

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

April 18th, 2024

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

Present

Ellen van Nierop (EvN)	President
Jim Berry (JB)	President Elect
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 EB approved addition of 2 items to the consent agenda

Consent agenda

- C1 President Award Recipient 2024 – Rebecca George
- C2 President Award Recipients to Receive Travel & Accommodation to Congress
- C3 Motions & Votes from Kenya Strategy Meetings
- C4 Minutes from February 2024 EB Meeting
- C5 Extra Reward for APMVEAC following Lisbon Congress 2023
- C6 Ratification of the WSAVA Scientific Award recipient – Prof. Xia Zhaofei
- C7 Ratification of the WSAVA Meritorious Service Award – Prof. Louis Lui

Standing itmes

ST1 China Congress LG/DG

DG and LG updated the EB on China 2024 world congress planning progress. Currently there are 834 local registrations and 1133 international. There is currently no concern over the low local registration as corporate sponsored registrations have not been booked yet. 100 booths sold in the exhibition. The scientific program is nearly complete and all the speakers are registered and being communicated with.

It was pointed out that there is some unclarity around travel arrangements and this will be sorted out by the secretariat.

ST2 Warsaw 2026 – FECAVA agreement RC

RC presented the proposal and discussion points for the new FECAVA agreement re WSAVA congress 2026 in Warsaw, as there is no agreement in place. The EB reviewed the previous agreement and discussed the various points to be considered when preparing the 2026 agreement.

It was further decided that FECAVA & the Local association will have 1 stream in addition to the 7 WSAVA streams, 8 streams in total. The make up of that stream will be at their discretion.

Speaker fees will be absorbed within congress budget under general congress SOP.

It was decided to postpone discussion on all additional points till the treasurer provides a clear budget breakout expected.

ST3 **Finance**

Finance Reports

Discussion on Audit following Auditors Presentation

OU and JD reviewed updates to the Q1 budget. The EB discussed the auditor's report and points highlighted by the FAC to the auditors and the WSAVA response to it. It was discussed that there are issues raised that should be included in the assembly report and under the treasurer's caveat.

Approval of Draft Auditors Report and Financial Statements (2023)

Motion: To approve the draft auditor report and financial reports of 2023.

All in favor

Motion is passed

Request for Proposals – Independent Auditor Services

The EB confirmed a new call for motion to approve action time line and action letter as presented by RC.

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Motion: To approve the draft auditor report and financial reports of 2023.

All in favor

Motion is passed

Call for new auditors

Motion: To launch a new call for auditing services to the WSAVA, based on action time line and action letter as presented

All in favor

Motion is passed

Operations

O1 Approval of Policy and Process Manual

The EB reviewed amendments to the P&P manual following initial EB review and MNC comments discussed during the strategic meeting in Kenya. The EB discussed a proposal to update the membership policy but as it requires membership vote the update was put on hold until discussion by the assembly.

Motion to accept the Policy and Process Manual with the membership policy reverted to the existing one and with the addition of the EB as an additional reviewer to the interview process of a candidate to the committee chair position.

All in favor

Motion is passed

O2 Claims About WSAVA and Association with Dog Meat Trade in Zambia

RC updated the EB about a complaint received regarding unauthorized usage of the WSAVA logo by a dog trading company in Zambia. The EB highlighted the importance of involving the WSAVA member association in Zambia in these discussions. It has also been raised that other welfare associations are involved and have been contacted by the Cactus foundation. The EB emphasized the need to have this managed in cooperation with VAZ.

It was also suggested to create a joint social media post to promote this issue.

O3 Special General Assembly

EvN

The EB reviewed the agenda and presentation for the special general assembly on May 16th.

O4 Education Administrator

RC

RC reviewed the proposed timeline to the newly formed education administrator role. It was highlighted that this role and the financial resources to cover it were shared with the FAC during the February 2024 committee meeting and shared by RC over email. The EB requested that this is shared with FAC once again.

Motion to accept in principle awaiting FAC feedback

All in favor

Motion is passed

O5 AMR Partnership Platform/Support procedure for Call for Actionable Steps in Response to The Rising Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

EvN

The EB approved WSAVA joining this call, to be executed by LG.

O6 Requests for Arrangement to Pay 2024 Membership Dues
Veterinary Practitioners of Thailand (VPAT)

Motion to accept VPAT's request of payment in kind

All in favor

Motion is passed.

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It was decided that LG will discuss the options for in kind payment and report back to the EB

It was further decided that any future in kind payment requests from member associations. will be discussed and tracked by LG.

O7 Request for Additional Budget from MNC

JB

The EB discussed the request for additional funding to support travel for MNC committee members.

Motion to approve budget for committee full members to attend congress including assembly.

All in favor

Motion is passed

O8 Member Forum & Strategy Meetings 2025 – Middle East Abu Dhabi (verbal)

Deferred to May meeting

Extended consent agenda approved