



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

December 19th, 2023

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

Present

Ellen van Nierop (EvN)	President
Jim Berry	Vice President
Siraya Chunekamrai	Past President
Oscar Umana (OU)	Treasurer
Jerzy Gawor (JG)	Board Member
Nalinika Obeyesekere	Board Member
Richard Casey (RC)	WSAVA Secretariat
Liat Geller (LG)	WSAVA Secretariat
Debbie Gray (DG)	WSAVA Secretariat

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

1. Consent Agenda

- 1.1. Update on Student Ambassador programme for 2024+
- 1.2. Minutes from November 2023 Executive Board Meeting

2. Standing Reports

2.1. Congress updates

Lisbon

Payment of FECAVA Reward (RC)

The EB discussed the scheme for the FECAVA reward based on the agreement between both associations.

Motion: To calculate the reward based on attending veterinarians and discounted rates, coming to a total of 22,450 USD.

All in favor.

The motion is approved.

Portugal board of tourism subvention

The Portuguese tourism board has stated they are unable to pay the subvention to a non Portuguese bank account and it needs to be claimed by a Portuguese association, APMVEAC. It was agreed that the amount will be split between both associations. The EB emphasized the need for this agreement to be made in writing.

Suzhou

(DG & LG)

DG updated the EB that close to 90% of the scientific program is now complete with verbal agreements from speakers to attend received. A pre launch is scheduled for early January 2024.

The EB reviewed requests from various WSAVA committees for revisions in their budget

with an emphasis on the allocation of speakers covered via committee budget.

Motion: to allocate 40,000 USD from the committee reserve fund to completing the roster of speakers for each committee for Suzhou congress.

All in favor.

The motion is approved.

LG updated the EB on various updates regarding general operations for congress.

The EB had a discussion regarding possibilities on workshops for the congress taking into consideration the WSAVA live animal / cadaver policy.

Rio

(EvN)

EvN updated the EB on a recent meeting with the President of the LHC. There is a request for 20 streams from the LHC. There was further discussion on prices and structure of LHC.

3. Strategy

3.1. Communication plan update

(RC)

RC presented the communication revision proposal prepared by Alter Insights. Emphasis was put on the new revised logo proposed for the association, and updated website look.

The EB discussed:

1. The proposed color scheme with an outlook toward color blind individuals
2. The wording in the 'strap line'
3. The structure of the logo

Motion: the new logo will carry a globe and lettering, but will not carry an image of a dog and a cat.

In favor: 4

Opposed: 1

The motion is approved.

Motion: The new logo will not carry a strap line carrying the full association name.

All in favor.

The motion is approved.

The EB made a request that a proposal for various strap lines will be provided.

3.2. The WSAVA Operations structure has been postponed to the January 2024 EB meeting

4. Operations

- 4.1. Budget request from HDC** (EvN)
The HDC requested additional funding to cover Committee Meeting at Dog/Cat Genomics and Dog Health Workshop meetings in Helsinki Finland.
The EB discussed the costs included in the request and approved it with changes and an updated amount.
- 4.2. Registered WSAVA address** (RC)
A need arose to change the registered address of the WSAVA in Canada. RC will review available options to work with a local accountant office that will monitor arriving physical correspondence and will update the EB on best option and costs.
- 4.3. Travel Agent** (RC)
The EB reviewed two options to streamline and control the travel arrangements for WSAVA employees and volunteers (including EB and Committees). Options are working with a dedicated travel agent located in South America or switching to a travel portal that will be tailored to WSAVA needs.
Motion: All WSAVA travel will be handled by Travelperk.
In favor: 3
Abstain: 2
Motion is approved.
- 4.4. General Assembly 2023 minutes** (RC)
Motion: To approve the General Assembly 2023 minutes.
All in favor.
Motion is approved.
- 4.5. Update to Members Regarding FAC Discussion** (RC)
The EB offered several minor revisions and unanimously approved the letter.
- 4.6. WSAVA Awards** (LG)
The EB discussed the proposed revisions of the WSAVA Awards. The EB unanimously accepted the proposed changes and requested that thought will be given to reducing the number of awards further.
- 4.7. AWWC Budget updates** (EvN)
Motion: to approved the proposed update to the AWWC budget.
All in favor.
Motion is approved.
- 4.8. DCM recruitment update** (RC)
RC updated the EB of discussions held with marketing agencies that expressed interest in taking over the DCM role (in an agency capacity and not a dedicated service provider). RC recommended that the DCM role will be fulfilled by an individual person.
Motion: To recruit an individual to work directly for the WSAVA as DCM
All in favor
Motion is approved.
- 4.9. Nutrition Committee budget proposal**
Motion: To recruit an individual to work directly for the WSAVA as DCM
All in favor
Motion is approved.

4.10. Motion: To approve the budget proposal from the GNC
All in Favor.
Motion is approved.

4.11. Israel Association request to waive/in kind dues
Motion to approve the request by ICAVA to pay in kind
All in favor
Motion is approved.

5. AOB

5.1. Secretariat Holiday Schedule

6. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
All in Favour
The motion was passed.