

General Assembly 2024: Agenda

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Time	09:00 – 18:00
Location	Suzhou International Expo Centre (Suzhou Expo), China

Morning Agenda

The morning agenda will be discussion focused. The Executive Board has identified the following topics they wish to consult with the WSAVA membership on.

1	Welcome and President's Address
2	<p>a. Why WSAVA? As a federation of largely national veterinary associations from around the world, WSAVA provides benefits directly to associations and the global veterinary community at large. This discussion will focus on the benefit of being a WSAVA member association in 2024 and beyond, and what benefits are most impactful to member associations.</p> <p>Questions that members should consider in advance and be prepared to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Identify two benefits which you are currently receiving from WSAVA and that are of most value to you. II. Identify two benefits which WSAVA could provide that would further add value to your membership. <p>b. WSAVA Community Engagement: As we approach 2025, WSAVA will be investing more resources in enabling more frequent and purposeful engagement amongst WSAVA member associations. This discussion will focus on the topics of discussion most member associations wish to be consulted on, how, and when.</p> <p>Questions that members should consider in advance and be prepared to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Identify two areas of WSAVA's work which you believe member associations should be consulted on (be specific). II. How and where should consultation take place? III. How frequent should consultation take place? <p>c. WSAVA Regions: Following the Special General Assembly in May 2024, this discussion will focus on how WSAVA regions are defined and their purpose. The Executive Board believe there should be two categories of regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) for representative on the Executive Board (2) for rotation of WSAVA Congress. <p>Questions that members should consider in advance and be prepared to discuss:</p>

	<p>I. What are the issues which must be considered regarding the regions for representation on the Executive Board?</p> <p>II. The WSAVA Congress has two objectives:</p> <p>(1) to ensure as many individuals can attend at least once during the rotation cycle</p> <p>(2) to ensure a financially successful World Congress, returning a strong income for WSAVA.</p> <p>What do members think of the following regions for the purpose of congress rotation only: (1) Africa and Middle East, (2) Americas, (3) Asia, (4) Europe.</p>
3	Executive Board Question Time
LUNCH BREAK	

Afternoon Agenda

The afternoon agenda will focus on the traditional business responsibilities of the General Assembly, including updates and messages from committees and guests. Items marked with * indicate a member vote is required. We expect there to be no quorum at the meeting. Therefore, within seven days of the Congress concluding an audio recording of the assembly will be distributed to all members, along with instructions on how to cast votes on matters requiring assembly approval.

Meeting Chair: Ellen van Nierop, WSAVA President

1	Call to Order
2	Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recognition of Guests b. In Memoriam c. Order and Format of the Session, including How to Participate d. Conflicts of Interest
3	Agenda Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. WSAVA Annual Report 2023 b. WSAVA Congress Report 2023 – Lisbon c. Minutes of the General Assembly 2023 – Lisbon d. Minutes of the Special General Assembly 2024 Acceptance of the Agenda including any requests for additions to the agenda. ¹
4	Update on the WSAVA Strategy 2023 to 2025: Information Only Jim Berry, President-Elect
5	Report from the Financial Advisory Committee: Information Only Representative of the Financial Advisory Committee
6	Treasury and Finances Oscar Umaña, Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Treasurer’s Report* b. Auditors Report and Audited Financial Statements 2023* c. Unaudited Financial Statements for January to June 2024 d. Industry Canada Exemption (to conduct the General Assembly 2025 in conjunction with the WSAVA Congress 2025 in Rio de Janeiro)*

¹Acceptance of the agenda and any additional items will be conducted by a simple voice vote. Additional items requested by members will require a seconder, and then a simple voice vote will be conducted. Additional items will be covered during AOB.

