

Minutes of the WSAVA Assembly (2019)

Toronto, Canada

15th of July 2019

Session II: Business Session

1. **Call to Order** – The Meeting Chair, WSAVA President Dr Shane Ryan, called the meeting to order at 13:30 GMT-4
2. **Welcome by the Chair**
 - 2.1. **Recognition of Guests** – Dr Sue Paterson (BSAVA President), Dr John de Jong (AVMA President), Dr John Howe (AVMA President-Elect), Dr Terry Chotowetz (CVMA President), Dr Cheryl Good (NAVC President), Dr Wolfgang Dohne (FECAVA President), Dr Geoffrey Chen (FASAVA President), Dr Faouzi Kechrid (WVA Past President and OIE Representative of Northern Africa)
 - 2.2. **Member Representative Regrets** – AIVPA, AMVEPE (Guatemala), ANCLIVEPA, BASAV, BHSAVA, BVA, GSAVA, HCAVS, HVMS, ISVO, JBVP, LAK, LSAPS, LSAVA, MoSAVA, MSAVA (Macedonia), MSAVA (Mexico), MSAVA (Mongolia), PVSPF, SOVEMEVEPA, SVA, SZVMZ, VSSO
 - 2.3. **New Member Applicant Representatives**

Council of the Association of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Technicians of Haiti (AVEM-Haiti)
Emirates Veterinary Association (EVA)
Tanzania Small Animal Veterinary Organization (TASAVO)#
Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association (CbVMA)
AOVET, section of AO Foundation (AOVET)
National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA)
 - 2.4. **Vote Proxy Assignments** – No proxy assignments were received.
 - 2.5. **In Memoriam** – The Chair called for a moment of silence to remember
Dr Rene Carlson (Past President of the World Veterinary Association)
Dr Gary Stamp (Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society)
Dr Amelia Eleosida (Philippine Animal Hospital Association)
Louise O'Dwyer (President of AVECCTN)
3. **Attendance, Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Declaration** – Dr Gabriel Varga, Dr John de Jong, Dr Colin Burrows and Dr Sue Paterson were nominated and elected to act as scrutineers.

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COUNTRY	ACRONYM	VOTES	COUNTRY	ACRONYM	VOTES
ACVD	ACVD	1	RVTTTC	RVTTTC	1
FRANCE	AFVAC	5	SERBIA	SASAP	2
ECUADOR	AMVEPE	2	SOUTH AFRICA	SAVA	2
PERU	AMVEPPA	2	BELGIUM	SAVAB	2
CANADA (QUEBEC)	AMVQ	4	NIGERIA	SAVAN	2
PORTUGAL	APMVEAC	2	SRI LANKA	SCAP	1
AUSTRALIA	ASAVA	4	JAPAN	SJCAP	3
AVD	AVD	1	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	SKSAVA	2
ARGENTINA	AVEACA	2	RUSSIA (ST. PETERSBURG)	SPVS	5
SPAIN	AVEPA	8	SWITZERLAND	SVK	3
USA	AVMA	8	TAIWAN (TAIPEI)	TVMA	2
CHINA (BEIJING)	BSAVA	2	TUNISIA	UGMVT	1
UNITED KINGDOM	BSAVA	8	UKRAINE	USAVA	1
CZECH REPUBLIC	CSAVA	3	ZAMBIA	VAZ	3
CVA	CVA	1	IRELAND	VICAS	2
CANADA	CVMA	8	AUSTRIA	VOEK	4
DENMARK	DSAVA	4	THAILAND	VPAT	8
ESTONIA	ESAVA	2	WAVMA	WAVMA	1
FINLAND	FAMP	3			
INDIA	FSAPAI	5		Total	156
CHINA (HONG KONG)	HKVA	2			
INDONESIA	ISAPVA	3			
IRAN	ISAVA	2			
IVSA	IVSA	1			
SOUTH KOREA	KAHA	3			
KENYA	KESCAVA	1			
LAVC	LAVC	1			
LAVECCS	LAVECCS	1			
MONTENEGRO	MASAP	1			
MALAYSIA	MSAVA	2			
COSTA RICA	MVEPES	1			
NETHERLANDS	NACAM	3			
NAVC	NAVC	1			
NORWAY	NSAVA	3			
PHILIPPINES	PAHA	2			
POLAND	PSAVA	3			
RUSSIA	RSAVA	6			



4. Adoption of Agenda

4.1. Consent Agenda – The Chair called for any content of the Consent Agenda to be removed and placed on the Discussion Agenda should any Assembly member so desire. No content was requested to be removed.

