2025 WFSA General Assembly

Sunday 29 June 2025, hybrid meeting

13.00 BST (GMT+1)

Translations

The meeting offers simultaneous translation into Spanish and French.

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2	13.05	**Report of Credentials Committee and roll-call**	Dr Ferguson
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4	13.15	**Adoption of Rules of Procedure**	Dr Balavenkat
5	13.20	**Approval of Minutes from 30 June 2024 General Assembly**	Dr Balavenkat
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8	13.50	**Any Other Business** • Nominations for Committee service 2026-28 • Update on WCA2026 planning	Prof Filipescu

Report of Credentials Committee & Roll-Call (Dr Ferguson)

General voting instructions

- All votes will be submitted online on the Convene platform.
- Each Voting Delegate can cast one vote per item unless otherwise indicated.
- Alternate Delegates and/or Observers have been granted access to this live webcast, but without voting rights.
- If you have pre-voted and also joined this live webcast, there is an opportunity for you to ‘cancel’ and change your vote once it becomes live in this meeting. You may only vote once per item overall.
- You will have 25 seconds to make each vote after which your vote will be final. Press ‘next’ on the screen to see the Resolution you need to vote on.
- Abstentions are null and void.
- Proxy votes have been verified by the Credentials Committee where requested.

Test Resolution - ‘Has the weather today been sunny where you are?’

Please vote yes/no on Convene platform now

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Adoption of Agenda (Dr Balavenkat)

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Rules of procedure

1. The President or a person nominated by the President chairs the General Assembly.
2. The meeting shall follow the published draft agenda.
3. Items may be added to this agenda upon receipt of a written request from a Member Society, however, such items can only be for discussion (not approval).
4. All agenda items are open for general discussion by the Delegates of the General Assembly.
5. Only accredited Delegates, Alternate Delegates or Proxyholders are entitled to vote at any time during the General Assembly. Only Accredited Delegates or Alternate Delegates are entitled to vote during the pre-voting period.
6. All motions shall be decided by a simple majority vote. Abstentions are null and void.
7. Voting for motions will be completed online.
8. Individual Delegates may vote independently of other delegates from the same Full Member, meaning that they do not have to vote in the same manner;
9. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the General Assembly has a casting vote.
10. All challenges to actions taken by the Chair must be submitted immediately before any further items of business have been discussed.
11. Any other challenge on procedural matters must be raised during the session in which the matter occurred.
12. The General Assembly may, by a simple majority vote, amend or temporarily suspend the Rules of Procedure, abstentions being null and void.
13. All matters shall be according to the text of the published constitutional documents of the WFSA where appropriate.
14. All other matters will be bound by the published version of 'Roberts Rules of Order'.
15. The Chair of the meeting shall decide on the admission of other persons to the General Assembly.

Adoption of Rules of Procedure (Dr Balavenkat)

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Minutes of 30 Jun 2024 General Assembly

Minutes of 2024 WFSA Extraordinary General Assembly
Sunday 30 June 2024 13.00-14.00 (GMT+1)
Dean Bradley House, London (hybrid meeting)

Member Societies represented by Delegates for the Extraordinary General Assembly

Albanian Society of Anesthesiologists & Intensivists ASAI	Malaysian Society of Anaesthesiologists
All-Russian Public Organization Federation of Anaesthesiologists and Reanimatologists (FAR)	Morrocan Society of Anesthesia, Analgesia and Critical Care (SMAAR)
American Society of Anesthesiologists	New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists
Anaesthesiologists Society of Namibia (ASN)	Nigerian Society of Anaesthetists
Anaesthesiology Society of Cyprus	Österreichische Gesellschaft für Anasthesiologie, Reanimation und Intensivmedizin
Asociación de Médicos Anestesiólogos de el Salvador	Pakistan Society of Anaesthesiologists
Asociacion Guatemalteca de Anestesiologia, Reanimación y Tratamiento del Dolor	Philippine Society of Anaesthesiologists*
Association of Anaesthesiologists of Malta (AAM)	Polish Society of Anaethesiology and Intensive Therapy
Association of Anaesthesiologists-Reanimatologists of Latvia	Royal College of Anesthesiologists of Thailand
Association of Anesthesiologists and Reanimathologists of FBiH	Serbian Association of Anaesthesiologists and Intensivists (SAAI)

Any matters arising from 30 June 2024 minutes?

