



WFSA Minutes of the General Assembly

Sunday August 28th 2016

Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition

Centre, Hong Kong

Societies attending (by name of country/region):

Argentina	Indonesia	Pakistan
Australia	Iran	Philippines
Belgium	Israel	Romania
Benin	Japan	Russia
Brazil	Jordan	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of
Bulgaria	Kenya	Serbia
Canada	Korea	Singapore
China	Latvia	Slovak Republic
Chinese Taipei	Malaysia	South Africa
Colombia	Malta	Sri Lanka
Czech Republic	Mexico	Tanzania
Dominican Republic	Mongolia	Thailand
Ecuador	Morocco	Turkey
Ethiopia	Myanmar	United Arab Emirates
France	New Zealand	United Kingdom
Germany	Nigeria	United States of America
Guatemala	Norway	Uzbekistan
Honduras	Pacific Islands	Zimbabwe
India		

1. Welcome to delegates by the President (Dr Wilkinson)

2. President's report

Dr Wilkinson provided an overview of the essential role of the WFSA, its programmes, significant achievements, challenges and opportunities.

3. Credentials Committee Report (Dr Kempthorne)

Dr Kempthorne informed the Assembly that we had a quorum with 53 Societies attending and 186 delegates (latecomers that were registered brought the total to 54 Societies and 191 delegates).

4. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure (Dr Barreiro)

Dr Barreiro reviewed the Rules of Procedure

Motion: that the General Assembly accepts the Rules of Procedure: *Accepted unanimously*

5. Deaths (Dr Barreiro)

Dr Barreiro informed the meeting of the deaths of former WFSA Presidents, Vice Presidents and significant Committee members.

Dr Anis Baraka (Egypt)

Dr P. Prithvi Raj (India/USA)

Dr Jaime Abel Wikinski (Poland/Argentina)

Professor Shuren Li (China)

Dr Rafael Sarmiento Montero (Colombia)

Dr Geraldine O'Sullivan (UK)

Professor SN Samad Chowdhury (Bangladesh)

Dr A.S. Lawani-Osunde (Nigeria)

Dr Barreiro acknowledged that the list shown may not be complete and requested that any Member Society inform him of any anaesthesiologists who had been overlooked. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to those who had died.

6. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr Barreiro asked that the agenda for the meeting be approved and this was agreed by a unanimous show of hands.

7. Minutes of the 2nd General Assembly Buenos Aires 2012 (Dr Barreiro)

Dr Barreiro reminded delegates that these minutes had been circulated electronically to their Societies in advance of this meeting.

Motion: that the General Assembly accepts the minutes of the 2nd General Assembly held in Buenos Aires 27th March 2012. *Accepted unanimously*

8. Matters arising from the minutes not already on the agenda (Dr Barreiro)

The Assembly was informed of those Member Societies previously suspended that had been re-instated, namely Austria, Belarus, Haiti, Morocco & Sudan.

The Assembly was informed that the Council had considered increasing the frequency of WCAs and rejected the idea.

The Assembly was informed that medicine shortages were a WFSA focus. We have continued to highlight this through the Safety & Quality of Practice Committee and it has been raised at many

international meetings but we have had limited governmental impact. We have had success though lobbying for continued access to ketamine.

9. Proposal for changes to the Constitution (Dr Otto)

Dr Otto reminded all delegates that all Member Societies had received copies of the revised Constitution 3 months in advance of the General Assembly. He took the Assembly through an explanation of the major changes explaining that the overall direction of change is to ensure that the WFSA can function effectively between General Assemblies, recognising that the Board is the body that holds responsibility for the day to day governance of the Federation. Questions were then received from the floor.

These amendments to the Constitution having been submitted to Member Societies over 3 months prior to this General Assembly and having received no further comments or any objections to the changes, Dr Otto moved for approval of the revised Constitution.

Motion: To approve the revised Constitution. Accepted unanimously.

