the Strategic Planning Task Force members as forwarded

Second Gary Stamp

Motion carried 6 abstentions (10 votes)

7.3.4. WSAVA Foundation – Dr. Gabriel Varga (GV). GV reported on the Foundation’s activities in 2012 and next steps planned. In 2012 the foundation solidified its structure and committee members, met with the WSAVA executive board to have clear project and activity alignment, secured sponsorship of the fun(d) run which is planned to be a tradition of the foundation at every WSAVA world congress and met with other potential sponsors and foundations. GV reported on the foundation’s next steps;

WSAVAF next steps

- Revision of Vision & Mission statements
- Support of Rabies project in India
- Finalization of Project Africa
- Call for projects activities
- Fund raising co-ordination
- Increase the outreach of Foundation outside current WSAVA activities
- Increase PR activities

In closing, GV thanked the administrative support of June Ingwersen, WSAVA administrative assistant, and reminds the assembly about the scheduled Fun(d) run that would take place on March 8.

7.3.5. Committee Activities

7.3.5.1. WSAVA GNC (Global Nutrition Committee) – Prof. Lisa Freeman and Dr. Gregg Takashima (GT). The co-chairs of the GNC presented the work of the GNC to assembly giving an overview of the committee’s work. The GNC started as the V5 committee in making a statement that nutrition is an important vital sign to be included with every physical examination along with the other 4 vital sign assessments (Temperature, Pulse, Respiration, Pain). GT presented the committee’s vision and mission statements and reported that the WSAVA nutrition assessment guidelines have now been published in 14 publications. However, the work in 2013 and beyond will be to generate tools for the practitioner to easily access and use in practice. These tools will be announced at the press conference later today and will include the following:

GNC nutrition toolkit

- Short diet history form
- Nutritional Assessment Checklist
- Hospitalized patient nutrition monitoring chart
- Calorie requirements for healthy cats
- Calorie requirements for healthy dogs
- Nutrition on the internet (dogs)

- Nutrition on the internet (cats)
- Hospitalized patient feeding guide
- Selecting a pet food

All items in the toolkit are professional, practical, non-branded and can be used for client education. The assembly was encouraged to take these tools and publicize it to their members. GT stated further that this is an important step as it will create a natural bond between patients and clients. Through the pursuit of excellence veterinarians nurture this human-animal bond and should be represented all over the world.

7.3.5.2. Continuing Education Committee – Dr. Jill Maddison (JM). JM addressed the assembly by providing a brief mission statement of the committee: “Enhancing **animal welfare** through developing companion animal practitioner **skills** and **knowledge** by supporting continuing education”. WSAVA CE supports continuing education (CE) in emerging countries as a priority but also provides international CE to countries that do not have easy access to it. In the past year the WSAVA CE organised 32 events in 5 continents with 22 speakers and over 3500 participants. Organising these events in such variable context is very challenging and requires the local association to help organise on the ground. The support of the committee comes financially from industry as well as association sponsors. In 2013 there is possibility that an additional industry sponsor will join in. However another main drive for this year is the “Adapt a country/speaker initiative”. JM gives the example of the BSAVA, NACAM, NSAVA, VOEK and SVK-ASMPA that have donated money to a chosen association in the WSAVA CE program and encourages other member associations to consider funding in the same way. The ACVD was also acknowledged for providing a speaker for Vietnam. Such support will help countries that don’t qualify for CE as an ‘emerging country’. Assembly representatives were asked to contact JM for details and possible sponsorship.

7.3.5.3. Public Relations Committee – Dr. Siraya Chunekamrai (SC). – SC highlighted the main activities of the PR and communications committee that were ongoing which were the website, ebulletin and press releases, and the new initiatives which were the educational partnerships. Other events of the committee during the congress would be the press conference organised later in the day and the photo exhibit during the congress.

Website: aspects of the website that were important to the assembly members were pointed out. These were the assembly member pages which includes a responsibility list, call to action items and the interactive section whereby

assembly members can submit an event that is scheduled by their association in their country or region.

