Extraordinary Resolutions of the WFSA General Assembly
- For Approval by Member Societies -

Dear Member Societies,

We postponed the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists (WCA) by one year from September 2020 to 1st to 5th September 2021 and more recently we took the decision to go fully virtual. Consequently, the Board has had to reconsider what to do regarding holding a General Assembly. We considered doing this electronically or postponing until the WCA 2024. Given that the main item of the General Assembly (holding the elections) was completed electronically in 2020, we feel that it would be most useful for us to convene a virtual Business Meeting for Member Societies during the upcoming World Congress, and to leave the next ordinary session of the General Assembly until 2024. Items that require a vote sooner will be decided electronically by Extraordinary Resolution.

To maximise attendance at the virtual Member Society Business Meeting we will run the meeting on the 4th September at a time that is suitable for as many time zones as possible. The meeting will be with the WFSA leadership (Board and Council members), will be open to all Member Society Officers and will allow for questions and answers. The meeting will also be recorded for those unable to attend.

We therefore ask that you vote as a Society on the proposed Extraordinary Resolutions below.

Extraordinary Resolutions of the General Assembly of the WFSA

In accordance with the decision to postpone the World Congress of Anaesthesiologists by one year (from September 2020 to September 2021) and to hold a fully virtual Congress the WFSA resolves as follows:

Resolution 2021/1) To hold the next ordinary meeting of the General Assembly in Singapore in 2024 during the 18th World Congress.¹

Resolution 2021/2) To hold, during the 17th World Congress, a Member Society Business Meeting(s) which will update Member Societies on matters of relevance to them and provide opportunity for questions and answers, leaving any matters for vote / decision to be decided by additional Extraordinary Resolution(s), such resolutions to be circulated for approval before the end of September 2021.²

Guidance notes and relevant articles from the Constitution

Constitution - ART. 3.3 MEETINGS
a. The General Assembly shall meet in ordinary session on the occasion of each World Congress.

² For example as per ART 3.2 – POWERS AND FUNCTIONS
b. To determine the annual subscription on the recommendation of Board.
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PROCESS DESCRIPTION

Each President (or their Nominee) should let us know if their National Society approves or disapproves of each of the proposed resolutions 2021/1 and 2021/2 as soon as possible, and latest by the 25th July 2021.

This should be done by responding to the Secretary, Professor Daniela Filipescu, by email secretary@wfsahq.org stating as follows:

NAME OF NATIONAL SOCIETY:
NAME AND POSITION OF OFFICER (President or Nominee):

Resolution 2021/1 – Approve / Disapprove
Resolution 2021/2 – Approve / Disapprove

WFSA will confirm receipt of emails within three working days and will share whether or not the resolutions have been approved by email to all Member Societies before the end of July 2021.

We welcome suggestions and comments from Member Societies and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours

Professor Adrian Gelb
President

Dr Wayne Morriss
President Elect