4.1.1. *Committee Reports*

4.1.2. *Standardization/Guidelines Project Reports*

4.1.3. *Congress Reports*

4.1.4. *Honorary Secretary Report*

4.1.5. *Member Association Reports*

4.1.6. *WSAVA Foundation Report*

5. Minutes of the Members' Forum and Assembly Meeting 2018 – Call for Errors and Omissions

The Chair moved to approve the Minutes of the Members' Forum and Assembly Meeting 2018. The motion was seconded by Dr Brook Niemiec (AVC). The motion carried, with all votes cast in favour.

6. WSAVA Finances & Treasury – Prof Michael Day (Honorary Treasurer) made a presentation to highlight the Treasurer's items that were detailed in the Assembly Book. Afterwards, the Assembly was called to vote on the following motions

6.1. 2018 Audited Financials – presented by Michael Day

Prof Michael Day (Honorary Treasurer) moved to approve the 2018 Audited Financials. The motion was seconded by Dr Jerzy Gawor (PSAVA). The motion carried with all votes cast in favour.

6.2. Honorary Treasurer's Report – Prof Michael Day (Honorary Treasurer) presented the Honorary Treasurer's Report. Dr Julie Stafford (AVMA) asked if the costs for the PR & Communication are accounted for in a different budget and if the reserve fund for this will be moved? Prof Michael Day confirmed that PR & Communication is included in the Secretariat budget and that the reserve fund will be reallocated.

Prof Michael Day (Honorary Treasurer) moved to approve the Honorary Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Dr Makarand Chavan. The motion carried with all votes cast in favour.

6.3. FAC Report – Dr Deborah Osborne (Chair of the FAC) presented the FAC report. The FAC has been very pleased working with the new auditor for the first time this year. She



requested the committee chairs and members to be frugal with their costs.

A discussion followed on the investments that the WSAVA makes. Joyce Dao (Financial Officer) explained that the investments are low-risk buy-ins in banks with no ethical implications.

Dr Jim Berry (CVMA) asked how the expenses on the budget will be capped, including the committee chairs' but also the Secretariat's and EB's expenses. Prof Michael Day explained that this is reviewed annually by the Honorary Treasurer and the rest of the EB.

6.4. Auditor Appointment

The Chair moved to approve Baker Tilly as the WSAVA auditing firm for 2019. The motion was seconded by Dr Daphne Westgeest (NACAM). The motion carried with all votes cast in favour.

6.5. Industry Canada

The Chair moved to hold the WSAVA Assembly Meeting in conjunction with the 2020 WSAVA Congress. The motion was seconded by Dr Julie Stafford (AVMA). The motion carried with all votes cast in favour.

- 7. Getting Assembly Members to Congress – Presentation of Recipients** – Prof Michael Day urged all Member Association to donate to the 'Getting Assembly Members to Congress Fund', as well as to apply for next year's congress. All donations from members will be matched by the WSAVA. Dr Ntombi Mudenda (VAZ) spoke what it meant to her to be able to attend the congress and the opportunities it provides for her and the veterinarians in her country by receiving a grant from this fund. Dr Devon Dublin (WAVMA) requested that when the notice is sent out for members to choose their preferred applicant, an overview of the remaining funds is included and allowing members to still donate at that time.

8. WSAVA Officer Positions – Voting was held by Secret Ballot

8.1. Executive Board Member – Dr Felisbina Queiroga was elected

9. Matters Pertaining to Congress

- 9.1. 2023 CSC Congress Bid Recommendation** – Dr Kevin Stevens presented the recommendation of the CSC and WSAVA PCO for the 2023 Congress bid. Nine bids were originally received, two bids merged their bid and one withdrawn. The seven remaining bids were submitted by HCAVS/HVMS (Greece), VICAS (Ireland), SPVS (Russia), RSAVA (Russia), TSAVA (Turkey), SAVAB-Flanders (Belgium) and APMVEAC (Portugal).

The Chair moved to approve the location of the Congress 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal as recommended by the CSC Chair and endorsed by the WSAVA Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Dr Jim Berry (CVMA)

The vote was held by Secret Ballot. The motion carried with all votes cast in favour (185 votes in favour, 11 abstain)

10. Membership – All votes for membership were held by Secret Ballot

10.1. Loss/Withdrawal of Membership – As stated in 3.6. of the WSAVA By-Laws, the associations listed have been in arrears of payment and 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:

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10.2. New Members -

No representative of AOVET could be present at the Assembly and a video was shown to the Assembly.

The Chair moved to approve the AOVET for Affiliate Membership. The motion carried with 156 votes cast in favour. (156 in favour, 31 against and 10 abstain)

Erin Spencer was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation.

