



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

May 18th, 2023

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

Present

Ellen van Nierop (EvN)	President
Siraya Chunekamrai	Past President
Oscar Umana (OU)	Honorary Treasurer
Jim Berry (JB)	Board Member
Jerzy Gawor (from 30 minute)	Board Member
Felisbina Queiroga	Board Member
Nalinika Obeyesekere	Board Member
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

- 1.1. Minutes of the 23rd EB meeting
- 1.2. FECAVA Belgrade Meeting report
- 1.3. One Care workshop Nepal
- 1.4.

2. Standing Reports

- 2.1. **Financial update** (OU)
OU reviewed the budget v actuals report for January through April 2023 and association payments received / delayed. Additionally, the EB discussed payments of association fees by the Ukrainian and the Russian associations.
It was noted that Russia is sanctioned by the Canadian current law and WSAVA is not allowed to collect any form of payment from a Russian of entity.

Motion that invoices will be sent to both associations, along with a letter signed by the Treasurer asking for a report and update on their financial situation, including a proposed change to their membership status into an associate status.

All in favor

The motion was passed.

- 2.2. **Lisbon update** (RC)

- 2.2.1. RC reviewed the Lisbon tourist board subvention of 10,000€ the congress is now eligible for.

Motion: WSAVA will accept the subvention offered by the Lisbon tourism board and allocate the funds towards member benefit projects and/or congress related expenses not covered by the current budget.

5 in favor

1 abstain

The motion was passed.

2.2.2. RC also discussed the feedback from Kenes regarding the chosen HQ hotel originally chosen. There are noise issues as well as quality of service and accommodation. It was noted that Pestana is not an added cost but thought must be given to transportation option on the route back.

It was agreed that the HQ hotel will change to either Pestana Palace or the Hyatt, based on cost effectiveness including a bus transportation.

2.2.3. The EB moved a discussion about complimentary registration to USAVA members to an email discussion.

2.3. China update

RC updated the board on current status of negotiations and an upcoming meeting with the local PCO a proposed liaison. A contract was reviewed by the WSAVA legal firm. A decision was made to not have a local Chinese firm review the contract from Chinese law perspective in order to not delay announcement of the congress.

RC shared feedback from KAM over previous congresses held in China.

3. Strategic Projects

3.1. By-laws

(RC)

RC reviewed by-laws wording post member input and pending legal review:

- Proposals nominating directors and officers at general assembly
- Committees of the executive board
- Appointment of Officers

Motion to accept the amendments summarized pending legal review

All in favor

The motion was passed

The EB discussed questions and clarifications requested by the WSAVA member associations and raised by EB members:

-Inclusion of non-voting member categories

Motion to take our the non voting categories out of the current proposed by-laws, but send a review of this topic to the assembly.

All in favor

The motion was passed.

- Amending Vice-President to President-Elect with President-Elect then automatically becoming President at the end of their 2-year term.

Motion to change to President-Elect

4 In favor

2 abstain

1 against

The motion has passed.

Motion to approve the new by-laws following including and legal review of the decisions made during the TC

All in favor

The motion was passed

- 3.2. The EB reviewed the agenda for the special general assembly as well as the date and time for the meeting. It was decided to hold several meetings, across various time zones, with the member representatives prior to the assembly in order to allow more time for Q&A and clear communication around the proposed by-laws changes.

Next EB TC set for June 15th, 2023.