



WFSA
WORLD FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES OF
ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS

WFSA Society Business Meeting notes

Saturday 4 September 1830pm (GMT) by teleconference

Sunday 5 September 0900am (GMT) by teleconference

Present Saturday included:	Present Sunday included:
Catherin Aza (CLASA)	Ananya Abate Shiferaw (Ethiopia)
Ruth Bamford (WFSA, Finance Manager)	Susana Abrego (El Salvador)
Debabrata Banik (Bangladesh)	Aderonke Adesiyen (Nigeria)
Gonzalo Barreiro (Uruguay) (WFSA, Past President) (GB)	Syafri Alif (Indonesia)
Dylan Bould (Canada)	Abdul Karim Aloweidi (Jordan)
Sarah Braun (USA)	Ruth Bamford (WFSA, Finance Manager)
Stuart Brooker (USA)	Navinda Raj Bista (Nepal)
Jose Humberto Camacho (Honduras)	Yew Weng Chan (Singapore)
Anne Marie Camilleri Podesta (Malta)	Davy Cheng (Canada/China) (WFSA, Treasurer) (DC)
Penafrancia Cano (Philippines)	Chin Ted Chong (Singapore)
Deryk Chen (Trinidad)	Caroline Corbett (South Africa)
Sean Chetty (South Africa)	Susan De Bievre (WFSA, consultant)
Randall Clark (USA)	Luiz Fernando Falcao (Brazil)
Susan De Bievre (WFSA, consultant)	Daniela Filipescu (Romania) (WFSA, Secretary) (DF)
Elizabeth Drum (USA)	Eleana Garini (Greece)
Freddy Espinoza (Peru)	Adrian Gelb (USA) (President) (AG)
Faye Evans (USA) (WFSA, Education Committee Chair)	Iveta Golubovska (Latvia)
Kathleen Ferguson (UK)	Julian Gore-Booth (WFSA, CEO) (JGB)
Daniela Filipescu (Romania) (WFSA, Secretary) (DF)	Emilia Guasch (Spain)
Adrian Gelb (USA) (President) (AG)	Walid Habre (Switzerland) (WFSA Director of Partnerships) (WH)
Julian Gore-Booth (WFSA, CEO) (JGB)	Sheila Hart (New Zealand)
Emilia Guasch (Spain)	Carolina Haylock Loor (Honduras) (WFSA Director of Programmes) (CHL)
Walid Habre (Switzerland) (WFSA, Director of Partnerships) (WH)	Onica Higgins Gill (Guyana)
Stuart Halford (WFSA, Head of Development)	Muralidhar Joshi (India)
Carolina Haylock-Loor (Honduras) (WFSA, Director of Programmes) (CHL)	Emma Kerby-Evans (WFSA Executive Assistant)
Pedro Ibarra (Colombia)	Norifumi Kuratani (Japan)
Maria Interiano (Honduras)	Lance Lasersohn (South Africa)
Emma Kerby-Evans (WFSA, Executive Assistant)	Il Ok Lee (Republic of Korea)
John Kweyamba (Tanzania)	Chamilla Liyanage (Sri Lanka)
Jospeh Kyobe Kiwanu (Uganda)	Naveen Malhotra (India)
Lance Lasersohn (South Africa)	Marzide Mansor (Malaysia)

Zulaidi Latif (Brunei)	Jannicke Mellin-Olsen (Norway) (WFSA, Immediate Past President) (JMO)
Edwin Lugazia (Tanzania)	Wayne Morriss (New Zealand) (WFSA, President Elect) (WM)
Christina Lundgren-Steele (South Africa) (WFSA, Board member)	Fadzai Mugadza (Zimbabwe)
Anna Malisiova (Greece)	Suzi Nou (Australia)
Philippe Mavoungou (Congo)	Bisola Onajin-Obembe (Nigeria) (WFSA, Board Member) (BOO)
Jannicke Mellin-Olsen (Norway) (Immediate Past President) (JMO)	Erlinda Oracion (Philippines)

