WSAVA Global Nutrition Committee
Job description for Members
April 2021

The Global Nutrition Committee (GNC) is seeking one applicant to join the committee.

Founded in 2010, the purpose of the GNC continues to be 4-fold:
- To enhance awareness among the veterinary healthcare team and the public for nutrition’s vital role in optimum pet health.
- To advocate for nutrition as a key component in all veterinary and veterinary nurse/technician curricula.
- To promote the importance of performing a nutritional assessment on every animal at every visit, and to make specific nutritional recommendations for each patient as an integral component of patient care.
- To advance the central role of the veterinary healthcare team as the expert source of information for optimal pet nutrition.

To this end, the GNC has developed Nutritional Assessment Guidelines as well as a Nutrition Toolkit. The Nutrition Toolkit is updated and added to as time, resources and needs dictate. To date, we have 20 tools available to practitioners, researchers, educational entities, industry, technician/nurses, and other related professions. Mainly used by those in the veterinary profession, we have seen our tools cited or used in governmental and NGO publications, as well as a few appearances in entertainment media (TV). To date, the GNC Nutrition Toolkit has been translated from English into French, Chinese, Spanish. The Guidelines are available in 10 languages.

General Membership Criteria
Due to the global nature of the WSAVA and world importance of nutrition, it is recommended this committee consist of geographically and professionally diverse individuals interested in nutrition. Nominations for membership will come from within the existing committee membership and other sources. Committee members will be selected via the WSAVA Nomination and Selection protocol. The GNC Co-Chairs will provide the committee’s preferred candidate to the WSAVA EB for review and/or ratification.

- To maintain credibility within the profession and public community, individuals employed within the pet-food industry may not be committee members.
- A core group of members will be comprised of at least 1 board certified nutritionist and the co-chair(s).
- Membership to include at least 2 current general practitioners.
- All Committee members’ terms (core and term-limited) will adhere to the WSAVA template for Committee Membership.
- The membership will be reviewed yearly for diversity, participation, and productivity; with changes based on these factors.

Composition of the GNC shall consist of:
- WSAVA Executive Board Liaison
- Chair or Co-Chair(s)
- At least 2 boarded nutritionists (ACVN or ECVN) NOT employed with the pet-food industry
- Individuals selected on skill set, background, and geographic representation
- At least 1 certified veterinary nurse or technician in practice or teaching

**Responsibilities and Skills**

Member roles, responsibilities and expectations include:

- Attend and participate in face to face and virtual meetings
- Respond to electronic communications in a timely manner
- Ability and willingness to participate in effective and collegial committee interactions
- Have a special interest and understanding of small animal nutrition
- Ability and willingness to communicate as a speaker/presenter of such GNC sanctioned information as needed.
- Participate in WSAVA GNC projects
- Attend the WSAVA Congress
- Adhere to the WSAVA values and Code of Conduct
- Show evidence of ongoing engagement with committee functions

**Term of Office**

- **Time requirement:** 2-3 hours per month
- **Term:** 3 years, with the possibility to renew once.

**Application Process**

- Applicant must provide:
  - **Curriculum Vitae**
  - **Letter of Intent**
  - **Application Form (completed)**
  - **Photograph**
  - **Letter of Support from WSAVA Member Association***

Applications should be sent to the WSAVA Secretariat [admin@wsava.org]

Applications should be submitted before **May 24th, 2020.**

*All nominees for membership of any WSAVA committee/group are required to provide a letter of Good Standing from the WSAVA member organisation of which they are a member. This requirement does not apply to nominees who are not members of a WSAVA organisation (e.g. non-veterinarians) whose expertise may be necessary for specialist committees/groups. A person of Good Standing is defined as someone who has complied with all explicit obligations of the association and who is not subject to any form of sanction, suspension or disciplinary censure. This letter is not a recommendation from the association that the nominee is the best person for the position. WSAVA committee positions are not chosen by member organisations - the Committee Chair ultimately decides on the best candidate for the position and the choice is ratified by the Leadership and Nominations Committee and the Executive Board. This letter indicates only that the WSAVA member association has no objection to the nomination.