



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

January 15th, 2023

The meeting was held via Zoom with Ellen Van Nierop as Chair.

Present

Ellen van Nierop (EvN)	President
Oscar Umana (OU)	Honorary Treasurer
Jim Berry (JB)	Vice President
Felisbina Queiroga (FQ)	Board Member
Jerzy Gawor (JG)	Board Member
Nalinika Obeyeskere	Board Member
Siraya Chunekamrai (SC)	Board Member (Advisory non voting Capacity)
Joyce Dao (JD)	Financial Officer
Richard Casey (RC)	WSAVA Secretariat
Liat Geller (LG)	WSAVA Secretariat

The meeting was called to order at **12:05 GMT** by EvN.

1. Consent Agenda

All items were removed for discussion.

2. Standing Reports

2.1. Secretariat

Congresses

India

RC updated that while in VMX it was made known to him that SAPAI claim Kenes & WSAVA “wanted to go to Guwahati”. RC will contact Dr. Makarand Chavan in order to clarify and reiterate that it was FASAPAI’s decision to choose that location.

LG added that Dr. Serin Pulikkottil advised that no information regarding the WSAVA CE event was shared with SAVAK and they had no idea it was taking place.

Lisbon

RC met with Gema, Fred and the program team several days ago. They are committing to having an outline program by the end of the month. Variety of speakers are committed to the non clinical stream and an outline for that program will be available by the end of the month as well.

2.2. **Financial update**

JD updated that a meeting was held with FAC during which a budget was presented to them.

WSAVA is still pending the congress report from Kenes, which is delaying the end of year audit.

OU advised that a discussion was held with FAC regarding a bigger involvement in budget planning, and a review of the budget prior to presenting it to the board.

Additionally, the financials draft will be reviewed by FAC and the chair will join the call(s) with the auditor.

RC added that Emir Chaher was advised that his nomination as chair was not done in accordance with the WSAVA bylaws:

- was not elected by the assembly
- was not approved by the assembly

The recommendation from MNC was that Emir will be nominated as acting FAC chair. MNC were also asked if the FAC special election by the assembly requirement should remain and their recommendation is that the structure of FAC should stay under the by-laws so that the EB does not have direct control over it, but that the officers portion, where that has to be voted in by the assembly, is removed.

Another caveat is that industry Canada requires that while it is not essential to have an audit committee, if one exists, it should have 3 directors on it, while currently OU is the only director.

JG and FQ noted that WSAVA should hold a thorough discussion on the role (advisory/legal) of the FAC, taking local (Canada) regulations in account.

Action:

OU to have the FAC prepare an updated ToR based on the way they would like to see the committee role, and have it submitted by February 5 to the EB.

2.3. **Sponsorship**

Elanco are confirmed for 2 year bronze sponsorship, support OHC.

IDEX are confirmed as Gold sponsor for two years, supporting two committees with focus on oncology.

Purina institute confirmed two year agreement at diamond level, supporting nutrition, CE and animal welfare.

Discussion with Hills ongoing.

Discussion with Royal Canine / one Mars continuing.

New agreement will be signed with furry tails in the next two weeks.

2.4. **Sri Lanka**

EvN updated the EB on the proposed schedule for the Sri Lanka trip and discussions.

3. **Operations**

3.1. **By-Laws discussion**

(EvN)

To be held during the Sri Lanka strategy meetings.

3.2. MNC comments on FAC

Motion to nominate Emir Chaher as standing chair of FAC until a formal vote takes place in the 2023 assembly.

All in favour

The motion was passed.

RC noted that if an online voting is required, it will ideally take place in March 2023.

3.3. Commercial Congresses

The EB discussed the benefits of WSAVA involvement and participation in commercial congresses. The strongest benefit is strengthening the WSAVA brand in areas with lower representation, however, It was noted that special care needs to be made to avoid conflict with association congresses in the same region.

EvN advised the MEA conference has asked for WSAVA stream, and it was agreed that in return the WSAVA will request they host a regional member forum with several related costs (mainly registration and accommodation) covered by the hosts.

Action:

RC to continue discussion and finalize agreement with the MEA congress.

3.4. Allocating committee liaison duties to NO

It was agreed that NO will co-liaison the following committees:

- NGC (with possible onboarding to PNA if Gregg Takashima is NA)
- OHC
- RCC

3.5. WASAVA Foundation

(EvN)

EvN updated the EB (EvN, OU and RC) on their meeting with WASAF during VMX. The meeting was with Gabriel Varga, Marc Jounston, Umesh Karkare and Laurel Kaddatz. It was made clear that since they use the WSAVA name they must adhere to the WSAVA regulations and guidelines.

WASAF shared they are looking into a possible name change to avoid the confusion with WSAVA.

It was made clear that a name change will cease the association with WSAVA and will move the relationship into an MOU basis and that WASAVA will look into and create their own foundation.

It was agreed that JB will join the WASAVAF council, and further discussions will take place in Lisbon.

3.6. **Liaison for Media adverts** (LG)
It was agreed that should there be any advertisement requests that require further professional or political review, that will be allocated to the immediate past president.

3.7. **Advertisement of EB meeting minutes to the membership** (RC)
RC suggested that as part of the decision to be more transparent, the EB meeting minutes will be shared with the member representatives. Initially via dedicated communication and in the future through a password protected area on the website.
JB suggested the minutes are shared with the full membership.
The EB discussed the two options, and it was agreed that the minutes will be shared with the membership via the website.

3.8. **Open call for new committee members, length of time** (LG)
LG asked the EB to clarify the length of time a call should be open as there is not clear SOP. MNC advised that a minimum of 6-8 weeks is appropriate.

Action:

It was agreed that MNC will be asked to revise a new SOP with a minimum of 6 weeks.

3.9. **Invitation of Dr. Mahrous to Lisbon 2023**
Motion to invite Dr. Mahrous, future leader award winner from 2022, to attend Lisbon 2023 with all financial support included.
All in favour
The motion was passed.

4. **discussion of Consent Agenda**

4.1. **IVSA discussion** (JG)
JB shared that there has been a request by IVSA to launch a mutual virtual congress. JG advised there was a discussion on this by one of the Polish students but it remained a general proposal but at this stage he has no written and concrete proposal yet.

The motion to approve the consent agenda was put forward,
All in favour
All Consent items were passed

5. **Next EB TC set for March 23rd, 2023.**