The Chair moved to approve the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) for Affiliate Membership. The motion carried with 179 votes cast in favour (179 in favour, 8 against, 10 abstain)

No representative of AVEM-Haiti could be present at the Assembly and a brief powerpoint presentation was shown to the Assembly.

The Chair moved to approve the Council of the Association of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Technicians of Haiti (AVEM-Haiti) for Associate Membership. The motion carried with 151 votes cast in favour (151 in favour, 23 against and 23 abstain)

No representative of TASAVA could be present at the Assembly and Prof Michael Day presented their brief presentation on their behalf.

The Chair moved to approve the Tanzania Small Animal Veterinary Organization (TASAVO) for Associate Membership. The motion carried with 185 votes cast in favour (185 in favour, 0 against and 14 abstain)

Dr Curtis Padilla was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation.

The Chair moved to approve the Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association (CbVMA) for



Associate Membership. The motion carried with 190 votes cast in favour (190 in favour, 0 against and 7 abstain)

Dr Devon Dublin (WAVMA) expressed that he was happy to see this application submitted as many islands only have one veterinarian and he hopes they will move to full membership in the near future so the veterinarians in the region can be even more involved.

Dr Roula Shaaban Ibrahim Hassan was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation. *The Chair moved to approve the Emirates Veterinary Association (EVA) for Full Membership.* The motion carried with 186 votes cast in favour (186 in favour, 0 against and 11 abstain)

10.3. Membership Category – Dr Derick Chibeu was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation.

The Chair moved to approve the Kenya Small and Companion Animal Veterinary Association (KESCAVA) for Full Membership. The motion was seconded by Adriana López Quintana (LAVECCS). The motion carried with 194 votes cast in favour (194 in favour, 0 against and 4 abstain)

10.4. By-Law Exemption Request – Dr Julie Stafford (AVMA) requested the recommendation from the LNC for all extension requests. Dr Geeta Saini (Chair of the LNC) explained that there were some concerns but that the LNC recommends approving all three requests.

The Chair moved to grant a By-Law exemption to the Veterinary Association of Specialists in Small Animals of Venezuela (SOVEMEVEPA) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years.

The motion was seconded by Dr Adriana López Quintana (LAVECCS). The motion carried with 183 votes cast in favour (182 in favour, 6 against and 10 abstain)

The Chair moved to grant a By-Law exemption to the Ghana Private Veterinary Surgeons Association (GHAPRIVETS) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years. The motion was seconded by Dr Jim Berry (CVMA). The motion carried with 185 votes cast in favour (185 in favour, 2 against, 11 abstain)

The Chair moved to grant a By-Law exemption to the General Union of Tunisian Doctors of Veterinary Medicine (UGMVT) to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years. The motion was seconded by Dr Emir Chaher (APMVEAC). The motion carried with



185 votes cast in favour (185 in favour, 2 against, 11 abstain)

- 11. Strategic Plan 2019-2022** – Dr Siraya Chunekamrai (Vice President) gave a brief statement about the outcome of the discussions during the Members' Forum regarding the Strategic Plan and thanked the Strategic Planning Task Force for their efforts.

The Chair moved to approve the Strategic Plan for 2019-2022. The motion was seconded by Dr Gopinathan Gangadharan (MSAVA). The motion carried with all votes cast in favour.

- 12. Member Recognition** – The Chair thanked Dr Nicola Neumann, whose term as 'Congress Liaison Officer' on the EB had come to an end. The Chair also thanked Dr Kathi Brunner, Dr Gad Baneth, Dr Debbie Osborne, Dr Zoe Belshaw and Dr Kevin Stevens, who were standing down as chairs of the LNC, SAC, FAC, CEC and CSC, respectively.

- 13. Adoption of the Consent Agenda, including committee reports and Committee Chairs & Members** – *The Chair moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr Daphne Westgeest (NACAM). The motion carried with all votes cast in favour.*

- 14. Next Assembly Meeting** – The next Assembly Meeting will take place in Warsaw, Poland on September 22nd, 2020.

- 15. AOB** – The following items were not on the Assembly Agenda but were relevant for Assembly Member information and participation

15.1. 7th Fun(d)Run – Dr Gabriel Varga (President of the WSAVA Foundation) announced the 7th Fun(d)Run and urged all Assembly Members to take part

15.2. Strategic Plan – Dr Siraya Chunekamrai (Vice President) thanked the members for creating the Strategic Plan and urged all members to continue to submit feedback.

Dr Gopinathan Gangadharan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr Jean Gauvin (AMVQ). The motion carried with all votes cast in favour.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 16:10 GMT-4