WSAVA Animal Wellness and Welfare Committee

Job description for Members
October 25th, 2019

The WSAVA AWWC is looking for 2 new members to join the committee, starting at the WSAVA World Congress in Warsaw, Poland in September 2020.

The committee members work collaboratively with other WSAVA committees and international stakeholders to identify projects and opportunities to promote animal welfare and wellness. These include projects in conjunction with the annual WSAVA Congress and additional online trainings, guidelines and resources. AWWC provides speaker tracks on animal welfare annually for NAVC VMX in Orlando, Florida and the WSAVA Congress.

Committee Structure
The committee is comprised of one Chair and a Vice-Chair, in addition to other members. Members are veterinary practitioners that come from all regions of the world with a background related to animal welfare. We are currently seeking new members to provide the committee with a private practitioner perspective to animal welfare.

Responsibilities and Expectations
Member roles, responsibilities and expectations include:
- Attend 1-hour teleconference meetings held every other month
- Attend annual in-person committee meeting held at WSAVA Congress, minimum 1 day plus travel days
- Contribute innovative ideas to advance AWWC mission
- Response to email/electronic communication in timely manner
- Continuously assess and identify opportunities regarding animal welfare for the AWWC

Term of Office
- Hours/week: Estimated time per week 3 to 5 hours
- Term: Terms of three years, with the possibility to renew once

Professional Requirements
Desired skill sets and professional requirements:
- Regional representation: North and South America, Europe or Africa
- Veterinarian in private/specialty practice
- Demonstrable interest and experience in animal welfare
- Additional qualifications in animal welfare or related fields

Application Process
- Applicant must provide:
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Letter of Intent
  - Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest
  - Letter of Support from WSAVA Member Association*
- Applications should be sent to the WSAVA Secretariat [admin@wsava.org]
Applications should be submitted before December 9th, 2019

*All nominees for membership of any WSAVA committee/group are required to provide a letter of Good Standing from the WSAVA member organisation of which they are a member. This requirement does not apply to nominees who are not members of a WSAVA organisation (e.g. non-veterinarians) whose expertise may be necessary for specialist committees/groups. A person of Good Standing is defined as someone who has complied with all explicit obligations of the association and who is not subject to any form of sanction, suspension or disciplinary censure. This letter is not a recommendation from the association that the nominee is the best person for the position. WSAVA committee positions are not chosen by member organisations - the Committee Chair ultimately decides on the best candidate for the position and the choice is ratified by the Leadership and Nominations Committee and the Executive Board. This letter indicates only that the WSAVA member association has no objection to the nomination.