



## Minutes of the WSAVA Assembly Meeting 2017

Bella Convention Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark

September 24, 2017

### Session I: Members' Forum

Minutes of the Members' Forum, covering Assembly meeting agenda items 1-5, provided as a separate document.

### Session II: Business session

#### 6. Call to order

The meeting Chair, WSAVA President Dr. Walt Ingwersen, called the meeting to order at 13:30 PM.

#### 7. Recognition of guests

The President welcomed dignitaries, WSAVA past presidents and VIP's.

Dr Anne Sorensen, Chair LHC 2017 addressed the Assembly

Dr Jerzy Gawor, FECAVA President addressed the Assembly

#### 8. Member representative regrets

Katia Di Nicolo, FECAVA

Jordi Franch, AVEPA

Klajdi Nallbani, AChVS

Stephan Neumann, GSAVA

Kangmoon Seo, KAHA

Andy Sparkes, ISFM

Pero Bozinovski, MSAVA

Michael Day, BSAVA

Colin Burrows, WSAVA

Nataša Tozon, SZVMZ

Nalinika Obeyesekere, SCAP

Siti Komariah, ISAVPA

David Wadsworth, BSAVA

#### 9. New member representatives

The President welcomed representatives from:

Latin American Veterinary Conference (LAVC)

Armenian Small Animals Veterinary Association (ARMSAVA)

Botswana Veterinary Association (BVA)

Zimbabwe Veterinary Association (ZVA)

#### 9. Postal ballots received and vote proxy assignments

USA (NAVCA) awarded their proxy vote to Dr Melinda Merck, USA

Postal ballots were received from 10 member associations

Based on the voting capacity of those in attendance and post ballots received, a meeting quorum is confirmed as per WSAVA By-Law 6.9

#### 10. Attendance, code of conduct, conflict of interest statement

Dr. Gabriel Varga and Dr. Larry Dee were nominated to act as scrutineers

## Attendees

Dr Paul Mitchell	2018 LHC	Dr Charlotte Matthews	NZVA CAS
Dr Sheila Torres	ACVD	Dr Edgardo Unson	PAHA
Dr Claude Beata	AFVAC	Dr Jolle Kirpenstein	WSAVA
Dr Stefano Romagnoli	AIVPA	Dr Jerzy Gawor	PSAVA
Dr German Fierro Pazmino	AMVEPE	Dr Denis Novak	SASAP
Dr Emir Chaher	APMVEAC	Dr Ian Southern	SAVA
Dr Debbie Osborne	ASAV	Dr Marc Vangheluwe	SAVAB
Dr Juanjo Kraus	AVEACA	Dr Olatunji Nasir	SAVAN
Dr Joaquín Aragonés	AVEPA	Dr Robert Manko	SkSAVA
Dr Laurel Kaddatz	AVMA	Dr Vasily Rublev	SPVS
Dr John Chitty	BSAVA	Dr Anika T Rowe	SSAVA
Dr Jesús M. Moreno Lazo	CCVC	Dr Brian Loon	SVA
Dr Vojtech Novak	CSAVA	Dr Kathi Brunner	SVK
Dr Lea Kreszinger	CSAVS	Dr David Tan	TVMA
Dr Abdul Rahman	CVA	Dr Gary Stamp	VECCS
Dr Jim Berry	CVMA	Dr Manfred Hochleithner	VOEK
Dr Anne Sorensen	DSAVA	Dr Thong Le Quang	VSAVA
Dr Janne Orro	ESAVA	Dr Devon Dublin	WAVMA
Dr Minna Rinkinen	FAVP	Dr Siraya Chunekamrai	WSAVA
Dr Elena Chitchinadze	GEOSAVA	Dr Walt Ingwersen	WSAVA
Dr Peter Fahrenkrug	GSAVA	Dr Nicola Neumann	WSAVA
Dr Ben Albalas	HCAVS	Dr Shane Ryan	WSAVA
Dr Veronica Leong	HKVA	Dr Ellen van Nierop	WSAVA
Dr Zoe S. Polizopoulou	HVMS	Dr Renee Chalmers Hoyneck van Papendrecht	WSAVA
Dr Mahan Bitaraf	ISAVA	Dr Zoe Belshaw	WSAVA Committee
Dr Ondrej Vitula	IVSA	Dr Lawson Cairns	WSAVA Committee
Dr Susan Mbugua	KESCAVA	Dr Umesh Karkare	WSAVA Committee
Dr Jorge Guerrero	LAVC	Dr Melinda Merck	WSAVA Committee
Dr Adriana López Quintana	LAVECCS	Dr Brook Niemiec	WSAVA Committee
Dr Amilan Sivagurunathan	MSAVA	Dr Geeta Saini	WSAVA Committee
Dr Daphne Westgeest	NACAM	Dr Kevin Stevens	WSAVA Committee
Dr Anne Torgersen	NSAVA	Dr Graham Swinney	WSAVA Committee
Dr Marcello Roza	ANCLIVEPABr	Dr Gabriel Varga	WSAVA Foundation
Dr Makarand Chavan	FSAPAI		

### 12. Adoption of agenda

The Chair called for any contents of the Consent Agenda to be removed and placed on the Discussion Agenda should any Assembly member so desire – no item was removed

