



Minutes of the teleconference meeting (TC) of the WSAVA Executive Board (EB)

January 18th, 2024

The meeting was held via Zoom with Ellen Van Nierop as Chair.

Present

Ellen van Nierop (EvN)	President
Jim Berry	Vice President
Siraya Chunekamrai	Past President
Jerzy Gawor (JG)	Board Member
Nalinika Obeyesekere	Board Member
Richard Casey (RC)	WSAVA Secretariat
Liat Geller (LG)	WSAVA Secretariat
Debbie Gray (DG)	WSAVA Secretariat

The meeting was called to order at **13:00 UTC** by EvN.

Consent Agenda

- C.1** Minutes from the December 2023 Executive Board Meeting
- C.2** Nalinika's Report from Attendance at FASAVA Congress 2023 (Mumbai)
- C.3** Nutrition Committee New Member

Standing Reports

ST1 Finance 2023 Year End & Audit Update – Verbal (JD)
The 2023 audit will commence on February 12, a draft is expected on April 5th and a presentation on April 11th. Final audit expected April 26th. OU has approved this schedule. JD also informed the EB that Kenes has transferred 300,000USD and RC added that Kenes has asked to be invoiced for 75% of the congress profit share. Remaining amount will be invoiced once the final budget has been received.

ST2 Sponsorship Status 2024 (RC)
RC shared the current status of sponsorship agreements and expected income from Sponsorship, and added that WSAVA now expects a higher income than predicted. The EB noted that along with the added sponsorship, it is very much desired that the committees are further supported in setting up and executing key objectives.

Strategy

S1 Learning & Education Strategy Update
DG shared the feedback that came out of the learning needs assessment conducted and has noted that important feedback was provided regarding the clinical and non-clinical content currently provided and requested, and also that the survey highlighted technological requirements from the WSAVA platforms (Learning management system and availability of content). DG further noted that significant infrastructure support is requested in order to

support additional content and courses.

DG and LG shared the administration and language specific administration around flagship courses and the various avenues of language support being currently investigated.

- S2 WSAVA Brand (RC)
RC shared the updated logo colour scheme and the proposed position statement.
The EB approved the colour scheme proposed.
The EB discussed the proposed position statement and decided to postpone the decision regarding the final wording to an email discussion.
- S3 Health for Animals Collaborations (RC)
RC reviewed the historic cooperation with Health for Animals, a WSAVA affiliate.
Following a meeting in Lisbon, WSAVA were presented with a list of projects to support, and 2 were chosen. Health for Animals will provide a budget for an expert review and statement draft, that will be reviewed by a WSAVA expert and following that endorsed by the WSAVA.
The EB approved the cooperation with Health for Animals.

Operations

- O1 AWWC Cosmetic Mutilations Position Statement
The EB ratified the AWWC Cosmetic Mutilations Position Statement.
- O2 WOW Budget Proposal(s) (EvN)
The EB discussed budget proposals put forward by the Oncology Working Group (WOW).
1. Support the WOW Instagram page – As WSAVA is about to bring on a full time Digital Content Manager, the EB voted against this request.
 2. Printing of the 'Fast facts' to Japanese and other languages pending on congress attendance. The EB noted that there is no breakdown of the cost or a detailed breakdown of intent of use for these prints. The EB further noted that paper printing is not aligned with the WSAVA policy of reducing footprint.
The EB voted in favor of approving 50% of the request, with the caveat that all efforts are made to maintain a 'green' outcome for any printing made.
 3. WOW committee participation in World Veterinary Cancer Conference in Japan
EvN suggested that this is approved and is their main face to face meeting in lieu of China. It was noted that the committee chair will not be able to attend the Japan conference.
The EB noted that there is significant benefit to the exposure the WOW members will receive to current trends in cancer studies.
The EB voted in favor of approving the budget request put in by WOW with the caveat that a clear outline of deliverables as a result of this meeting will be shared by the WSAVA World Congress in China.
 4. WOW Committee additional budget request to support travel to WSAVA World Congress
The EB noted that a large number of WSAVA Committees are not conducting face to face meetings this year due to the cost of travel to China, regardless of the number of committee members that are attending as sponsored speakers.
The EB voted against approving the budget request put in by WOW.
The EB noted that WOW may review where their main face to face meeting will take place there year, and should they choose to hold it in China, they may choose to send only a representative group to Japan.