Ebulletin: the ebulletin is sent out to all assembly members to distribute to members to spread the WSAVA information as globally as possible. This is part of the assembly member's responsibilities.

Educational partnership: the WSAVA currently enjoys the partnership of the BSAVA Journal of Small Animal Practice (JSAP) which is available to all WSAVA members at a discounted rate. In addition free online editions are available for download and can be found on the WSAVA website: www.wsava.org. A new educational partnership was then announced. This was the NAVC's official publication, "Clinician's brief". Clinician's brief will launch a new "Global edition" which will be available free online to all WSAVA members. Assembly members will be given a code for their association members to use to login for the free digital publications.

Press conference: following was the announcement of the GNC and GPC press conference that was scheduled following the assembly meeting. The work of WSAVA committees will be announced in a press conference at each world congress so that assembly members and congress attendees can be updated on latest developments from work of various WSAVA committees.

Photo exhibit: a photo exhibit encouraging veterinarians to be part of the WSAVA global veterinary community will be on display during the congress.

Following the committee activity report Jerzy Gawor requested that the website also include a brief history of the WSAVA to let new members and the general public understand its beginnings. SC thanked him for this input. No further questions or comments were made from the Assembly.

7.3.5.4. Leadership and Nomination Committee – Dr. David Wadsworth (DW). The LNC started in 2012 and is composed of representatives from the whole of assembly from different regions. A list of the committee is provided in the assembly book. Committee members will identify future leaders and make a recommendation to the board. This is not a final choice but a recommendation. In the past year LNC has made recommendations about the 7th board member, WSAVA Hill's Excellence in veterinary health care awardee, liaised with the board about succession planning, considered by-law changes, considered appointment of an additional board member and assisted the chair of SPTF to recruit members for the group. The process of LNC work is that the LNC receives these names from nominations whereby people nominate themselves or others

and LNC members can also nominate names. Then a short list will be discussed and evaluated according to criteria of the placement and then make a recommendation to the board to endorse. The assembly will finally ratify these appointments. Appointments for committee chairs will have a period of 3 years which can be continued once. DW asks for questions from the assembly – there were none.

Motion: to accept the committee chairs as presented

Motion carried with 3 abstentions(6 votes)

7.3.5.5. One Health Committee (OHC) - Michael Day (MD) – The WSAVA OHC has recently joined in the global quest for elimination of canine rabies infection. MD highlighted 2 important projects which OHC is collaborating. The first project is the control of rabies in Africa (AFYA Serengeti project) which is led by Sarah Cleaveland of the University of Glasgow. The project has already shown that vaccination of 70% of the dog population decreases the incidence of rabies in domestic/wild animals and humans. This project utilises a dog collar for dogs and wristband for humans as incentive for owners to bring their dogs for vaccination and further identify dogs during and between vaccination campaigns. The second project is “Mission Rabies” in India. This project is initiated by Luke Campbell with Worldwide Veterinary Service which has secured 1.5 GBP in funding. The aim is to build a truck that travels from the tip of India up the east coast for 30 days vaccinating 50,000 dogs on the trip. The campaign will involve teaching local Indian vets spay/neutering techniques along the way. The OHC will work in collaboration with this project and the WSAVA Foundation will fund the use of wristbands and collars similar to the Serengeti project. In addition to the 2 projects the WSAVA OHC was also invited to organise an OIE-WSAVA symposium on “One Health: Rabies and other Disease Risks from Free Roaming Dogs” This symposium will be held in November 2013 and will be a 1 ½ day symposium in Paris. OIE and WSAVA OHC are partners in this endeavour and MD looks to invite key policy makers such as CVOs from African and Asian countries. If any member association wishes to be involved they are requested to contact MD or JK for details. MD asked for questions from the assembly – there were none.