Wayne Morriss (WFSA, President Elect) (WM)	Kresimir Oremus (Croatia)
Sheila Myatra (India)	Amal Paonaskar (WFSA, Head of Programmes) (AP)
Mike Nathanson (UK)	David Pescod (Australia)
Elizabeth Ogboli-Nwasor (Nigeria)	Jeju Nath Pokharel (Nepal)
Nkechi Okojie (Nigeria)	Ali Saad (Egypt)
Bisola Onajin-Obembe (Nigeria) (WFSA, Board member) (BOO)	Kawsar Sardar (Bangladesh)
Amal Paonaskar (WFSA Head of Programmes) (AP)	Edgard Simon (Philippines)
Laura Perez (Costa Rica)	Putu Pramana Suarjaya (Indonesia)
Mary Dale Peterson (USA)	Muhammad Takdir Musba (Indonesia)
Flavia Petrini (Italy)	Suwimon Tangwiwat (Thailand)
Beverly Philip (USA)	Hamilton Lama Tapia (Ecuador)
Paul Pomerantz (USA)	Cong Quyet Thang (VietNam)
Cong Quyet Thang (Vietnam)	Michele Thomas (New Zealand)
Desigen Reddy (Canada)	Lian Kah Ti (Singapore)
German Reta (Uruguay)	Benjamin Daniel Valera (Philippines)
Clare Roques (UK)	Mauricio Vasco (Colombia)
Fatma Saricaoglu (Turkey)	Chow Yen Yong (Malaysia)
Martin Segalotti (Argentina)	Junaid Zafar (Pakistan)
Roxana Imelda Solorzano (Honduras)	Marko Zdravkovic (Slovenia)
Anna Spacek (Austria)	Natalie Zimmelman (South Africa)
Catherine Suarez (Peru)	
Mahelet Tadesse (Ethiopia)	NB: Attendees at both meetings are not exhaustive lists as meeting held online.
Stefan Trenkler (Slovakia)	
Mauricio Vasco (Colombia)	
Christian Werner (Germany)	
Saidu Yakubu (Nigeria)	
Patricia Yazbeck (Lebanon)	

1. Welcome

The President-Elect, WM, and President, AG, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The fact that this is a Society Business meeting (to be held twice), rather than a General Assembly, was reiterated and explained that no formal votes would be taken at these meetings, and that any items requiring voting would take place by electronic Extraordinary Resolution in the months after the meetings.

3. Presidents' report on the impact of the WFSA

Noting her thanks at being invited to present the report, Dr Jannicke Mellin-Olsen (Immediate Past President, 2018-2020) gave the report on the impact of the WFSA, after being congratulated on having been awarded the Royal Norwegian Order of St Olav. It was noted that the WFSA has become more and more influential and made a huge impact since 2016, when Dr Gonzalo Barreiro [also present at the Saturday meeting] had been President for 2 years (2016-2018), Professor Adrian Gelb President from 2020-2022 and the President Elect, Dr Wayne Morriss. Thanks to all Past Presidents, President and President-Elect were expressed.

Highlighted items included:

- WFSA Impact Report <https://wfsahq.org/about/reports>
- WHO-WFSA International Standards for a Safe Practice of Anaesthesia

- WHA Resolution 68.15 on Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage. Advocacy at WHA and with 193 Ministries of Health concerning WHA 68.15 Progress
- UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Preventable Maternal Mortality and Morbidity – the role of anaesthesiologists mentioned for the first time.
- Contributions to National Surgical, Obstetric and Anaesthesia Plans (NSOAPs) including the Anaesthesia Facility Assessment Tool (AFAT)
- #Ketamineismedicine campaign
- WHO Global Patient Safety Network
- Utstein Conferences on the surgical indicators
- 2 x SAFE-T Summits
- Creation of the Gender Balance ad-hoc Committee
- Creation of Equipment ad-hoc Committee
- Creation of the Intensive and Critical Care Medicine Committee
- Unprecedented response to COVID-19, advocacy, guidance and education
- Publication of the WFSA Minimum Capnometer Specifications
- WFSA Workforce Survey (being repeated in 2021)