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Approval of Minutes of 30 June 2024 General Assembly (Dr Balavenkat)

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President's Report for 2024

Prof Daniela Filipescu
President, WFSA

Outline

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- **Governance & Committees**
- **Our members**
- **Our work**
  - Education
  - Advocacy
  - Collaboration

In memoriam

- Philippe Mavoungou - Past Council member
- Otto Mayrhofer - WFSA Past President
- Jannicke Mellin-Olsen - WFSA Past President
- William Owens - Past Chair of the Constitution Committee
- Cong Quyet Thang - President of the Vietnamese Society of Anaesthesiologists

Governance & Committees

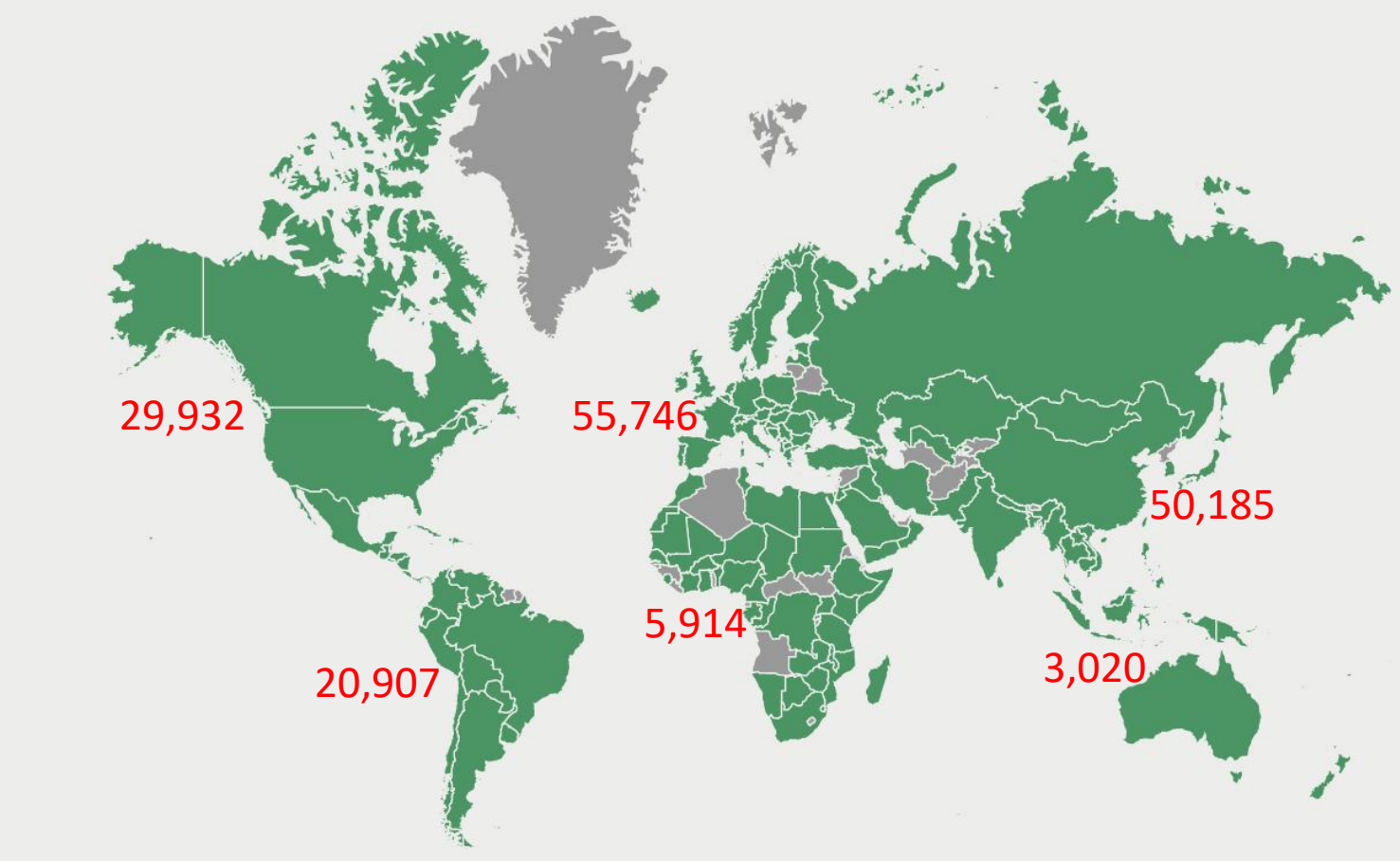
We have held 14 Board meetings throughout the past 12 months alongside regular meetings of the WFSA Permanent Committees and Chairs of Committees as well as triannual Council meetings.