10. Admission of new Member Societies

New Member Societies were listed as:

Congo	Société Congolaise d'Anesthésie Réanimation Urgences
Burkina Faso	Société d'Anesthésie Réanimation et Médecine d'Urgence du Burkina (SARMU-B)
Palestine	Palestinian Society of Anaesthesia & Intensive Care
Guyana	Guyana Anaesthesiologist Society
Niger	Société Nigérienne d'Anesthésie, de Réanimation et de Médecine d'Urgence
Bosnia	Association of Anesthesiologists and Reanimatologists of FBiH
SRPSKA	Association of Anesthesiologists and Reanimatologists of Republic of SRPSKA
Gabon	Société Gabonaise d'Analgésie Anesthésie-Réanimation et Médecine d'Urgence
Brunei	Society of Anaesthesiologists, Brunei Darussalam
Uganda	Association of Anaesthesiologists of Uganda (AAU) (replaces the USoA)
DRC	Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Society of Democratic Republic of Congo
Iraq	(AISDRC) Iraqi Society of Anesthesia, Intensive Care and Pain Medicine (IQSAN)

These Societies had been approved by the Council during the last four years.

Motion was passed that the General Assembly accepts these new member societies: *Accepted unanimously*

Re-instated National Societies:

Austria	Österreichische Gesellschaft für Anesthesiologie, Reanimation und Intensivmedizin
Belarus	Belarusian Society of Anaesthetists and Experts in Resuscitation
Haiti	Société Haitienne d'Anesthésiologie
Morocco	Société Marocaine d'Anesthésie Réanimation
Sudan	Sudanese Society of Anaesthesiologists

Motion was passed that the General Assembly accepts these re-instated member societies: *Accepted unanimously*

11. National Societies for suspension

Dr Barreiro presented the list of Member Societies for suspension, due to lack of communication and/or lapsed payment of dues.

Jamaica Anaesthetists' Association

Kuwait Society of Anaesthesiologists

Libyan Society of Anaesthesia, Intensive Care and Resuscitation

Montenegro Anaesthesiologists' Society

Associação de Anestesiologistas de Moçambique

Uzbekistan Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care

Motion: to suspend these Member Societies. *Accepted by majority*

12. The International Standards for a Safe Practice of Anaesthesia (Dr Gelb)

Dr Gelb introduced the International Standards to the Assembly explaining that the WFSA was hoping to produce the latest update as a joint WFSA/WHO publication. He explained the principles and the process and asked the Assembly for their approval.

Motion: To approve the principles and process for the revision of the International Standards. *Approved unanimously.*

13. WFSA Draft Position Statement on Anaesthesiology and achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) (Dr Morriss)

Dr Morriss explained the context and the need for a global position statement on Anaesthesiology and UHC, highlighting the need for the WFSA to:

- State our commitment to achieving universal access to safe anaesthesia by 2030.
- Define and *own* the terms *anaesthesiology* and *anaesthesiologist*.
- State the scale of the problem and our role in the response.
- Define our position relating to non-anaesthesiologist providers.

Dr Morriss went on to present a draft position statement and put forward the following motion:

Motion: That the delegates of the General Assembly approve the development of a WFSA Position Statement on Anaesthesiology and Universal Health Coverage, to be completed after feedback from Member Societies. *Approved unanimously.*

14. Treasurer's report and budget and dues proposal (Dr Lema)

Dr Lema presented the financial report for the period 2012-15. (Full audited accounts are available on the WFSA website).

Summary and outlook

- Dr Lema presented the final financial report from the WCA 2012. He explained the legal action brought by the FAAAAAR against Choice Live Ltd and WFSA's support for this. This support will be ongoing, but with a capped maximum budget of \$58,316. There is very little likelihood of recovering any money.
- The headline numbers from the accounts for the periods 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 were presented showing that WFSA had been spending down against reserves.
- Dr Lema highlighted the significant volunteer contribution to the WFSA worth over US\$3m.
- He explained that had dues kept in line with US\$ inflation they would currently be around \$9 per member rather than US\$2.90
- He presented the reserves policy of the WFSA (US\$1m).
- He explained that in order to help ensure a viable and relevant WFSA members had been consulted on a 50 cent increase per year for the next 4 years.
- He concluded that whilst a majority of Member Societies had declared themselves in favour of the 50 cent increase a few larger Societies were opposed and that after careful

consideration the Board and Council had revised the model to a 25 cent increase per year for the next 4 years.

Motion: To approve the WFSA subscription per individual society member increases at a rate of \$0.25 per year for the next four years for all members as set out below:

2017- \$3.15/ individual member

2018- \$3.40/ individual member

2019- \$3.65/ individual member

2020- \$3.90/ individual member

Approved by majority

For: 79.8%

Against: 14.9%

Abstain: 5.4:

Motion: To approve the budget as set out under “New Dues Model & Fundraising” provided that the Reserves Policy of US\$1,000,000 is respected and targeting a minimum US\$2,000,000 reserve after WCA 2020 (Prague).

