



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

July 20th, 2023

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

Present

Ellen van Nierop (EvN)	President
Siraya Chunekamrai (SC)	Past President
Oscar Umana (OU)	Honorary Treasurer
Jim Berry (JB)	Board Member
Jerzy Gawor (JG)	Board Member
Felisbina Queiroga	Board Member
Nalinika Obeyesekere	Board Member
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. June Executive Board Minutes
- 1.2. Report from China 2024 meeting in Bangkok
- 1.3. Report from EB Vietnam and Bangkok meetings
- 1.4. Summary report from Asia/Oceania members forum Bangkok
- 1.5. Report on meeting with VIN
- 1.6. Report WSAVA ANCLIVEPA meeting

2. Standing Items

2.1. Lisbon 2023

(RC)

RC updated the EB with registration numbers and exhibition space for the upcoming World Congress.

RC also updated the EB regarding the subvention discussion. Following independent reviews and letters received from FAC and CSC, which RC shared in full with the EB on screen.

It was noted there is currently no contract setting subvention division in place, and there is additionally no written confirmation regarding the subvention being guaranteed to the LHC in Lisbon. The EB noted that the T&C of the subvention are unknown and it is possible the subvention is limited to use just as congress sponsorship.

Motion that once the full T&C of the subvention are known, the EB will write to LHC and advise that following feedback from the relevant committees, and due to the miscommunication on this matter, LHC is offered 50% of the subvention to be used by AMVEAC either for congress or for their association needs. The WSAVA part will go directly toward congress.

All in favour.
Motion passed.

2.2. China 2024 (RC)

RC updated the EB on the progress of preparations toward the congress. RC additionally updated regarding the ongoing conversation with FASAVA regarding their involvement in the congress.

2.3. Finance (OU)

OU shared a YTD of Q1 2023 vs 2022 and noted the main differences between both years as well as highlighting significant over/under budget items.

OU further raised the proposal that the finance updates will not be given on a monthly basis as information is not collected and updated till end of Q1.

Motion that financial information will be given to the EB in April, July and bi monthly following that till the end of year, and this should be made available to the FAC.

All in favour.
Motion passed.

3. Operations

3.1. Assembly Agenda (RC)

The EB reviewed the proposed General Assembly agenda. All membership requests were reviewed and discussed.

Motion to approve the agenda as put forward by Richard Casey.

All in favour.
Motion passed.

3.2. Logistics for special general assembly (RC)

RC reviewed the preparation, agenda and voting system that will be used for the upcoming special general assembly.

The EB highlighted that any by-law amendments on the floor can be done if the amendment is a change of wording/grammar. Should the change be in relation to the by-law intent, it has to go back to legal review and cannot be accepted/rejected on the floor.

3.3. Change of general assembly format (LG)

LG noted that the general assembly is held in parallel with the World Congress. However, should this be looked at for China 2024 considering there might be lower attendance due to visa / travel constraints? Another issue the is the technical limits that might be put in place and prevent a hybrid format.

The EB discussed the various options for holding the general assembly.

Motion to hold the same physical assembly, while looking into possibilities of extending it into virtual or hybrid format should there be a lowered number of attendees.

All in favour
Motion passed.

4. Strategy

4.1. The Future of WSAVA World Congress (RC)

The EB discussed and agreed to include the "Future of WSAVA World Congress" report in the assembly book.

4.2. Hospital Standards

(NO)

NO reviewed the Hospital Standards document submitted before the EB, reasons for it and future plans. Following discussion at the recent members forum, it was decided that to include a written report in the assembly book, accompanied by a short verbal presentation at congress followed by a non binding vote that will give indication to the need for these global hospital standards in various WSAVA regions.

4.3. Bridging Course

(NO)

NO reviewed the proposal to combine and bridge between WSAVA academy courses and university standard courses. The EB agreed to have the CDLO review this as part of their remit.

5. AOB

5.1. Next physical meeting

Meeting set for 2nd half of March. SC agreed to head the planning of this meeting.

5.2. Russia and Ukraine Payments

OU updated that he had contact with both associations. Russia confirmed they would like to continue as full members. It was reiterated that both associations will not pay in funds, but that Ukraine's payments will be written off, and Russia will pay in kind.

6. **Consent agenda was approved by all.**

Next EB TC set for August 20th, 2023.