



# WSAVA

Global Veterinary Community

## Minutes of the WSAVA Assembly Meeting 2015

Centara Grand and Bangkok Convention Center, Bangkok

May 14, 2015

- 1. Opening-** The WSAVA President, Colin Burrows called the meeting to order at 9.00 AM  
This was followed by a brief welcome by Local Host Committee chair Chainarong Lohachit, who updated the Assembly regarding statistics of the Congress to date, and social event information  
Housekeeping remarks were then made on:
  - Lunch and Assembly photo instructions
  - Change in the name of The Strategic Planning afternoon to Member's Forum
  - Voting procedural issues:
    - Introduction of WSAVA parliamentarian to rest with Past President as s/he is a non-voting Assembly member
    - Secret voting will only be done if there are contending issues or candidates
    - Voting of absentee members: some proxy votes have been found invalid according to the By- Laws that state that proxy votes have to be received by the Secretariat in writing 3 weeks (21 days) prior to the Assembly Meeting. Jerzy Gawor expressed his regret that he will not be able to represent the member associations that have given him their proxy votes as they did not meet the deadline. He will take immediate measures to inform them of the situation

Relevant by - laws were referred to on the slides

  - [http://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/WSAVA%20Revised%20By-Laws%202014\\_FINAL\\_0.pdf](http://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/WSAVA%20Revised%20By-Laws%202014_FINAL_0.pdf)
  - Refer to by-laws point 4.2
  - Selection of scrutineers

Motion to accept Gabriel Varga and Ted Cohn as scrutineers

All in favour

*Motion approved*

- 2. Moments of silence** The President called for a moment of silence to remember

Ray Butcher  
Heinz Heinemann

Didier Noel Carlotti  
Jan Gajentaan

### **3. Recognition of guests and new Assembly representatives**

Special guests to the assembly were:

- Johnson Chiang (WVA)
- Phil Widders (OIE)
- Ian Dacre (World Animal Protection)
- Ted Cohn (AVMA)
- Monique Megens (FECAVA)

New Assembly Members were:

- Marcello Roza (Brazil)
- Valeria Grieco (Italy)
- Mukti Shrestha (Nepal)
- David Smith (NZ)
- Edgardo Unson (Philippines)
- Nick Woo (Singapore)
- Tsaja Pukl (Slovenia)
- Gizem Taktak (Turkey)
- Tricia Colville (UK)
- Christine Navarre (USA)

Special recognition was given to Mukti Shrestha from Nepal as his country was affected with a recent catastrophic earthquake and needed much financial help. The WSAVA Foundation Fun(d) Run pledged to donate part of its proceeds to Nepal as will many other activities during the congress.

### **4. Attendance, code of conduct, conflict of interest statement**

#### **Regrets:**

Annika Tranaeus Rowe - Sweden  
Janne Orro-Taruste- Estonia  
Jesus Moreno Lazo - Cuba  
Alicia Del Almo – Argentina  
Johan van Tilburg – Belgium  
Josip Krasni – Bosnia  
Linda Jakusonoka – Latvia  
Saulius Laurusevicius – Lithuania  
Katia Di Nicolo – Luxembourg  
Predrag Stojovic – Montenegro  
Sheila Torres - ACVD  
Bruce Robertson – ISVO  
Gert ter Haar – IVENTA  
Nicolas Bacon – VSSO

Julie Hutt – New Zealand  
Dennis Novak - Serbia  
Peter Fahrenkrug – Germany  
Ferenc Biro- Hungary  
Lea Kreszinger - Croatia  
David Tan - Taipei  
Andrei Timen – Romania  
Sergei Sereda – Russia  
Boyko Georgiev – Bulgaria  
Grant Petrie - BSAVA

