



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	President Elect
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
Joyce Dao	WSAVA Secretariat

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

Consent Agenda

- C.1** WSAVA Foundation annual Report
- C.2** Nalinika's Report from Attendance at IVSA – taken out to discussion in the next EB meeting
- C.3** Nalinika Report from Indonesia Small Animal Practitioner Veterinary Association Visit
- C.4** Minutes from January 2024 EB Meeting
- C.5** WSAVA Position Statement/Tagline

Standing Items

- ST1** Final Congress Report Lisbon (RC)
RC updated the EB regarding speakers over budget expenses final amount having been reduced, thus bringing up the total amount to 13,931€.

Motion: to approve the final congress report from Kenes

All in favor

Motion has passed.

The EB discussed data extrapolated by Kenes and noted several points to be investigated further in future congresses, including but not limited to local sponsorship, social media strategy, member benefits and the diversity of attendees.

The EB discussed additional payment to APMVEAC following the financial success of the 2023 congress, based on precedent set for previous congress with a strong financial performance.

RC presented an optional payment model based on the Toronto 2019 scheme. After discussion, the EB recognized that the model proposed is not fit for the 2013 congress business model and it was agreed that RC and JD will investigate this further and come up

with a more fit for purpose payment model,

ST2 RIO 2025 (EvN)
EvN and OU met with representatives of the Rio LHC and updated the EB on the topics covered in the discussion, mainly fees and budget planning. EvN also updated that the LHC is planning a separate pre/post congress activities to be charged separately from the congress.

ST3 Membership dues (RC)
RC shared the proposed new dues for Associate and Affiliates, to be installed this year for new members and for existing members starting from next year 2025. The EB noted that new and revised member benefits should be presented alongside the increase to the WSAVA membership.

Motion: To increase the entry fee for affiliates to 750USD/year and entry fee for associates for a period of 3 years to 250USD/year.

All in favor

Motion has passed.

The EB further reviewed the list of associations that have not paid their dues and agreed on a course of action to communicate and collect the dues.

Strategy

S1 Kenya schedule & agenda (RC)
The EB reviewed the schedule for the Kenya visit, including a detailed agenda for the members forum and the strategy meetings. It was agreed to add a discussion point regarding WSAVA's relationship with other international organizations.

S2 Mind matters international proposal (RC)
RC updated the EB about his meeting with the 'Mind matters' coalition. It was highlighted that this initiative focuses on early career veterinarians, and currently only has western associations as signatories.

Motion: To further increase WSAVA's involvement in the Mind Matters coalition.

All in favor

Motion has passed.

Operations

O1 TGG budget proposal (EvN)
Motion: To approve the request for extra budget request put in by the TGG, which would allow an in person meeting during the ENOVAT meeting.

All in favor

Motion has passed.

O2 GPC Budget Proposal (JB)
Motion: To approve the additional budget for a new edition of the train-the-trainer program.
All in favor

- 03 Motion has passed.
New travel policy (RC)
Motion to approve the new travel policy
All in favor
Motion has passed
- 04 Resolution for New Registered Office Address (RC)
RC updated the EB about the new registered address for the WSAVA.
Motion: The WSAVA executive board approve a directors resolution to change the WSAVA registered office address

from 72 Melville st Dundas, Ontario, Canada
to
77 Kind street west, Suite 3720, Toronto, Ontario M5K 1H1.

All in favor
Motion has passed.
- 05 Proposal from Closer Still Media (RC)
RC reviewed a proposal received from Closer Still Media regarding a new relationship between the Singapore Vet Show and WSAVA.
The EB discussed the pros and cons of the proposal and the effects it might have on the WSAVA associations. It was decided to postpone the discussion and decision to the strategic discussions in Kenya.

AOB

1. Ratification of VGG new members
Motion: to ratify the new VGG members
All in favor
Motion has passed.
2. Operations update from LG:
 - The IVSA student ambassador program will be launch on Monday
 - WSAVA awards nominations update

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
All in Favour
The motion was passed.