7.3.5.6. Global Pain Council (GPC) - Walt Ingwersen (WI). WI represented the GPC in highlighting the work of the committee in the past year. Details of this will be presented at the press conference later in the day. The work of GPC is part of the WSAVA legacy to establish clinically relevant standards of care and follows

closely in the footsteps of GNC. The fundamental driving force for the GPC is that even in the 21st century animals continue to experience pain with very little or no treatment. GPC developed a tiered protocol to enable practitioners anywhere in the world to address pain control. This is the 70 page Global Pain Council Treatise which has chapters in

- Recognition of pain
- Pain modalities
- Protocols to treat pain

WI urges assembly members to make the treatise regionally relevant. After the congress assembly members will receive a survey. This will help the committee to generate regionally relevant CE so practitioners can use the information and improve their standards of care. In closing WI thanks sponsors of the GPC; Boehringer Ingelheim, Elanco, Novartis, Zoetis, Vetoquinol. WI asks if there are questions from the assembly – there were none.

7.3.6. Executive Board Nominations & Elections

7.3.6.1. Honorary Treasurer – Dr Shane Ryan (SR). SR was asked to leave the room prior to voting.

Motion: to accept Dr Shane Ryan as Honorary Treasurer

Motion carried 4 abstentions (6 votes)

7.3.6.2. 7th Board Member – Dr. Ellen van Nierop (EvN). EvN was asked to leave the room prior to voting.

Motion: to ratify the L+NC recommendation to accept Dr Ellen van Nierop as 7th Board Member

Motion carried 6 abstentions(9 votes)

7.3.6.3. Additional Board member – Dr Renee Chalmers Hoyneck van Papendrecht (RCH). RCH was asked to leave the room prior to voting.

Motion: to ratify the L+NC recommendation to accept Dr Renee Chalmers Hoyneck van Papendrecht as Additional Board Member

Motion carried 6 abstentions(9 votes)

7.3.7. Congress Reports and Bids

Birmingham, UK 2012 – Grant Petrie (GP). GP reported a very successful congress and was the most successful BSAVA congress to date with attendees over 10,500. The breakdown of countries attending was also presented with an overall attendance

from overseas as 24% of the total participants. GP ended with best wishes to the present committee of 2013.

7.3.7.1. Auckland, New Zealand 2013 – Dr. Pieter Verhoek (PV). PV reported that current statistics of attendance was close to 1200 participants. He acknowledged the local host committee team for their work and also mentioned the preparations for the next few days are all in order.

7.3.7.2. Cape Town, South Africa 2014 – Bastiaan Schot (BS) presented to the assembly a power point on the preparations of the 2014 congress highlighting the congress deadlines, social programs planned and the ‘Outreach program’. This initiative is unique to the WSAVA congress and is a program that engages participants and speakers to join in local community development activities both pre and post congress. Details of the program will be made available later in the year both on the congress website (www.wsava2014.com), monthly webmails and through various PR activities. The congress has also launched a super early bird registration and a sliding scale registration fee for emerging countries. All details can be found on the congress website.

7.3.7.3. Bangkok, Thailand 2015 – Suppawiwat Ponglowhapan (SP). Congress local host committee secretariat presented a progress report of the 2015 world congress in Bangkok. Preparations so far have included a comprehensive structure of the local host committee, meetings with congress liaison/core PCO and local host committee meetings, site inspection of the congress venue and social program, PR material and initial marketing activities. Upcoming preparations include engagement of neighbouring countries to contribute to the congress and program. A meeting with guests from countries in Southeast Asia plus other countries in Asia is planned for May 15, 2013 at the VPAT Regional Veterinary Congress (VRVC) in Bangkok. The meeting will include the following topics:

- Request contribution from each Asian member in creating WSAVA 2015 and ensure the congress is attractive to all Asian vet members
- Input on Registration fee, accommodation, scientific content (Local streams)
- Help promote WSAVA 2015: vet associations

Other scheduled meetings will be with the core PCO whereby the local host committee will make suggestions on local/regional marketing plan. Kenes Asia will support preparations for the social program, pre and post congress tour, Companion Outreach Program.