Due to budget limitations, we had only one face-to-face governance meeting since Singapore.

The new Committee Update Tool (CUT) is an online resource used by all Committee Chairs and Deputy Chairs to keep track of their workplans. This provides a way for the Board and Council to be easily updated on Committee projects.

Nominations for the next term (2026-28) opens on 1 July for Committees and 1 September for Board and Council.

WFSA is its Member Societies!



Now 142 Member Societies across 151 countries

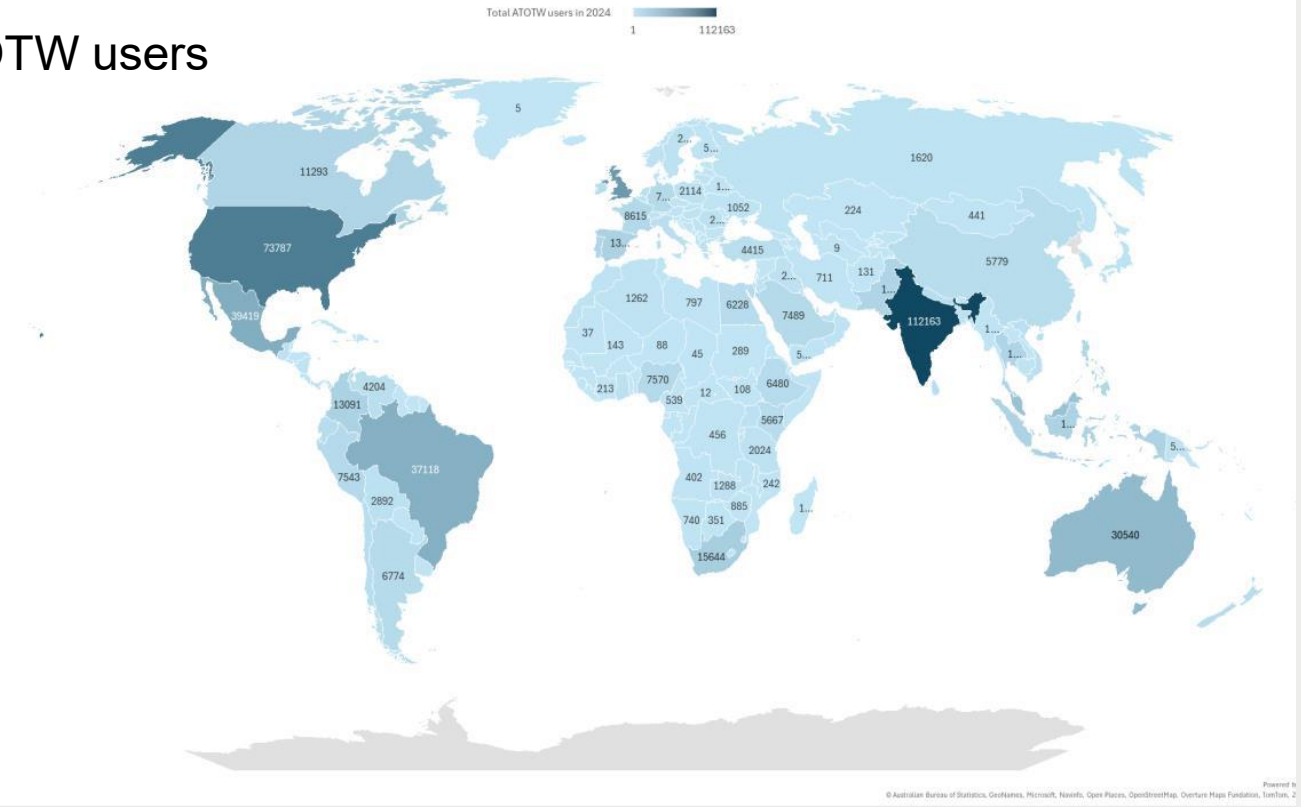
Representing the world's half a million anaesthesiologists

There is no equivalent surgical organisation

Our work: Education

Online learning: UIA and ATOTW continuing to be very popular, now also hosting almost twice a month webinars on a range of topics.

