The WSAVA Assembly Meeting 2014 Minutes

Cape Town International Convention Center

September 15, 2014

1. **Opening** – Colin Burrows calls the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, and Kevin Stevens gives a brief address to assembly to welcome all to South Africa and introduces the LHC and the Kenes team.

2. A brief **moment of silence** to remember Drs. John Holt and Peter Ihrke who have passed this year.

3. Recognition of guests, VIPs, and new members who are asked to stand and be acknowledged.

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

**Regrets**
Alexandra Vilen – SSAVA
Lea Kreszinger CSAVS
Seiji Yamamoto JSAVA
Nick Woo - SVA
Andy Sparkes – ISFM
Devon Dublin – WAVMA
Natasa Toson – SZVMZ

**Present:**

Colin Burrows
President

Renee Chalmers Hoynck van Papendrecht
Board member

Walt Ingwerson
Vice President

Jolie Kirpensteijn
Past President

Shane Ryan
Honorary Treasurer

Jim Berry
CVMA

Siraya Chunekamrai
Honorary Secretary

Brooke Niemiec
AVD

Ellen van Nierop
Board Member

Deborah Osborne
ASAVA

Jordi Franch
AVEPA

Karina Ryborg
DSAVA

Jiri Baranek
CSAVA

Keiko Uchida
JBVP

Artur Font
AVEPA
5. **State of the Association** - address by Colin Burrows, WSAVA President to update the Assembly on committee activities, present gifts to Michael Day and Nicola Neumann to thank them as they retire from
their positions as chairs(SAC+CSC). Thank you is extended to Sponsors, executive board, June Ingwersen, LHC, Kenes and Jolle Kirpensteijn as CLO. An update of the current and future Congresses, member benefits, and the implementation of regional ambassadors. In conclusion he called for input as to how to improve the association while working together as the WSAVA grows.

Presentation of the President’s Award by Colin Burrows to Larry Dee – a brief thank you was presented.

6. **Consent agenda:**
   a. Assembly 2013 minutes
   b. Committee reports
      i. Animal Wellness and Welfare Committee
      ii. Congress Steering Committee
      iii. Continuing Education Committee
      iv. Financial Advisory Committee
      v. Global Nutrition Committee
      vi. Global Pain Council
      vii. Leadership and Nomination Committee
      viii. One Health Committee
      ix. PR and Communications Committee
      x. Scientific Advisory Committee
   c. Standardization project reports
      i. Hereditary Disease Committee
      ii. Renal Standardization Project
      iii. Vaccination Guidelines Group
   d. Congress reports
      i. World Congress 2014 Cape Town, South Africa
      ii. World Congress 2015 Bangkok, Thailand
      iii. World Congress 2016 Cartegena, Colombia
      iv. World Congress 2017 Copenhagen, Denmark
   e. Member Association Reports
   f. WSAVA Foundation Report

The President explained the concept of the consent agenda and there was a call for removal of items from consent to be moved to discussion agenda. None were removed. An additional item for the consent agenda was the appointment of new committee chairs for:
   i. Scientific Committee chair Gad Banneth in place of Michael Day
   ii. Congress Steering Committee Kevin Stevens for Nicola Neumann

7. **Motion to adopt the agenda as is by the Honorary Secretary**
   Second: Jim Berry
   All in favour
   Motion carried

8. **Major motions**
   a. Motion to accept the EB automatic positions by the LNC chair (all individuals were asked to leave the room during the voting process)
      i. **Motion to approve Past president** – Jolle Kirpensteijn
         2 Abstain All else in Favour
         Motion carried
      ii. **Motion to approve President** – Colin Burrows
         All in favour
         Motion carried
iii. Motion to approve President-elect – Walt Ingwersen
   1 Abstain All else in favour
   Motion carried

b. Motions to accept the individual new EB member positions by the President (all individuals were asked to leave the room during the voting process)
   i. Motion to approve Vice president – Shane Ryan
      Second: Debbie Osborne
      1 abstain All else in favour
      Motion carried
   ii. Motion to approve Honorary Treasurer – Ellen van Nierop
      Second: Sheila Torres
      1 abstain All else in favour
      Motion carried
   iii. Motion to approve Additional Board Member - Renée Chalmers Hoynck van Papendrecht
      Second: Jim Nave
      1 Abstain All else in favour
      Motion carried
   iv. Motion to approve Additional Board Member for CLO position – Nicola Neumann
      Second: Jim Berry
      A question was raised about the length of the term of office. For this year the term would be one year as an extra board member while mentoring for the position of CLO. This EB position will be up for election as CLO in 2015 for a 2 year term as per the new WSAVA by-laws.
      3 abstain All else in favour
      Motion carried

c. Motions to approve financial statements by Shane Ryan, Honorary Treasurer
   i. Motion to approve Honorary Treasurer’s report
      Second: Laurel Kaddatz
      1 against 2 abstain all else in favour
      Motion carried
   ii. Motion to approve audited financials
      Second: Jim Nave
      2 abstain all else in favour
      Motion carried
   iii. Budget 2014 - for information purposes only
   iv. Budget 2013 Projected versus Actual – for information purposes
   v. Motion to reappoint Ward & Uptigrove as WSAVA auditing firm for 2014
      Second Jim Berry
      Discussion presented whether the board should consider a new auditor – avoiding relationship building and to meet best business practices. It was suggested that the auditor should be reviewed every 5 years with RFPs to be requested after the 2015 audit.
      2 abstain all else in favour
      Motion carried

Action point: A review RFP for auditor will be sent out by the Honorary Treasurer after the 2015 annual audit
d. Motion to approve By-Law changes Mandatory by-law changes for not – for – profits in Canada have been mandated for completion by October 17, 2014 by the Canadian government. This opportunity was taken to complete other changes that the executive board and Assembly have been working toward over the past few years. These changes include: member vote weighting, removal of honorary membership, earlier notifications for agenda items, benefit restrictions for members in arrears, officer terms, additional board member acting as congress liaison officer, and board setting of member fees.