7.3.7.4. Orlando, USA 2016 – Prof Rick LeCouteur (RL). RL presented to assembly the 2016 world congress update which is a joint bid between AAHA and NAVC. This will be the first time the congress will be in the USA in 30 years and the congress task force which was set up specifically to co-ordinate the event is excited to work on this

project. NAVC annual conference is held in January in Orlando every year and will be the venue and time for the WSAVA 2016 world congress as well. At present the congress contract is in negotiation process.

Motion: to accept the Congress committee reports as submitted

Motion carried unanimously

7.3.8. Congress 2017 recommendation

7.3.8.1. Bids received Denmark, Israel, Poland - CSC Recommendation. Nicola Neumann (NN) chair of CSC presented, indicating that details of bids for 2017 world congress are in the assembly book. The request that was sent out received 4 bids but as one bid came in late it was not included in discussions. The letter of CSC recommendation was sent to the board on January 5, 2013 and is included in the assembly book. The recommended site for the 2017 world congress is Copenhagen, Denmark by the bidding association DSAVA. NN asked for questions or comments from the assembly.

Jerzy Gawor made a suggestion for CSC in the future to send recommendation outcome to bidding associations before sending to the general assembly to honor those putting in a bid. NN agreed that this is a reasonable request and will amend action for following years. Ellen Bjerkaas asks if the DSAVA can consider other dates for better weather. DSAVA representative, Karina Ryborg, responded that this has already been discussed and it is planned to be moved to September which is late summer. No further comments or questions were made.

7.3.8.2. WSAVA Executive Board endorsement for Copenhagen, Denmark

Motion from the chair: that the WSAVA 2017 World Congress venue be awarded based on the recommendation of the Congress Steering Committee and WSAVA Executive Board

Motion carried with 9 abstentions (18 votes)

7.3.9. Membership Applications

7.3.9.1 New member Application Procedures – Walt Ingwersen (WI). WI referred to the last assembly meeting whereby a new member application procedure should be in place as the WSAVA sees tremendous growth and the application form did not provide adequate information so the assembly could best make a decision on accepting or rejecting new members. The 3 major points that were added to the proposed new procedure were:

- That the association is formalised and functioning for the last 3 years

- Request for a letter of intent on how becoming a member would also benefit the WSAVA community
- Statements to reinforce responsibilities of the association and association representative

Motion: to accept New WSAVA Membership Application Procedure

Motion carried with 3 abstentions (5 votes)

7.3.9.2 New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association - application for affiliate membership

JK opened the discussion to state that this is the first veterinary nursing association to apply for membership in the WSAVA. It is an important step to recognise the veterinary nursing profession as part of our veterinary team and global veterinary community. Julie Hutt (JH) president of the NZVNA was then asked to make a presentation to the assembly. She gave the background of the association which was founded in 1992 and membership of 700. The aim of the association is to organise CE for members, improve communication with clients and the veterinary team and improve standards of care for the animals. The mission and vision of NZVNA is in alignment with the WSAVA and becoming an affiliate member of the WSAVA will help to protect, promote and guide the nursing profession to achieve a high standard of service. The association also intends to support and promote all WSAVA guidelines and share information with members and clients.

Pieter Verhoek made a verbal endorsement of the NZVNA's membership application. Lynne Johnson, President of the NAVC and first president that is a licensed veterinary technician stated that on behalf of veterinary technicians worldwide she thinks it is a great step for the WSAVA to embrace the NZVNA into the global veterinary community.

Motion: to accept the NZVNA as a WSAVA Affiliate Member

Motion carried unanimously

7.3.10. Invited address of Liaison Associations

- IVSA report was presented by Frederic Lohr
- FECAVA report was presented by Jerzy Gawor
- FASAVA report was presented by Pieter Verhoek
- FAFVAC report was presented by Maurice Roze
- FIAVAC report was presented by Artur Font

7.4. New Business – there was none.

8. Adoption of the consent agenda

Motion: that the consent agenda is accepted

Motion carried unanimously

9. Next meeting: Monday, September 15th, 2014 Cape Town, South Africa

10. Adjournment