ATOTW users



Webinars

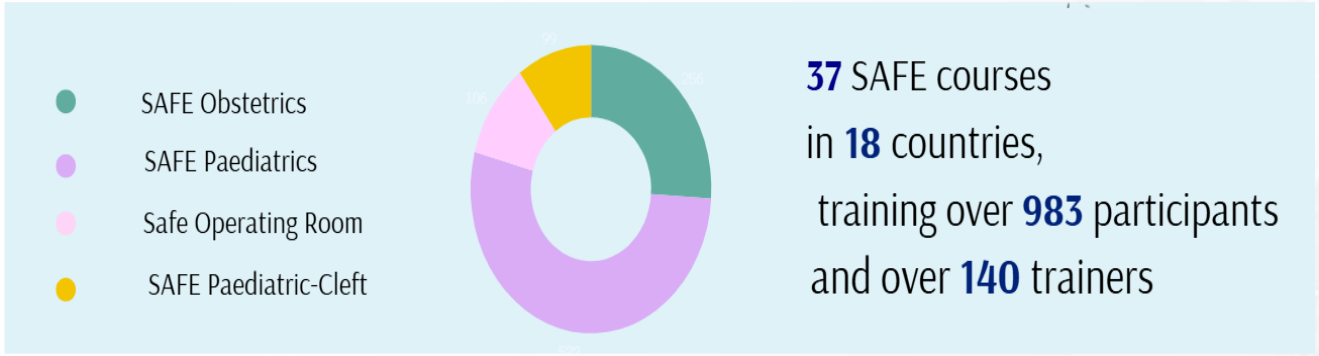
- The Role of Anaesthesiologists in Disaster Management on 2 July 2025
- Perioperative Haemostasis and Transfusion Management in Older Adults on 9 July 2025
- Making a global impact in anaesthesia: How to get involved with WFSA on 15 July 2025
- Perioperative Challenges for Preserving Brain Health on 22 July 2025

Past Webinars

Webinar title	Theme/group	Date	Language	Recording
WCA2026: Exploring Professionalism	World Congress of Anaesthesiologists 2026	2025	English	Watch Recording
Journal Club - Starting Paediatric Enhanced Recovery After Surgery	WFSA Paediatric anaesthesia Committee	2025	English	Watch recording
WCA2026: Affordable Innovations in Global Anaesthesia Education	World Congress of Anaesthesiologists 2026	2025	English	Watch Recording
From the OR to the frontlines: Anaesthesiologists in Disaster Management	Annual Theme 2025	2025	English	Watch recording