The impact of our Education:

- Over 5,500 anaesthesia professionals trained in obstetric and paediatric anaesthesia via our Safer Anaesthesia From Education (SAFE) Courses
- Over 400 anaesthesiologists from 62 low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) offered sub-speciality training via WFSA Fellowships
- Over 164,000 users of the WFSA's Anaesthesia Tutorial of the Week
- Over 1250 young anaesthesiologists supported to participate in congresses, virtual conferences and online education opportunities via the WFSA Scholarship Programme
- Ongoing digitalisation of SAFE courses, piloted in Uganda and India

The Infographic in the Impact review gives an excellent overview of all the impact WFSA has had WFSA Impact Report <https://wfsahq.org/about/reports>, particularly noting the “value” of the time donated by WFSA volunteers, amounting to over \$12million.

4. Review of the actions from the minutes of the 2016 General Assembly, held in Hong Kong (DF)

- Re: 280816_12: The principles and process for the revision of the International Standards for a Safe Practice of Anaesthesia were approved - published as the WHO-WFSA International Standards in 2018.
- Re: 280816_13: The development of a WFSA Position Statement on Anaesthesiology and Universal Health Coverage was approved - Statement was approved by Member Societies and published on the WFSA website.
- Re: 280816_14.1: The budget [previously presented] was approved, provided that the Reserves Policy of \$1,000,000 [be] respected - The Reserves Policy has been respected.
- Re: 280816_14.2: It was approved that the Board take appropriate action in reducing the deficit and notifying the membership should the Reserves Policy be threatened at any time – The policy has not been threatened.

5. Update on WFSA membership (DF)

- Current membership of the WFSA is 136 Societies

- Eight new Member Societies have joined WFSA since 2016 – Burundi, (corresponding member), Cyprus, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Malawi, Oman, Somalia and Namibia
- One Member Society, Lithuania, resigned in 2018
- Two Member Societies, Belarus and Algeria, were suspended in 2018 due to non-payment of subscriptions
- Membership is stable and has increased over 4 years.

National Societies currently being considered for suspension due to non-payment of subscription:

- Associação de Anestesia da Republica de Angola (Angola)
- Societe Gabonaise d'Analgesie, Anesthesie, Reanimation et de Medecin (Gabon)
- Syrian Society of Anesthesiologists (Syria)
- Society of Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine of United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Meeting members were informed of these proposed suspensions, asked to give any advice on any contacts that might help and noted that suspension had been agreed by the Board in advance of this meeting.

6. Treasurer's report (*Saturday WH, Sunday DC and WH*)

A report on the income, expenditure and investments 2016-2021 was outlined, along with a report on the projected annual statements for 2021-2024.

Items of note included:

- Dues fees have increased slightly on income in 2018 and 2020, but there was a decrease in restricted donations.
- Expenditure, particularly on Programmes, increased until 2020, when Programmes were almost completely suspended due to COVID-19.
- Salaries have increased over 4 years as staff numbers have increased from around 6 to 10.
- Investments have steadily and significantly increased over the years and an appropriate reserve maintained.
- Drop in restricted donations in the 2022 budget, noting that some deferred income would be used in 2022, particularly within the expected increase in Programmes.
- Net income has been dropping because of COVID but investments and portfolio are stable.
- The expectation is that expenditure will be increased in 2022 and 2023 on digital education in order to widen our strategic reach.

