Minutes of the WSAVA Assembly Meeting 2017
Bella Convention Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark
September 24, 2017

Session I: Members’ Forum

Minutes of the Members’ Forum, covering Assembly meeting agenda items 1-5, provided as a separate document.

Session II: Business session

6. Call to order
   The meeting Chair, WSAVA President Dr. Walt ingwersen, called the meeting to order at 13:30 PM.

7. Recognition of guests
   The President welcomed dignitaries, WSAVA past presidents and VIP’s.
   Dr Anne Sorensen, Chair LHC 2017 addressed the Assembly
   Dr Jerzy Gawor, FECAVA President addressed the Assembly

8. Member representative regrets
   Katia Di Nicolo, FECAVA
   Jordi Franch, AVEPA
   Klajdi Nallbani, AChVS
   Stephan Neumann, GSAVA
   Kangmoon Seo, KAHA
   Andy Sparkes, ISFM
   Pero Bozinovski, MSAVA
   Michael Day, BSAVA
   Colin Burrows, WSAVA
   Nataša Tozon, SZVMZ
   Nalinika Obeyesekere, SCAP
   Siti Komariah, ISAVPA
   David Wadsworth, BSAVA

9. New member representatives
   The President welcomed representatives from:
   Latin American Veterinary Conference (LAVC)
   Armenian Small Animals Veterinary Association (ARMSAVA)
   Botswana Veterinary Association (BVA)
   Zimbabwe Veterinary Association (ZVA)

9. Postal ballots received and vote proxy assignments
   USA (NAVC) awarded their proxy vote to Dr Melinda Merck, USA
   Postal ballots were received from 10 member associations
   Based on the voting capacity of those in attendance and post ballots received, a meeting quorum is confirmed as per WSAVA By-Law 6.9

10. Attendance, code of conduct, conflict of interest statement
    Dr. Gabriel Varga and Dr. Larry Dee were nominated to act as scrutineers
Attendees

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12. **Adoption of agenda**
The Chair called for any contents of the Consent Agenda to be removed and placed on the Discussion Agenda should any Assembly member so desire – no item was removed
*Motion by the chair to accept agenda*
*Motion approved*
Seconded by Dr Jim Berry

13. **In memoriam**
The President called for a moment of silence to remember
Dr Andrew Edney, Professor Carl Osborne and Dr Donald Piermattei

14. **2016 minutes – call for errors and omissions**
*Motion by the chair to approve the Assembly 2016 minutes*
*Motion approved*
Seconded by Dr Edgardo Unson
15. **WSAVA Finances & Treasury**

**Motions to approve financial statements by the Honorary Treasurer**

Dr Ellen van Nierop, 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;

- **a) Motion to approve audited financials**
  
  Seconded: Dr Claude Beata
  
  *Motion approved*

- **b) Motion to approve Honorary Treasurer’s report**
  
  Seconded: Dr Jerzy Gawor
  
  *Motion approved*

- **c) Motion to reappoint Ward and Uptigrove as WSAVA auditing firm for 2017**
  
  Seconded: Dr. Debbie Osborne
  
  *Motion approved*
  
  6 Abstentions

- **d) Motion to hold the WSAVA Assembly meeting in conjunction with 2018 World Congress**
  
  Seconded: Dr. Laurel Kaddatz
  
  *Motion approved*
  
  7 Abstentions

16. **WSAVA Office positions**

Voting was not held by secret ballot as there were no contentious motions.

- **a) Motion to approve Dr. Nicola Neumann as CLO**
  
  Seconded Dr Devon Dublin
  
  *Motion approved*
  
  4 Abstentions

- **b) Motion to ratify the nomination of the Executive Board of Michael Day as 7th Executive Board member**
  
  Seconded by Dr Daphne Westgeest
  
  *Motion approved*
  
  4 Abstentions
  
  9 Disagree

- **c) Motion to adopt the WSAVA Executive Board succession plan**
  
  Seconded by Dr Jim Berry
  
  *Motion approved*
  
  12 Abstentions
  
  10 Disagree

- **d) Motion to revise the WSAVA By-Laws as indicated to accommodate the WSAVA Executive Board succession plan**
  
  Seconded by Dr Daphne Westgeest
  
  *Motion approved*
  
  5 Abstentions
17. Matters pertaining to Congress
Kevin Stevens announced the 2021 CSC Congress bid recommendation and WSAVA PCO selection recommendation

Motion: to approve the location of the Congress 2021 in Hyderabad, India to be hosted by the Federation of Small Animal Practitioners Association (FSAPA) as recommended by the CSC chair and endorsed by the WSAVA executive board.
Seconded by Dr Abdul Rahman
Motion approved
7 Abstentions
7 Disagree

Motion: to approve the recommendation of the CSC, endorsed by WSAVA Executive Board, to enter into a 3 Congress partnership with Kenes International, once the current agreement expires in 2020.
Seconded by Dr Daphne Westgeest
Motion approved
8 Abstentions

18. Membership

a. Loss/Withdrawal of membership
As stated in 3.6 of the WSAVA By-Laws, the associations listed have been in arrears of payment and have not responded to 3 or more monthly invoices, sent with notice of receipt, and warning of imminent membership loss. As such, their membership is terminated.
Guangdong Small Animal Veterinary Association (GSAVA)
Ordre des Medecins Veterinaires au Liban (OMVL)

b. New members
Dr Jorge Guerrero was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed.
Motion: to approve Latin American Veterinary Conference (LAVC) for Affiliate Membership
Seconded by Dr Melinda Merck
Motion approved

Dr Vahan Khachatryan was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed.
Motion: to approve Armenian Small Animals Veterinary Association (ARMSAVA) for Associate Membership
Seconded by Dr Jerzy Gawor
Motion approved

Dr Lawson Cairns was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed.
Motion: to approve Botswana Veterinary Association (BVA) for Associate Membership
Seconded by Dr Claude Beata
Motion approved
3 Abstentions

Dr Lawson Cairns was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed.
Motion: to approve Zimbabwe Veterinary Association (ZVA) for Associate Membership
Seconded by Dr Jim Berry
Motion approved

Motion: to approve Vietnam Small Animal Veterinary Association (VSAVA) for Full Membership
Seconded by Dr Debbie Osborne
Motion approved
Motion: to approve Indonesian Small Animal Practitioner Veterinary Association (ISAVPA) For Full Membership
ISAVPA withdrew their application and will defer to 2018.

Motion: to approve Georgian Small Animals Veterinary Association (GeoSAVA) for Full Membership
Seconded by Dr Jerzy Gawor
Motion approved

d. By-Law exemption request - Association Scientific Veterinary Council of Cuba
Members requested that the Cuban society be assisted to move to full membership category over the next three years.
Motion: to grant a By-Law exemption to Cuba, to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years.
Seconded by Dr Jerzy Gawor
Motion approved
2 Abstentions

19. AOB
The following were items not on the Assembly meeting agenda but were relevant for Assembly member information and participation.
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 was Dr Jolle Kirpensteijn.

The President commented on conditions raised during the 2016 Assembly. PSAVA has agreed to host the 2020 congress which will be held in Warsaw, Poland.

20. Member recognition
The President thanked Mark Shepherd and Shane Ryan, who were standing down as chairs of the Financial Advisory Committee and Animal Wellness & Welfare Committee respectively.

21. Motion: to approve consent agenda, including committee chairs and composition, by the President
Seconded by Dr Jim Berry
Motion approved

22. Next Assembly meeting - September 24, 2018 – Singapore