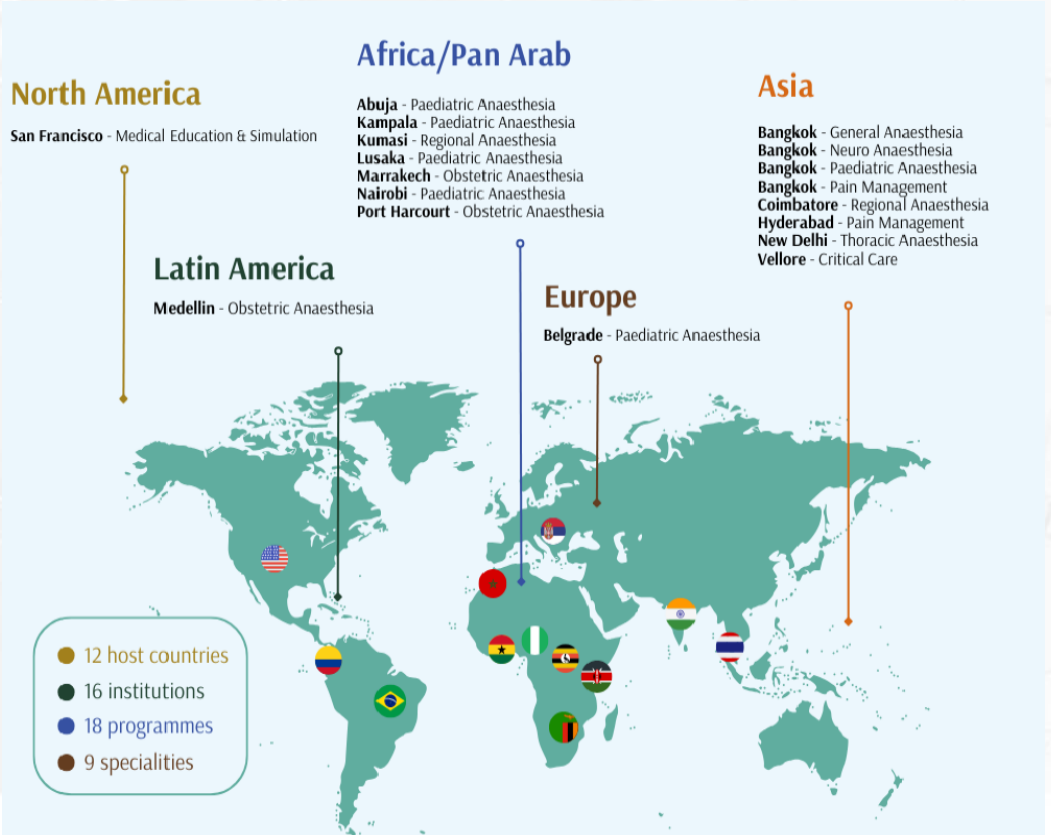
Our work: Education

Short-courses: New courses being worked on include P-PBM and ICU as well as a new WFSA leadership course. Ongoing delivery of all permutations of the SAFE courses.



Fellowships: We funded 29 Fellows from 17 countries to attend 9 subspecialty programmes during 2024. 2025 will see an expected cohort of 22 Fellows across 17 programmes.

Larger projects: Focused on surgical indicators, safer c-section, anaesthesia for long bone fractures, EPM and PBM, funded externally.



Our work: Advocacy

In the past year we have published **statements** on the following topics of relevance to our Member Societies globally:

- Position statement on safety for anaesthesia workforce in regions of conflict
- DEI statement
- Declaration on a patient's rights to labour analgesia

We have also celebrated the **100th signature on the Santa Cruz Declaration** on patient blood management.

Our **2025 annual theme** is anaesthesiology in health emergencies.

Our work: Advocacy

WFSA remains a Non-State Actor in Official Relations with the World Health Organization. Our new 2025-27 workplan was approved by the WHO Executive Board this January.

We are active in many WHO networks including ACAN, GACI, ATACH.

Since the last General Assembly, we have delivered statements at all WHO 2024 Regional Committees as well as at this year's WHO Executive Board and World Health Assembly; plans are currently being made for attendance at the WHO 2025 Regional Committees.

Our work: Advocacy

We are also engaging through other networks such as G4 Alliance, Global Surgery Foundation, IASP, IFMSA, ICRC, Lifebox.

For the first time this April we hosted a session on anaesthesiology's role in patient safety at the regional World Health Summit held in New Delhi. This was a collaboration with the Indian Society.

In recognition of the role in patient safety, WFSA was awarded the Robert L. Wears patient safety leadership award (organisational category).

Our work: Collaboration

Ongoing outreach to International Organisations

In the past 12 months we have signed new or renewed MOUs and collaboration agreements with APSF, ESRA, IARS, NATA, Operation Smile, SABM, Smile Train, SNACC and VAST.

Ongoing work around World Congresses:

- WCA2026
- planning for WCA2028 in Vancouver
- prepare the start of selection for venue for WCA2030.

Celebrating WFSA's 70th anniversary by highlighting past leaders from across our Member Societies as well as 'anaesthesiology dynasties'

Ongoing Global mentoring programme

Our work: Collaboration

Ongoing outreach to Member Societies

WFSA Member Mailout Archive

Member Societies receive a monthly mailing from WFSA in English, French and Spanish. Please contact memberships@wfsahq.org if your society does not receive this and we will add you to the mailing list.