Reserves: The Meeting members were informed of the following:

- Fundraising and programme activity have been negatively affected by the pandemic. The next few years are going to be tough financially for WFSA. Fortunately, reserves are large enough to ensure programme work can still continue.
- WFSA has designated expenditure of \$500k towards digital education.
- The Fellowship programme will be supported via a \$300k designation each year.
- The pandemic highlighted a lack of operational reserves for most charities. To protect against future uncertainties the current WFSA policy of holding 6 months operational reserves shall be increased to 12 months, equating to just under \$1m.
- WFSA has benefited from substantial gains on its investment portfolio. Even so, the policy of 60% equities to 40% cash/bonds will be retained to protect against short

term fluctuations.

PROPOSAL: That the proposed budget 2021-2024 presented at the Member Society Business Meetings of the WFSA on 4th and 5th September 2021 be circulated to Member Societies for approval by Extraordinary Resolution.

Dues: The meeting members were informed of the following and noted that any votes required would be undertaken by Extraordinary Resolution electronically.

- The WFSA currently has a total of 136 member societies that declare just over 147,000 members.
- The dues collection rate is currently 90%.
- Inflation is running higher than anticipated.
- The only really stable source of income for WFSA is Society membership dues.
- The proposal would mean 2022: \$3.9/member; 2023: \$4.0/member and 2024: \$4.10/member

PROPOSAL: The Board of WFSA proposes that member dues remain frozen at US\$3.90 until the end of 2022. [This to be circulated to Member Societies for approval by Extraordinary Resolution] **PROPOSAL:** The Board then proposes that dues increase in line with inflation by \$0.10 for 2023 (to US\$4.00) and again for 2024 (to US\$4.10). [This to be circulated to Member Societies for approval by Extraordinary Resolution].

7. Board, Council and Committee membership (WM)

The meeting members were informed of the current make-up of the WFSA Board, Council and Committees, which can be found here <https://wfsahq.org/about/>

Thanks were extended to all volunteers.

8. WCA 2024 [Introduced at the Sunday meeting by Yew Weng Chan]

The venue for the 2024 WCA will be Singapore, with proposed dates of 1-5 March (currently under negotiation) with the suggested theme “Together We Can...”.

Slides and a short video were shown.

9. How often should the WCA take place?

The WCA is central to WFSA’s vision, mission, impact and sustainability. The WFSA Board are considering proposals. It was noted that this had been discussed before in 2016, but that the fact remains that holding WCA more frequently could have advantages. Member Society input will be sought in November and December 2021.

Discussion included:

- Potential for increased organisational efficiency if WCA were to be held more frequently.
- Potential for WCA brand development and increased awareness if there was a shorter time between meetings.
- WFSA could engage a core PCO with attendant economies of scale, learning and relationship building.
- There would be improved Member Society engagement if more frequent meetings of General Assembly, Council and Committees took place.

- The WCA could rotate through different geographical regions so that more regions get an opportunity to host the meeting.
- Industry partnership could move away from a reliance on Sponsorship and Exhibition income towards a more coherent relationship and a shared vision of universal access to safe anaesthesia.
- Member Societies which hosted WCA have done financially better when they hosted WCA alongside their own Regional Congress.

Key questions included:

- What is the optimal WCA frequency?
- Should the bidding process be changed?
- Should there be geographical rotation?
- What is the best WCA model in our changing world?

ACTION: The reported plans for consultation are:

- The Board and Council will continue to deliberate and discuss the proposal of holding WCA more frequently.
- A Position paper will be shared by the end of October 2021
- Input from Member Societies and Regional Sections will be requested by the end of 2021
- A decision will be made by the Board by end of Q1 2022.

[Not reported at either meeting, but may have been missed by WCA attendees due to technical issues, the venue for the 19th WCA will be Vancouver, Canada, subject to a site visit in Q1, 2022]

Open Forum (Saturday 4th September) Re: Opening WCA discussion

- Thanks extended for the presentations and also the successful Congress so far (Fatma Saricaoglu).
- Pedro Ibarra acknowledged the content and organisation of the WCA 2021, which he found “amazing” and “well recorded” and “the best virtual conference of all” as well as complementing the way in which the WCA site was structured.
- As a Past Board member, Pedro Ibarra also acknowledged the potential financial impact of a virtual conference. Break Even point was having 4000 delegates and pleased to note that over 6500 had now registered, which will have made a surplus.

