



Call for Nominations for WSAVA Executive Board (EB) Member

Role Description

General Introduction

The WSAVA EB is composed of volunteer veterinarians, and is responsible for the oversight and strategy of the Association. The EB works closely with the Secretariat who is responsible for implementation of this strategy. The EB answers to the WSAVA Assembly, the Assembly being the ultimate decision making body of the WSAVA. The EB currently comprises of the President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Congress Liaison Officer and one Board Member responsible for interests in Latin America. The roles of Honorary Secretary and Congress Liaison Officer are being phased out and the board will include more general members, intending to increase regional representation.

The current opening on the EB is for a second 'Board Member'. This position holds a 2-year term of office, starting after the WSAVA World Congress 2019 in Toronto, Canada. As the regions Africa, the Middle East and Europe (specifically Eastern Europe) are currently underrepresented on the WSAVA EB, members from those regions are strongly encouraged to submit a nomination.

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The specific duties of an EB member are:

- 🐾 **New Members:** to encourage and assist non-member countries in their region to become members of WSAVA
- 🐾 **Member Engagement:** to assist members in their region to know and take advantage of the benefits of the WSAVA membership
- 🐾 **Liaison:** to serve as a liaison between the EB and the members where necessary
- 🐾 **Voting Member:** to act as voting advisors on the EB
- 🐾 **Members' Forum:** to coordinate Members' Forum and other regional activities
- 🐾 **Strategic Plan**
 - to serve the strategic needs of the EB as determined by the President at any given time.
 - assist with the implementation of the goals that are currently being developed by the Strategic Planning Task Force for the 2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan.

Expectations

Members of the WSAVA EB must be available to fully participate in the work of the EB and have a good understanding of English. Although much of this is done by electronic communication and work on individual activities, EB members are expected to attend regular teleconferences throughout the year in addition to two (2) face-to-face meetings, one of which precedes the annual congress. EB members are appointed as liaison to WSAVA Committees and Groups. Additionally, in this position, the EB member would be expected to undertake work in their region, which may entail travel to key regional events or congresses.

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Nomination Process

- 🐾 Any nominee for a position on the EB, must be a **member** of one of the WSAVA's full or associate Member Associations.
- 🐾 Any nominee must provide
 - short Curriculum Vitae
 - letter of intent
 - two supporting references, of which one must be from a WSAVA Member Association in their country
- 🐾 Nominations should be sent to the WSAVA Secretariat [admin@wsava.org]
- 🐾 The deadline for nominations is **May 15, 2019**
- 🐾 Nominations are reviewed by the Leadership and Nominations Committee (LNC), who make recommendations to the Assembly. The post is subject to election at the annual Assembly as per point 5.3 of the [By-Laws of the Association](#).

Any potential nominee may wish to discuss this position informally with any member of the EB or the Secretariat. [Contact details can be found here](#)

Quotes from EB Members

Below you can find comments from Emeritus Prof. Michael Day and Dr. Ellen van Nierop.

Emeritus Prof. Michael Day - currently WSAVA Honorary Treasurer and previous WSAVA EB Member

“After 15 years working on four WSAVA committees it was an honour to be elected to the Executive Board in 2017 and then to the position of Honorary Treasurer in 2018. It is a privilege to work with such an amazing team of people to guide the direction of our Association and continue to provide our membership with the strongest science, education and representation globally.”

Dr. Ellen van Nierop – currently WSAVA EB Member with a focus on Latin America

“Being a board member allows you to make the world a better place by taking part directly in the leadership of the association with global reference, the board is also the place where all the pieces of the puzzle come together and you see the bigger picture. You carry a great responsibility of communication from and to the board, but the load is made lighter by the absolute wish of this board to be less top down and more inclusive every step of the way.”

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