Approved by majority

For: 85.9%

Against 8.6%

Abstain 5.5%

Motion: To task the Board to take appropriate action in reducing the deficit and notifying the membership should the Reserves Policy be threatened at any time.

Approved by majority

For: 97.2%

Against: 2.3%

Abstain: 0.6%

15. Approval of membership of the WFSA Committees (Dr Wilkinson)

Dr Wilkinson presented the composition of all Committees (full listing available on the WFSA webpage) having described the nomination and selection process.

Motion: that the General Assembly approves the composition of the WFSA Committees.
Approved by majority.

16. Election of the Presidents of the WFSA 2016-2020 (Dr Wilkinson)

Dr Wilkinson presented the three candidates and reminded the Assembly that they would be asked to elect 2 Presidents who would then serve as President and President Elect for 2 years before swapping over and serving as President and Immediate Past President for the next 2 years. Drs. Gonzalo Barreiro, Jannicke Mellin-Olsen and Yehia Khater addressed the Assembly and then all delegates to the Assembly voted electronically for 2 candidates.

Votes having been counted the Assembly were then informed of the election of (in alphabetical order):

Dr Gonzalo Barreiro

Dr Jannicke Mellin-Olsen

17. Election of the Officers of the WFSA 2012-2016 (Dr Wilkinson)

Dr Wilkinson presented the candidates having again reviewed the nomination process. As only one candidate for each position had been nominated there was no need for a further ballot.

The motion was then passed, that the General Assembly accepts the election of the new officers. *Accepted unanimously.*

Treasurer: Dr Alan Merry

Director of Partnerships: Dr Berend Mets

Secretary : Dr Adrian Gelb

Director of Programmes: Dr Wayne Morriss

18. Election of the members of the Council 2012-2016 (Dr Wilkinson)

Dr Wilkinson explained the nomination, counter-nomination and selection process for the members of the Council.

a) Africa & Middle East

Before voting a motion was brought to the Assembly.

Motion: To include an additional (second) Council member for Africa and the Middle East.
Accepted by majority.

For: 88.3%

Against: 11.7%

The delegates from the region then proceeded to vote for 2 from the 5 candidates and (in alphabetical order):

Dr Philippe Mavoungou (Democratic Republic of Congo) and Dr Bisola Onajin Obembe (Nigeria)

were duly elected to Council.

b) Australia, New Zealand & the Pacific Islands

There being 1 candidate for 1 position the following motion was put forward

Motion: that the delegates from the region accept the member of the Council. *Accepted unanimously.*

David Pescod (Australia)

c) North America

There being 2 candidates for 2 positions the following motion was put forward

Motion: that the delegates from the region accept the members of the Council. *Accepted unanimously.*

Dr Pierre Fiset (Canada)

Dr Quentin Fisher (USA)

d) South & Central America and the Caribbean

There being 2 candidates for 2 positions the following motion was put forward

Motion: that the delegates from the region accept the members of the Council. *Accepted unanimously.*

Dr Carolina Haylock-Loor (Honduras)

Dr Pedro Ibarra (Colombia)

e) Asia

For Asia there were 6 candidates for 3 Council positions and so a secret ballot was initiated. Delegates from the Asian region had been issued with electronic voting pads.

The delegates from the region then proceeded to vote for 3 from the 6 candidates and (in alphabetical order):

Dr Yugang Huang (China)

Dr Eichi Inada (Japan)

Dr Muralidhar Joshi (India)

were duly elected to Council.

f) Europe

For Europe there were 4 candidates for 3 Council positions and so a secret vote took place. Delegates from the European region had been issued with electronic voting pads.

The delegates from the region then proceeded to vote for 3 from the 4 candidates and (after an initial tie for the third place) (in alphabetical order):

Dr Claude Ecoffey (France)

Dr Daniela Filipescu (Romania)

Dr Hugo Van Aken (Germany)

were duly elected to Council.

19. Report of the WCA 2020 Organising Committee (Dr Cvachovec)

Dr Cvachovec informed the Assembly of the progress towards the WCA 2020 in Prague. He highlighted the identification of a suitable venue and that the contract with his organising body (WCA 2020), the WFSA and the PCO was about to be signed. He encouraged all delegates to come to the Closing Ceremony when more from Prague would be showcased.

14- Other business

Dr David Wilkinson presented the WFSA Workforce Survey listing those countries that still needed to submit data and asking that they complete the survey as soon as possible.



Dr Gonzalo Barreiro

Honorary Secretary