

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

March 27, 2025

The meeting was held via Teams with Jim Berry as Chair.

Present

Jim Berry (JB)	President
Ellen van Nierop (EvN)	Past President
Oscar Umana (OU)	Treasurer
Nalinika Obeyesekere (NO)	Board member
Veronica Leibaschoff (VL)	Board member
Derick Chibeu	Board member
Julie Stafford	Board member
Richard Casey (RC)	WSAVA Secretariat
Liat Geller (LG)	WSAVA Secretariat
Debbie Gray (DG)	WSAVA Secretariat
Joyce Dao (JD)	WSAVA Secretariat
Cecilia Westerdahl (CW)	WSAVA Secretariat

Consent agenda

1. Minutes from the January Executive Board Meeting
2. Congress Status Report March 2025
3. Officers Meeting Summary - March 2025
4. Votes on Proposals and Motions Presented During Strategy Meeting on 27 February 2025
5. World Parasite Awareness Day
6. Ratify Education Committee Members
7. Liaisons to Specialist Committees

Strategy

Membership Consultation

RC/LG

LG advised that there is a 60% membership wide participation rate, with all regions represented and votes coming in from General, Associate and Affiliate members. The EB reviewed initial votes and trends from the 4 surveys, and noted a more thorough analysis will be presented and discussed in the dedicated board meeting on April 22.

Operations

Ordinary Board Member Vacancy – Next Steps

JB

Following the resignation of Frédéric Gaschen, The EB was presented with 3 options to replace him on the Executive Board. The board decided to call for nominations from the Europe, Australasia, and North America region, have members vote on preferred candidate, following by board ratification of that selection. The Appointee would serve until end of Rio Congress and then be reappointed for another year until Warsaw 2027, thus ensuring that their term is aligned with the Executive Board terms.

Motion to launch an open call to the WSAVA membership for candidates to the **Australasia, Europe, and North America region** ordinary board member vacancy, with candidate receiving most votes ratified by the Executive Board and appointed until the General Assembly in Warsaw 2026.

Five votes in favor, deciding vote being JB's vote

One abstention

Motion has passed.

AOB

Strategic Advisory Committee Chair

JB

JB updated the EB on the interview of Ernie Ward to the position of chair for the newly formed Strategic Advisory Committee. The interview was held by JB, Mike Topper and Jerzy Gawor, and recommended that EW is appointed to Chair position.

Motion to ratify Ernie Ward as Chair of the Strategic Advisory Committee

All in favor

Motion has passed.

Translation options for Rio Congress

RC

The EB discussed several options presented by Kenes to supply further translation and/or subtitling options for the WSAVA streams at the Rio World Congress. The EB discussed AI and in person translation, and it was decided to investigate the quality of the AI translation further before making a decision.

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Motion to approve Consent Agenda

All in favor

Motion has passed.