Re: Items requiring Extraordinary Resolution (i.e. those that would normally have been agreed at a General Assembly):

- It was reiterated that those items that would normally have required ratification at the General Assembly that cannot wait until 2024 (including dues and forward budget) will be circulated electronically for adoption by Extraordinary Resolution.
- DF further informed meeting members that the Constitution Committee is working on updates to the WFSA Constitution and that the final draft will be circulated for input from Council and Member Societies, either for voting by Extraordinary Resolution or at the 2024 General Assembly.

ACTION: The final draft amended WFSA Constitution will be circulated for input from Council and Member Societies, either for voting by Extraordinary Resolution or at the 2024 General Assembly.

ACTION: Secretariat staff to circulate any items requiring Extraordinary Resolution electronically, namely dues and forward budget planning.

Re: Item 3 Fellowships update

- Whilst acknowledging the importance that the Fellowship Programmes are currently suspended because of COVID, Dylan Bould highlighted the importance of the Programmes for LMICs, particularly the SAFE courses.
- Faye Evans emphasised the realistic expectations of restarting face-to-face Programmes in 2021, adding that all the Fellowship Directors had met during WCA and are all eager to restart when safe. The COVID situation in Kenya is still not good, and in addition one of the Bangkok Fellowships will not be running in 2022. The Fellowship leads are guiding and working cautiously. In the meantime WFSA continues to explore other ways to do virtual training and discover the best format to move forward when safe.
- The tremendous progress in developing virtual resources was acknowledged.

Re: Item 5 Member Society figures

- In response to why Lithuania resigned in 2018 (Mike Nathanson), DF explained that the main reason was financial difficulties and not being able to reconcile the benefits of being a member with the cost. It is hoped that Lithuania might become a Member Society again in the future and acknowledged that Member Society benefits do need to be highlighted by WFSA.
- It was acknowledged that some Societies who may be facing suspension (for reasons including financial instability, governmental or political controls or barriers etc.) have benefited from support from related or high income Member Societies paying their dues on their behalf.
- Lance Lasersohn indicated his willingness to help WFSA in its goal in representing worldwide Member Societies. He suggested WFSA might use a metric to see how exchange rates and actual finances might be used to set achievable rates for individual Societies who cannot pay. He cited his main concern as losing membership in Africa and losing the reach and global representation of WFSA. WM commented that one of the other issues is difficulties of currency transfers and that this is taken into consideration by the Board.
- JGB reiterated that before 2016 WFSA had 120 Member Societies and now has 136.

Re: Item 6: Treasurer's report

- AG highlighted that WFSA finances are not a closely guarded secret – members are entitled to know and frequent updates are made available and published on the website.

Re: Item 9: Frequency of Congress

- Expression given (Clare Roques) that it is a good suggestion to have Congress more frequently, but possible concerns cited that this might reduce attendance at Regional Congresses. This was acknowledged by AG, who cited that one approach taken in the past is to hold the meetings concurrently.
- Acknowledgement that holding any meeting is of financial importance to both WFSA and the host country/region, along with caution of thinking from the perspective of two entities

(WFSA and the host Society) – both should make a profit and higher income from a Congress would mean that WFSA would be less dependent on dues increases for income.

- AG reiterated that the consideration of the frequency of Congress is an ongoing process which must be dealt with collaboratively by members, WFSA and related organisations. The process has only just begun and no final decision will be reached without further discussion.
- Pedro Ibarra noted that meetings and Congresses are constantly evolving in terms of virtual/hybrid/in person and flexibility is required, along with the enormous desire for a face-to-face meeting.
- Dylan Bould asked if it would be possible to organise WCA every 2 years alongside regional meetings and subsidise LMICs to host.
- Lance Lasersohn noted the pros and cons and unintended consequences of frequency change and will comment when the time is right.