	<p>e. Appointment of Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP as the WSAVA independent auditor for financial years 2024 to 2028.</p>
7	<p>Bylaws</p> <p>a. Amendment to the bylaws to change the term of Treasurer from two years renewable once, to two years renewable twice*</p>
8	<p>Confirmation of Candidates Elected to the Executive Board: Information Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – President-Elect – Treasurer – Asia Ordinary Board Member x1 – Australasia, Europe, and North America Ordinary Board Member x2 – Latin America and Caribbean Ordinary Board Member x1 – North Africa and Middle East Ordinary Board Member x1 – Sub-Saharan Africa Ordinary Board Member x1
9	<p>Report from the Membership and Nomination Committee: Information Only Mike Topper, Chair of the Membership and Nomination Committee</p> <p>a. Activities of the Membership and Nomination Committee b. Comments on Membership Applications and Extensions</p>
10	<p>Membership*</p> <p>a. Amendments to the Membership Policies and Procedures (as adopted by the General Assembly in Lima, 2022)</p> <p>b. Extensions to Associate Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Veterinary Association of Zambia for a further term as Associate Member – Pets Veterinary Sciences Promotion Foundation Pakistan for a further term as Associate Member – Macedonian Small Animal Veterinary Association for a further term as Associate Member <p>c. Membership category changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Associate to General (Full): Association Scientific Veterinary Council of Cuba <p>d. New Members</p> <p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Uruguayan Society of Small Animal Specialist Veterinarians <p>Associate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pancyprian Veterinary Association – Uganda Small Animal Practitioners Association – Ethiopian Society of Small Animal Veterinarians <p>Affiliate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Association of Shelter Veterinarians – Veterinary Management Group – Association of Venezuelan Veterinarians in Exile

11	Update from the World Small Animal Veterinary Foundation: Information Only Gabriel Varga, President of WSAV Foundation
12	Update from the World Veterinary Association: Information Only John de Jong, President of World Veterinary Association
13	Update from the World Organization for Animal Health: Information Only Ana Mateus, WOAH
14	President's Award 2024 Rebecca George
15	Acknowledgements
16	Adoption of the Consent Agenda* Including discussion on any items requested to be removed from consent agenda and additional agenda items from members.
17	Date of the General Assembly 2025 24 September 2025 – Rio de Janeiro
18	Any Other Business
19	Adjournment / Close
DRINKS RECEPTION	

List of Votes	
<p>The following is a list of matters on the agenda which will require an assembly vote. As we do not expect to have a quorum during the meeting, an audio recording of the meeting will be issued to all members within seven days of the Congress concluding, along with instructions on how to submit votes remotely.</p>	
1.	Approval of the Consent Agenda
2.	Approval of the Treasurer's Report
3.	Approval of the Auditor's Report and Audited Financial Statements 2023
4.	Approval to hold the General Assembly 2025 in conjunction with the WSAVA Congress 2025 in Rio de Janeiro
5.	Approval of Ouseley Harvey Clipsham Deep LLP as the WSAVA independent auditor for financial years 2024 to 2028
6.	Approval to amend the bylaw relating to Treasurer tenure, changing the term from two years renewable once, to two years renewable twice.
7.	Approval to adopt the WSAVA Membership Policy and Process as presented

8. Approve Veterinary Association of Zambia for a further term as Associate Member
9. Approve Pets Veterinary Sciences Promotion Foundation Pakistan for a further term as Associate Member
10. Approve Macedonian Small Animal Veterinary Association for a further term as Associate Member
11. Approve Association Scientific Veterinary Council of Cuba to move from Associate to General Member
12. Approve Uruguayan Society of Small Animal Specialist Veterinarians to join as a General Member
13. Approve Pancyprian Veterinary Association to join as an Associate Member
14. Approve Uganda Small Animal Practitioners Association to join as an Associate Member
15. Approve Ethiopian Society of Small Animal Veterinarians to join as an Associate Member
16. Approve Association of Shelter Veterinarians to join as an Affiliate Member
17. Approve Veterinary Management Group to join as an Affiliate Member
18. Approve Association of Exiled Venezuela Veterinarians to join as an Affiliate Member