**Present:**

WSAVA – President Colin Burrows	HKVA – Veronica Leong	CVMA – Jim Berry
WSAVA – President Elect Walt Ingwersen	AVEPA – Jordi Franch	AVEPA – Artur Font
WSAVA – Vice President Shane Ryan	GNC - Committee Member Gregg Takashima	FSAPAI – Makarand Chavan
WSAVA – Hon. Secretary Siraya Chunekamrai	FSAPAI - Guest Umesh Karkare	NSAVA – Ellen Bjerkas
WSAVA – Board Member Dr. Nicola Neumann	VECCS – Gary Stamp	PSAVA – Dr. Jerzy Gawor
WSAVA - Hon. Treasurer Ellen van Nierop	NAVC – Christine Navarre	FECAVA – Guest Monique Megens
WSAVA - Board Member Renee Chalmers Hoyneck van Papendrecht	VSAVA - Huynh Thi Thanh Ngoc	WSAVA - CSC Committee Kevin Stevens
WSAVA Past President Jolle Kirpensteijn	MSAVA – Nadzariah Abdullah	LHC Bangkok Chainarong Lohachit
FIAVAC – Guest Joaquin Aragonés	Cambodia Vet. Med. Assoc. – Guest Meas Sothy	GARC – Guest Sarah Jayme
HCVAS - Guest Stefanos Kladakis	SJCAP - Takashi Koseki	CAS - NZVA David Smith
DSAVA – LHC 2017 Karina Ryborg	WSAVA – CE Chair Jill Maddison	SAVA – NVCG Dr. Mark Shepherd
WSAVA – SAC Committee Gad Baneth	SAVLMZ – Robert Manko	SVK – Kathi Brunner
CSAVA – Jiri Beranek	SZVMZ – Tjasa Pukl	BSAVA – Patricia Colville
VPAN – Mutki Shrestha	VPAN – Gautam Suderson	AVD – Brook Niemiec
ASAVA – Debbie Osborne	PAHA – Joy Santos	RALC – Anna Marti
IVSA – Emma van Rooijen	SCAP – Nalinika Obeyesekere	SCAP – Guest Dayani Siriwardane
PAHA - Edgardo Unson	NACAM – Daphne Westgeest	SVA – Nick Woo
VPAT – Walasinee Moonarmart	SPVS – Vasily Rublev	ISAVA – Seyed Javid Aldavood

ISAVA – Fatemeh Ghanbari	TSAVA – Gizem Taktak	AWWC Committee Nienke Endenburg
SAVAN – Guest Christiana Oke	WAVMA – Devon Dublin	AVMA – Laurel Kaddatz
VOK – Manfred Hochleithner	VOK – Atschi Fellner	GEOSAVA – Elena Tchitchinadze
AMVEPE – German Fierro Pazmino	LAVECCS – Adriana Lopez	VEPA – Sergio Daltro
WAP – Guest Ian Dacre	HCAVS – New member Applicant Ben Albalas	WVA – Guest Johnson Chiang
ISAVPA – New member Applicant Gunadi Setiadarma	MSAVA – New Member Applicant Pero Bozhinovski	SAVAN – New Member Applicant Nasir Olatunji
FASAVA – Guest Gopinathan Gangadharan	WSAVAF – Gabriel Varga	CE Committee – Jill Maddison

**5. State of the Association** – This was the address by the President to update the Assembly on committee activities, WSAVA Foundation, general financial situation of the WSAVA, Board activities and the development of the central secretariat namely “YourWSAVA”. There was also a short update of the current and future Congresses and a thank you to the Local Host Committee, core PCO- Kenes, our current Congress Liaison Officer, Nicola Neumann, Jolle Kirpensteijn for his support to the CLO and the Congress Program Chair. Appreciation was also extended to the committee members, industry partners and sponsors, Executive Board and June Ingwersen for her tireless support as the sole employee of the Secretariat. An update on the strategic plan and membership benefits was also mentioned. In conclusion the President called for input, participation and the will to work together to develop a true and effective global veterinary community.

**6. Motion to approve Assembly 2014 Minutes**

2 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

**7. Consent agenda and call for removal of items**

The President then called for a review of the consent agenda as stated in the Assembly book and asked for removal of any items for discussion. There were none.

**8. Motion to adopt the agenda as is by the President**

*Motion adopted unanimously*

The Honorary Secretary apologized that the motions and slides at the Assembly Meeting were in a different order than on the agenda and assured that all motions will be voted on.