Motion to adopt the articles of continuance by the Vice President
Second: Jim Berry
All in favour
Motion carried

Motion to approve Bylaw changes by the Vice President
Second: Jim Berry
There is an issue with the date that AGM should occur after the year ends. Our legal counsel is working on an exemption of this requirement due to the differing dates of the WSAVA congress and AGM. A clarification was requested about the CLO position and the need for longer term for continuity. It was explained that the position is for this year only until the new by-laws are in force. Subsequent terms will be for 2 years. A question arose about the simplification of membership fees which will be discussed at the afternoon strategic planning session

3 abstain All else in favour
Motion carried

e. Motion to approve 2018 World Congress Venue Nicola Neumann as CSC chair presented briefly to the assembly on the process of evaluation and recommendation of the 2018 World congress site and now for assembly to ratify the board’s endorsement. A special thank you was given to the 3 associations that placed a bid for the 2018 congress: India, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Motion to approve Congress 2018 in Singapore as recommended by Nicola Neumann, CSC chair
Second: Brooke Niemiec

3 abstain All else in favour
Motion carried

f. Motion to accept new Assembly members by the President

i. SCAP for full membership – not present – tabled until the Bangkok meeting

ii. GEOSAVA for associate membership – Brief explanation from Elena Chinchinadze, president of GEOSAVA describing GEOSAVA and the desire to be an associate member while striving to become a full member. After the presentation Elena was asked to leave the room for the voting process

Motion for GEOSAVA to be accepted an associate member

Representatives from many member associations offered help and encouraged Jill Madison (CE Committee Chair) to contact them to provide CE in Russian or provide translations. This association meets the ideals for mentorship of our member associations and few members such as Jerzy Gawor from PSAVA and Vasily Rublev from SPVS have already been actively doing this. A special acknowledgement was made to such members and the board encouraged members to take this as a good example to build our global community.

1 abstain All else in favour
Motion carried

iii. HCAVS – Brief provided by Ben Albalas, president of HCAVS explaining why they would like to become the 2nd full member in Greece. Dr. Albalas believes that it is important
to have a small animal specific association to meet the needs of their members and that the two associations are not competing but are striving to work co operatively, ultimately working to make a single association. After the presentation Ben was asked to leave the room for assembly to discuss and vote.

Motion was forwarded to accept HCAVS for full membership.

A lively discussion followed. FECAVA has rejected an application for membership and was asked for the underlying reason. Monique Megans, FECAVA representative stated that they wanted them to try working together with the initial Greek organization.

Katerina Loukaki, President of HCMS, our current member association from Greece is not in favour of this application and requests that the WSAVA decline the membership and give them more time to come to terms for single membership in the WSAVA. She feels that this application will result in duplicate representation as there are common members between the two associations. Some member associations cite other countries that have more than one member association or have placed an application to do so. There is some feeling that their membership if accepted could provide WSAVA the means to help the relationship of the two associations.

14 abstain   43 in favour   44 against
Motion defeated

New Motion was set forth by the President: For the two Greek associations to further discuss collaboration as one association and bring the results to the meeting in Bangkok.

18 abstain   54 in favour
Motion carried

g. Strategic Plan 2014-2019 A brief overview of the strategic plan was presented by Walt Ingwersen

Motions by the Vice president

i. To adopt the revised WSAVA Vision & Mission Statements:

WSAVA Vision:
“Companion animals worldwide receive veterinary care that ensures their optimal health and welfare”

WSAVA Mission:
“To advance the health and welfare of companion animals worldwide through an educated, committed and collaborative global community of veterinary peers”

Second: Jim Berry
All in favour
Motion carried

ii. To adopt the WSAVA 2014-2019 Strategic Plan

Second Jim Berry
All in favour
Motion carried

h. Motion to approve consent agenda by the President

All in favour
Motion carried
9. Other business:

- New educational partnership announcement: Acknowledgements were made for the currently existing ‘Educational Partners’, JSAP (Journal of Small Animal Practice) and the Global Edition of Clinician’s brief. Both have contributed to WSAVA member’s benefit for online education. The board then announced the signing of the MOU with Timeless Drug Formulary and Vetfolio. Both will be providing membership benefits in terms of a discounted online drug formulary application and online educational platform respectively. David Senior was there to represent the NAVC Vetfolio team and proceeded to sign the document with Colin Burrows. The MOU with Timeless was signed off site.

- The GNC co-chair, Gregg Takashima, assigned Adriana Lopez Quintana to represent the GNC to announce that the translation of the GNC toolkit into Spanish for Latin America had been completed and requested Assembly members to endorse the GNC guidelines and toolkit in their respective countries.

- Housekeeping matters were announced and consisted of
  - Reminder for all to join the fun(d) run on Thursday morning
  - Announcement that the Strategic planning session were to take place in the afternoon in the rooftop terrace
  - Announcement for all to join the press conference for the “AWWC Global Welfare Initiatives” in the evening followed by a reception hosted by the Global Edition of Clinician's Brief

10. Next meeting May 14, 2015 Bangkok, Thailand

11. Adjournment

(For reference to full documents appearing in the minutes for Consent agenda, Financial documents, By-law changes, Strategic 2014-2019 and details of all motions please see Assembly Book 2014 at http://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/Assembly%20book%20.pdf or scan the QR code below)