



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

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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

### Present

Ellen van Nierop (EvN)	President
Jim Berry	Vice President
Oscar Umana (OU)	Treasurer
Jerzy Gawor (JG)	Board Member
Nalinika Obeyesekere	Board Member

Richard Casey (RC)	WSAVA Secretariat
Liat Geller (LG)	WSAVA Secretariat
Joyce Dao	WSAVA Secretariat
Debbie Gray (DG)	WSAVA Secretariat

The meeting was called to order at **13:00 UTC** by EvN.

### 1. Consent Agenda

- 1.1. Extensions for TGG Members
- 1.2. Report from Felisbina Queiroga's Participation in SEVC
- 1.3. Minutes from the October 2023 EB Meeting
- 1.4. Pet Nutrition Alliance Report to the WSAVA EB
- 1.5. Report from Suzhou 2024 PCO – nothing further to report, all on track
- 1.6. Report from Siraya Chunekamrai's Participation in Animal Health & Innovation Summit – Tokyo – moved to discussion.

### 2. Standing Reports

- 2.1. Lisbon Congress & General Assembly (RC)  
RC updated the EB on expected assembly meeting minutes draft and accompanying remarks drafts for the December EB meeting.  
RC updated the EB on an additional expense claim received from the Lisbon LHC which included transportation and F&B expenses for APMVEAC. The EB supported the decision to decline that request.

- 2.2. Rio Congress (RC)  
The LHC sent a partial list of desired changes and additions to the congress. Additionally, the LHC is proposing holding 20 simultaneous halls which would double congress costs and therefore careful planning is required. RC suggested Kenes will be brought into the conversation in order to examine the feasibility of that.

### **3. Strategy**

#### **3.1. Work Plan 2024**

(RC)

The EB reviewed the proposed 2024 work plan based on the established pillars and further reviewed open items carrying over from 2023.

It was noted that NO and RC will lead the hospital standards project, JB will lead the veterinary team integration project, and OU and RC will lead the non-clinical aspects project.

#### **3.2. Budget 2023 and 2024**

(OU)

OU presented the budget YTD 9/2023. OU noted several due payments to WSAVA (Furrytails, Kenes, Vlrbac and few association dues).

The EB reviewed the proposed 2024 budget. OU noted that based on the 2023 actual spendings, several items on the 2024 budget were adjusted to realistic expected expenses. EvN noted that committees will be encouraged to dedicate their budget to projects and travel to China in a reduced capacity only if a proven outcome is expected and is dependent on a face to face meeting.

It was noted that the even if further expenses are required, WSAVA will be staying within the accepted reserves level.

OU advised that the budget was presented to FAC and the committee had endorsed the budget.

Motion: To approve the proposed 2024 budget.

All in favor.

The motion is approved.

#### **3.3. Communications Review Update**

(RC)

Proposed changes to be presented to the EB in the December meeting with a view to approve in January 2024.

### **4. Operations**

#### **4.1. DCM recruitment update**

(RC)

RC updated the EB on the recruitment of DCM.

#### **4.2. USAVA school**

(RC)

The EB reviewed the request from USAVA to support their USAVA school. It was noted that only online webinars and classes are to be considered due to the ongoing war in the Ukraine. It was further noted that there is unclarity as to who is running this school (USAVA or a private entity).

It was agreed that JG will connect with USAVA and discuss possible venues of support of WSAVA.

### **5. AOB**

#### **5.1. SC 2024 travel plans/One Care project**

The EB discussed SC proposal that her travel budget will be dedicated to training two individuals in how to conduct One Care workshops. The EB noted the need for development work that will build on and align with the upcoming association management course.

**5.2. EB travel plans**

The EB reviewed travel plans of the members.

**5.3. L&D Consultation Meetings**

(DG)

DG reminded the EB that consultation meetings re educational strategy are still ongoing.

**5.4. Report from SC's Participation in Animal Health & Innovation Summit – Tokyo – moved to discussion.**

The EB discussed a possible new sponsor proposed by SC. RC will follow up.

**6. Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

All in Favour

**The motion was passed.**