Closing remarks included:

- AG and JGB emphasised that the Board and Council are keen to hear from members at any time.
- Sharing information, concerns, ideas and proposals is encouraged either to President@wfsahq.org or via AG personal email.
- JGB emphasised the desire to make WFSA much more interactive, be Member Society based and build on regional strengths.
- Need to find ways to strengthen relationships not just with National Societies but also at regional and global level, capitalising on the prominence anaesthesiologists have achieved through COVID.

Open Forum (Sunday 5th September) Re: Opening WCA discussion

- Thanks were expressed, in particular to the Czech team, for the successful virtual Congress.

Re: Item 3: Fellowships update

- In relation to Fellowships, Ananya Abate Shiferaw highlighted the problems, particularly in LMICs, that non-physician anaesthesia providers (NPAPs) and physician anaesthesia providers (PAPs) are not always given the same chance for training and development because of their recognition by stakeholders. This emphasised why some countries are reliant on Scholarship programmes as Government support is minimal.

ACTION: Ananya Abate Shiferaw to contact CHL, AP and Faye Evans (Chair of the Education Committee) in writing.

- The duration of programmes was also highlighted in terms of getting suitable certification. Although short training modules are helpful, it was suggested that fellowship programmes might focus on a wider variety of specialisations.
- The new mentor/mentee programme was highlighted as being an opportunity for young and new anaesthesiologists to gain experience <https://wfsahq.org/member-focus/the-wfsa-global-mentoring-programme/>
- The link to the Fellowships Programme, currently lasting from 3-12 months, is <https://wfsahq.org/our-work/education-training/fellowship-programme/>
- Muralidhar Joshi highlighted the strength and quantity of Fellowship Programmes in India [for example] but questioned whether the impact of WFSA is being promoted or recognised enough by National Bodies

- Cong Quyet Thang noted and acknowledged the support given by WCA and WFSA to LMICs. He further requested permission to translate Update in Anaesthesia into Vietnamese.

ACTION: The suggestion of translating UIA into Vietnamese was welcomed by CLS and AP who will contact Cong Quyet Thang.

- Cong Quyet Thang further requested WFSA Board members to liaise with the Vietnamese Ministry of Health on the importance of anaesthesia. AG acknowledged this and further emphasised the work already being undertaken in liaison with WHO and other National bodies, welcoming the opportunity to discuss.

Re: Item 5 Member Society figures:

- AG emphasised the desire of the Board and Council for member involvement, reiterating the need for information to flow from Board and Council to Member Society leaders and then be communicated to Society members. It was noted that this does not always happen, in that engagement or sharing can break down, particularly when member Societies don't or can't have the structure to encourage engagement.
- AG further reiterated that ideas and suggestions for projects or ways of engagement are always welcomed from all members, not just from within the Committee structure.
- Noting the suggestion of WFSA Officers meeting with Regional Section Officials and Government representatives, AG emphasised this as an opportunity for Regional Sections to play an active role in WFSA liaison, and is to be encouraged.
- Recognising the incentive of offering online resources with member-only access was cited by Lance Lasersohn, whilst noting that online resources with open-access was also useful, particularly for LMIC participation.

Re: Item 6: Treasurer's report

- In response to the question from Suzi Nou seeking clarification on what (if any) action is triggered if reserves drop below those recommended, DC explained that the Finance Committee meets regularly and reports on reserves, led by DC and WH. If the Committee recognised that finances might drop below the reserve threshold, the Board would be informed and expenditure restricted where possible.
- JGB further clarified that the members of the Board hold fiduciary responsibilities, led by DC and WH, alongside an external advisor. Advance notification would be given to Member Societies if reserves even came close to the threshold.
- Transparency of financial matters is encouraged and regularly communicated to Member Societies.
- DC noted that the budget projection does not incorporate any potential revenue/deficit from WCA.