External meetings and conferences with participation from members of WFSA Board, Council and Ambassador Group

- Euroanaesthesia 2024, 25-27 May 2024 (Munich, Germany)
- WHO Global Alliance for Care of the Injured meeting June 2024 (Geneva, Switzerland)
- 9th All-Africa Anaesthesia Congress, Sept 2024 (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- ANESTHESIOLOGY 2024, Oct (Philadelphia, USA)
- WHO Acute Care Action Network meeting, October (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Koreanesthesia , 7-9 Nov2024 (Korea)
- Brazilian Society Congress, 13-16 Nov 2024 (Belo Horizonte, Brazil)
- Hong Kong Annual Scientific Meeting of Anaesthesiology, 23-24 Nov 2024 (Hong Kong, China)
- Iran's 16th International Congress of Anaesthesiology, Critical Care and Pain Medicine (virtual)
- Lebanon's 31st Annual Congress & 24th French Symposium in Anesthesia, Critical Care & Pain Management (virtual)
- Turkish Society National Congress, 28 November-2 Dec 2024 (Antalya, Turkey)
- 39th International conference of the Egyptian Society of Anaesthesiologists 5-6 Dec (virtual)
- 36th national congress of the Moroccan Society (SMAAR), 17-19 Dec 2025
- Consultation event for WHO's Emergency, Critical & Operative Care action plan, 15 Jan 2025 (Bogota, Colombia)
- 2nd World Day of Regional Anaesthesia & Pain Medicine, 25 Jan 2025 (virtual)
- Ganga Anaesthesia Refresher Course 2025, 30 Jan-2 Feb 2025 (Coimbatore, India)
- IARS annual meeting, 20-23 Mar 2025 (Hawaii, USA)
- SANCON-ASPA 2025, 4-5 Apr 2025 (Kathmandu, Nepal)
- Ministerial Patient Safety Summit, 4-5 Apr 2025 (Manila, Philippines)
- 5th World Sepsis Conference, 8-9 Apr 2025 (virtual)
- Regional World Health Summit, 24-26 April 2025 (New Delhi, India)
- NATA Conference 24-26 April 2025 (Munich, Germany)
- NATA's 24hr PBM Marathon, 25-26 Apr 2025 (virtual)
- COPA 2025, 25-27 Apr 2025 (Sao Paolo, Brazil)
- XXXVIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Anestesiología, CLASA, 21-24 May (Cancún, México)
- SRATI Congress, 14-18 May (Sinaia, Romania)
- EuroSiva - FAAAAR, 15-17 May (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- World Health Assembly, 19-27 May (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Euroanesthesia 2025, 25-27 May 2025 (Lisbon, Portugal)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Q & A at the end

Treasurer’s Report for 2024

Prof Walid Habre
Treasurer, WFSA

2024 financial statements

ASSETS

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Note 1	$ 434,658	$ 434,594
Investments - Fair Value, Notes 1 and 4	1,515,511	1,838,688
Debtors: *Net of Allowances, $8,308*		
Note 1 and Note 7	193,253	558,753
Right-of-Use Assets - Operating Leases, Notes 1 & 10	29,710	13,771
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,173,132	$ 2,845,806

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES		
Funds Held on Behalf of Federation Members, Note 8	$ 15,335	$ 15,671
Creditors, Note 9	242,320	549,336
Operating Lease Liabilities, Notes 1 & 10	30,174	11,244
TOTAL LIABILITIES	287,829	576,251
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	1,543,187	1,660,374
With Donor Restrictions, Note 11	342,116	609,181
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,885,303	2,269,555
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	$ 2,173,132	$ 2,845,806

2024 financial statements

	2024	2023
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
Revenue and Gains without Donor Restrictions		
Interest and Dividend Income	$ 26,310	$ 36,503
Unrealized/Realized Gains (Losses) on Sale of Investments	(104,659)	193,973
Membership Dues	595,619	643,424
Credit Loss Expense	(8,308)	(20,732)
Donations	612,592	4,377
Foreign Exchange Gain (Loss)	(38,621)	(25,681)
Total Revenue and Gains Without Donor Restrictions	1,082,933	831,864
Net Assets Released from With Donor Restrictions	1,328,666	868,009
Total Revenue, Gains and Reclassifications Without Donor Restrictions	2,411,599	1,699,873
Expenses		
Program Services	2,062,520	1,641,421
Management and General Services	444,593	301,723
Total Expenses	2,507,113	1,943,144
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(95,514)	(243,271)
Transfers to With Donor Restricted Funds	(21,676)	(35,783)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(117,190)	(279,054)
NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTION		
Transfers from Without Donor Restricted Funds	21,676	35,783
Donations	1,039,928	517,525
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(1,328,666)	(868,009)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN WITH DONOR RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(267,062)	(314,701)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(384,252)	(593,755)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,269,555	2,863,310
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	$ 1,885,303	$ 2,269,555