## 9. Major motions

- a. **Motion to ratify the EB positions by the President** (all candidates were asked to leave the room during the voting process)

It was explained that the vote on nominations are per acclamation because there were no other candidates, but are strengthened by ratification of the Assembly.

i. **Motion to approve Honorary Secretary – Siraya Chunekamrai**

2 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

ii. **Motion to approve Additional Board Member – Renee Chalmers Hoynck van Papendrecht**

2 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

**Motion to approve Congress Liaison Officer – Nicola Neumann**

4 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

Jerzy Gawor clarified that the abstentions by the PSAVA are an invitation for a discussion on secret votes and nothing personal.

b. **Motions to approve financial statements by the Honorary Treasurer**

Ellen van Nierop (EvN), 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;

**i. Motion to approve the Honorary Treasurer's report**

Seconded by: Ellen Bjerkas

2 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

**ii. Motion to approve the audited financials**

Seconded by: Ellen Bjerkas

7 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

**iii. Motion to reappoint auditing firm Ward and Uptigrove for 2015**

7 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

c. **Motion: to approve Congress 2019 recommendation by the CSC chair-**

CSC Chair Kevin Stevens gave a short presentation on the process of congress selection and presented a motion to approve the CSC congress recommendation host for 2019: the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association

Seconded by: Brook Niemec

Discussion followed - Laurel Kaddatz requested to review the date to maximize attendance, because it is currently just one week apart from the AVMA congress. Jim Berry explained that the CVMA is legally bound to June or July but will try to make it more than a week apart. So a suggestion was made for Canada to be as flexible as possible with the dates.

15 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

**d. Motion to accept new Assembly members by the President**

- I. Sri Lanka Companion Animal Practitioners (SCAP) from associate to full membership.

Nalinika Obeyesekere was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called.

**Motion to accept SCAP as full member**

2 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

Devon Dublin asked to reveal where the abstention votes come from to know if there is a regional issue. The abstentions were from Luxemburg

- II. Indonesia Small Animal Veterinary Practitioner Association (ISAVPA) for associate membership.

Gunadi Setiadarma was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called.

**Motion to accept ISAVPA as associate member**

4 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

- III. Hellenic Companion Animal Veterinary Society (HCAVS) for Full Membership.

The assembly was reminded of the motion set forth and approved in Cape Town was *“for the two Greek associations to further discuss collaboration as one association and bring the results to the meeting in Bangkok.”*

Ben Albalas was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called. Discussion on this issue followed and all agreed that the Assembly asked the two associations to discuss collaboration and not to sort out all issues

**Motion to accept the HCAVS as full member**

The vote was done by secret ballot with the 2 assigned scrutineers: Gabriel Varga and Ted Cohn.

41 abstentions; 27 against; 70 for

*Motion approved.*

**IV. Small Animal Veterinary Association of Nigeria (SAVAN) for Associate Membership.**

Nasir Olatunji was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called.

**Motion to accept Nigeria as associate member:**

2 abstentions

*Motion approved*

**V. Macedonian Small Animal Veterinary Association (MSAVA) for Associate Membership**

Pero Bozhinovski was invited to the stage to give a brief presentation and afterwards asked to leave the room while a vote on this motion was called.

**Motion to accept Macedonia as associate member**

2 abstentions

*Motion approved*

**e. Motion to approve consent agenda and ratify the committee chairs by the President**

2 Abstentions

*Motion approved*

**10. Next meeting September 26, 2016 Cartagena, Colombia**

**11. Motion to adjourn**

All approve, meeting adjourned at 12:00 hrs

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

**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 is **Jan Gajentaan**. His daughter Anka was invited to the stage to give an acceptance speech on behalf of her father. Jolle Kirpensteijn and Monique Megens were invited to share the honor of presenting this award with the President. .

**Special Guests address to the Assembly** The following were invited to the stage to address the assembly and brought greetings and a brief over-view of association activities relevant to the WSAVA global veterinary community:

- **Johnson Chiang (WVA)**
- **Phil Widders (OIE)**
- **Ian Dacre (WAP)**

**The WSAVA\_GARC MOU signing** A new partnership of the WSAVA with the Global Alliance on Rabies control (GARC) was announced. Colin Burrows on behalf of the WSAVA, and Sarah I Jayme on behalf of the GARC, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for future collaboration on global rabies control.