Re: Item 7: Council and Committee membership

- In response to the question from Suzi Nou in regard to the timing of the turnover of the Board members and the concern over the retention of corporate knowledge, DF and JGB clarified that Board members have a 4-year term, with the President elect and President holding two years as President each. An additional two members of the Council are elected to the Board annually, with the opportunity to stand for re-election for a further year, if voted in, i.e. up to 2 years of that 4-year period.

- It was further clarified that an at-large member can serve on Council (if elected) for 2 consecutive terms, i.e. 8 years in total and could then serve on the Board after or during that time for at least a further 4 years, provided they were elected to an Officer position.
- To further the retention of corporate knowledge, it tends to be (but is not restricted to) a previous member of the Board who stands for the role of President/President Elect.
- Muralidhar Joshi noted his desire to see fair representation on Board and Council, both in terms of gender balance and recruitment opportunities for the whole membership.

NOTED: DF noted these points for consideration by the Constitution Committee.

- As well as praising the dynamic and corporate leadership of WFSA, Kawsar Sardar reflected on the fact that the work of anaesthesiologists worldwide involves Critical Care and Pain Medicine, a fact that has been recognised by the Bangladesh Society at its last AGM, now called the Bangladesh Society of Anaesthesiologists, Critical Care and Pain Physicians (BSA- CCPP). He further informed the meeting that this has further emphasised the role and impact to Government, society, NGOs and other member Societies. Kawsar Sardar went on to suggest that WFSA consider changing its title to reflect the work of all anaesthesiologists worldwide. AG acknowledged this suggestion and would welcome the proposal in writing for the Board to consider.
- It was further noted that the WFSA Vision and Mission does already acknowledge the other subspecialties <https://wfsahq.org/about/vision-and-mission/>
- Lance Lasersohn welcomed the suggestion, but pointed out that there is already a World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care <https://www.wficc.com/>

Re: Item 9 Frequency of Congress:

- Noted that LMIC members, in particular, appreciate the chance to attend online Congresses when travel costs would be prohibitive and having Congress every 2 years would be further advantageous.
- Noting that the Asian Australasian Congress of Anaesthesiologists (AACA) meetings take place once every 4 years, 2 years after every WCA, Yew Weng Chan pointed out that AACA 2026 and other similarly timed Regional Congresses could be adversely affected and may have to change. In response, JGB clarified that any change would not be envisaged before 2026 and that this could actually present a positive opportunity for Regional Congresses to take place alongside a World Congress.

ACTIONS

Item	Action	Lead
092021_Business meeting_WCA frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board and Council will continue to deliberate and discuss the proposal of holding WCA more frequently. A Position paper will be shared by the end of October 2021 Input from Member Societies and Regional Sections will be requested by the end of 2021 A decision will be made by the Board by end of Q1 2022 	JGB/Board
092021_Business meeting_Constitution	The final draft amended WFSA Constitution will be circulated for input from Council and Member Societies, either for voting by Extraordinary Resolution or at the 2024 General Assembly.	DF
092021_Business meeting_ExRes	Secretariat to circulate any items requiring Extraordinary Resolution electronically, namely dues and forward budget planning once wording approved.	DF/JGB/EKE
092021_Business meeting_UIA	The suggestion of translating UIA into Vietnamese was welcomed by CLS and AP who will contact Cong Quyet Thang.	CLS & AP

PROPOSALS

Item	Proposal
092021_Business meeting_dues	<p>The Board of WFSA propose that member dues remain frozen at US\$3.90 until the end of 2022. [This to be circulated to Member Societies for approval by Extraordinary Resolution after Council approval]</p> <p>The Board then propose that dues increase in line with inflation by \$0.10 for 2023 (to US\$4.00) and again for 2024 (to US\$4.10). [This to be circulated to Member Societies for approval by Extraordinary Resolution after Council approval].</p>
092021_Business meeting_budget	That the proposed budget 2021-2024 presented at the Member Society Business Meetings of the WFSA on 4 th and 5 th September 2021 be circulated to Member Societies for approval by Extraordinary Resolution.