2024 financial statements

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	$ (384,252)	$ (593,755)
Adjustments to Reconcile Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided By (Used in) Operating Activities		
Credit Loss Expense	8,308	20,732
Reduction (Addition) of Right-of-Use Assets, Operating Leases	(15,939)	13,604
Unrealized/Realized Gains / Losses on Sale of Investments	104,659	(193,973)
Changes in Operating Assets and Operating Activities:		
Debtors	357,192	(107,270)
Funds Held for Federation Members	(336)	(328)
Creditors	(307,016)	396,196
Operating Lease Liabilities	18,930	(14,867)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(218,454)	(479,661)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Investments	(296,095)	(154,675)
Proceeds from Sale of Investments	514,613	680,973
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	218,518	526,298
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	64	46,637
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING	434,594	387,957
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, ENDING	$ 434,658	$ 434,594

Reserves Policy

We seek to maintain sufficient reserves to cover 12 month's expenditure (equal to USD 1M). A further reserve of USD 500,000 is maintained to protect from exposure to any loss incurred by the World Congress or other unforeseen events.

It is therefore ***WFSA policy to maintain an expendable endowment of USD 1.5M*** to cover the above eventualities, while in the meantime generating income for the educational activities of the organisation.

Free reserves over and above the USD 1.5M endowment should either be allocated to grow the expendable endowment or otherwise spent down in fulfilment of WFSA's mission and objectives.

Any questions?

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Resolution 4 to approve 2024 financial statements

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2024 annual report

Available online at https://wfsahq.org/about/reports/

Circulated to all members in January.

Resolution 5 to note 2024 annual report

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Resolution 6 to discharge from liabilities the Board for their management during the 2024 fiscal year.

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2025 budget

WFSA Budget 2025 Summary

Income Projected	
Membership dues	681,284
Other income	572,210
Total Income	**1,253,494**
Planned Expenditure	
Partnership (Fundraising)	93,100
Governance-CEO-Membership	347,474
Operations-Finance	240,290
Comms-Advocacy-Digital	235,821
Programmes-Projects	771,816
WCA2026	202,968
Total Expenditure	**1,891,469**
Cash brought forward at 1 Jan 2025	334,972
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(303,003)

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Resolution 7 to approve 2025 budget

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2025 auditors

Hartley Fowler in collaboration with Bentley Bratcher & Associates

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Resolution 8 to appoint auditors for 2025 fiscal year

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Update on association set up to facilitate WCA contracting

World Association for the Promotion and the Development of Anaesthesia (WAPDA) was registered in Geneva in March.

This has two members: The Federation and WFSA (UK) with Federation Treasurer, Walid Habre, as its President.

WAPDA will hold all future WCA contracts and assume responsibility for any congress liabilities, thus insulating the Federation from such risks.

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Nominations for Committee service 2026-28

Nominations will open on 1 July 2025 for service on WFSA's 10 Permanent (Standing) Committees:

Constitution
DEI
Education
ICCM
Obstetric
Paediatric
Pain Management
Safety and Quality
Sustainability
Workforce Well-being

Nominations for Committee service 2026-28

The 2024 WFSA constitutional documents include changes related to the terms of office for Committee and Council members and clarifications regarding maximum term limits.

To support volunteer continuity (and as these changes were introduced during some Council and Committee members terms), the Board has decided that Council and Committee members who began serving on their committee or on the Council in 2020 may be eligible to serve for a third term in the same post. (This aligns with the 3-term limit, although it extends, for this particular cohort, the maximum number of years in same post from 6 to 8 years).

This decision will shortly be communicated to all current Committee and Council members, along with greater clarity regarding their eligibility for future service in other roles with WFSA.

Update on WCA2026 planning

A report from the Congress Organising Committee has been circulated to all Member Societies.

Challenges remain related to local conditions, however, along with the SMAAR representatives WFSA is working through these as best we can.

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Any other comments from Delegates?

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End of Meeting