



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

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 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)	Treasurer
Jim Berry (JB)	Board Member
Felisbina Queiroga (FQ)	Board Member
Jerzy Gawor (JG)	Board Member
Nalinika Obeyesekere	Board Member

Richard Casey (RC)	WSAVA Secretariat
Liat Geller (LG)	WSAVA Secretariat

The meeting was called to order at **16:25 UTC** by EvN.

### 1. Consent Agenda

- 1.1. Minutes of the 28<sup>rd</sup> EB meeting – taken out of consent and into discussion
- 1.2. Suzhou Visit Report
- 1.3. WSAVA Foundation briefing
- 1.4. Ratification of two new AWWC members
- 1.5. Ratification of OH Committee members – taken out of consent and into discussion at the request of LG.

### 2. Standing Report

#### Portugal Tourism Bureau Subvention (RC)

The EB discussed an additional subvention obtained by Kenes to support the WSAVA Congress and the request from APMVEAC that, in a departure from previous congresses and similar to the agreement made regarding the Lisboa Tourism Subvention, this is shared with the LHC.

The EB discussed the financial and operational process and implications of this subvention with an outlook on future congress and how this may affect the finances of those congresses.

**motion: Do the Executive Board agree that this subvention, and any other subventions, be kept within the congress budget as a whole.**

**For: 3**

**Abstain: 2**

**The motion passes.**

## **Sozhou 2024**

(RC)

The EB discussed the report by RC following his visit to the LHC.

### **2.1. Finance Report**

EvN noted that there are still payments pending from WSAVA associations. It was agreed that the secretariat will reassign associations for EB members as contact points.

## **3. Strategy**

### **3.1. Strategy Meetings in Vila Real**

(RC)

The EB reviewed the suggested agenda to the strategic meetings to be held in Vila Real pre congress and post congress.

### **3.2. WSAVA membership and volunteer Awards**

(RC)

RC asked for the EB's input on a developing two new WSAVA awards, one to recognize excellence in Association management and the other to recognize volunteers.

The EB acknowledged there is an interest in developing this, but requested this is developed further before being discussed and if agreed upon – presented to the membership.

## **4. Operations**

(RC)

### **4.1. Introduction to the general assembly**

The EB discussed changes to the voting SOP:

1. No need for 2<sup>nd</sup> on the floor for motions that were ratified by the EB as part of the agenda
2. Due to the digital voting system, there is a technical challenge in having one person vote differently as a member rep and as a proxy. The EB discussed the various options available on the voting platform and how it will be presented to the assembly members.

### **4.2. ISAVA membership**

Motion to add the request from Iran Small Animal Veterinary Association to rejoin the WSAVA to the assembly agenda, and notifying the assembly members of this addition to the agenda.

All in favor, the motion passed.

### **4.3. EVA request to join the WSAVA**

Motion to add the request from Algeria Veterinary Space to rejoin the WSAVA to the assembly agenda, and notifying the assembly members of this addition to the agenda.

All in favor, the motion passed

## **5. Minutes of the 28<sup>rd</sup> EB meeting**

The EB reviewed the July board meeting minutes as amended.

All in favor, the motion passed.

## **6. Ratification of OH Committee members**

motion to approve the new members added to OHC

All in favor, the motion passed.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

All in Favour

**The motion was passed.**