Motion by the chair to accept agenda

*Motion approved*

Seconded by Dr Jim Berry

### 13. In memoriam

The President called for a moment of silence to remember

Dr Andrew Edney, Professor Carl Osborne and Dr Donald Piermattei

### 14. 2016 minutes – call for errors and omissions

Motion by the chair to approve the Assembly 2016 minutes

*Motion approved*

Seconded by Dr Edgardo Unson

## 15. WSAVA Finances & Treasury

### Motions to approve financial statements by the Honorary Treasurer

Dr Ellen van Nierop, the Honorary Treasurer made a presentation to highlight the Treasurer's items that were detailed on the Assembly book. Afterwards the Assembly was called to vote on the following motions made by EvN;

a) Motion to approve audited financials

Seconded: Dr Claude Beata

*Motion approved*

b) Motion to approve Honorary Treasurer's report

Seconded: Dr Jerzy Gawor

*Motion approved*

c) Motion to reappoint Ward and Uptigrove as WSAVA auditing firm for 2017

Seconded: Dr. Debbie Osborne

*Motion approved*

6 Abstentions

d) Motion to hold the WSAVA Assembly meeting in conjunction with 2018 World Congress

Seconded: Dr. Laurel Kaddatz

*Motion approved*

7 Abstentions

## 16. WSAVA Office positions

Voting was not held by secret ballot as there were no contentious motions.

a) Motion to approve Dr. Nicola Neumann as CLO

Seconded Dr Devon Dublin

*Motion approved*

4 Abstentions

b) Motion to ratify the nomination of the Executive Board of Michael Day as 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board member

Seconded by Dr Daphne Westgeest

*Motion approved*

4 Abstentions

9 Disagree

c) Motion to adopt the WSAVA Executive Board succession plan

Seconded by Dr Jim Berry

*Motion approved*

12 Abstentions

10 Disagree

d) Motion to revise the WSAVA By-Laws as indicated to accommodate the WSAVA Executive Board succession plan

Seconded by Dr Daphne Westgeest

*Motion approved*

5 Abstention

## 17. Matters pertaining to Congress

Kevin Stevens announced the 2021 CSC Congress bid recommendation and WSAVA PCO selection recommendation

Motion: to approve the location of the Congress 2021 in Hyderabad, India to be hosted by the Federation of Small Animal Practitioners Association (FSAPA) as recommended by the CSC chair and endorsed by the WSAVA executive board.

Seconded by Dr Abdul Rahman

*Motion approved*

7 Abstentions

7 Disagree

Motion: to approve the recommendation of the CSC, endorsed by WSAVA Executive Board, to enter into a 3 Congress partnership with Kenes International, once the current agreement expires in 2020.

Seconded by Dr Daphne Westgeest

*Motion approved*

8 Abstentions

## 18. Membership

### a. Loss/Withdrawal of membership

As stated in 3.6 of the WSAVA By-Laws, the associations listed have been in arrears of payment and have not responded to 3 or more monthly invoices, sent with notice of receipt, and warning of imminent membership loss. As such, their membership is terminated.

Guangdong Small Animal Veterinary Association (GSAVA)

Ordre des Medecins Veterinaires au Liban (OMVL)

### b. New members

Dr Jorge Guerrero was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed.

Motion: to approve Latin American Veterinary Conference (LAVC) for Affiliate Membership

Seconded by Dr Melinda Merck

*Motion approved*

Dr Vahan Khachatryan was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed.

Motion: to approve Armenian Small Animals Veterinary Association (ARMSAVA) for Associate Membership

Seconded by Dr Jerzy Gawor

*Motion approved*

Dr Lawson Cairns was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed.

Motion: to approve Botswana Veterinary Association (BVA) for Associate Membership

Seconded by Dr Claude Beata

*Motion approved*

3 Abstentions

Dr Lawson Cairns was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards leave the room while the application was discussed.

Motion: to approve Zimbabwe Veterinary Association (ZVA) for Associate Membership

Seconded by Dr Jim Berry

*Motion approved*

### c. Membership category changes

Motion: to approve Vietnam Small Animal Veterinary Association (VSAVA) for Full Membership

Seconded by Dr Debbie Osborne

*Motion approved*

Motion: to approve Indonesian Small Animal Practitioner Veterinary Association (ISAVPA) For Full Membership

ISAVPA withdrew their application and will defer to 2018.

Motion: to approve Georgian Small Animals Veterinary Association (GeoSAVA) for Full Membership

Seconded by Dr Jerzy Gawor

*Motion approved*

- d. **By-Law exemption request** - Association Scientific Veterinary Council of Cuba  
Members requested that the Cuban society be assisted to move to full membership category over the next three years.

Motion: to grant a By-Law exemption to Cuba, to retain Associate Member status for an additional 3 years.

Seconded by Dr Jerzy Gawor

*Motion approved*

2 Abstentions

#### 19. AOB

The following were items not on the Assembly meeting agenda but were relevant for Assembly member information and participation.

The WSAVA President's Award - This award is presented on a time to time basis by the President of the WSAVA to a member of the WSAVA in recognition of the recipient's outstanding contribution to the association. This year's award recipient was Dr Jolle Kirpensteijn.

The President commented on conditions raised during the 2016 Assembly. PSAVA has agreed to host the 2020 congress which will be held in Warsaw, Poland.

#### 20. Member recognition

The President thanked Mark Shepherd and Shane Ryan, who were standing down as chairs of the Financial Advisory Committee and Animal Wellness & Welfare Committee respectively.

#### 21. Motion: to approve consent agenda, including committee chairs and composition, by the President

Seconded by Dr Jim Berry

*Motion approved*

#### 22. Next Assembly meeting - September 24, 2018 – Singapore