WDA Council Meeting
St. Augustine, Florida, USA
August 5th, 2018, 17:00 UTC – 1 pm EDT w/simultaneous Zoom (online) connection

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Note: Audio/Video recording of this Council Meeting (WDA-Aug2018-CouncilMeeting.mp4) is available and supports these minutes.
1. Agenda

The agenda for this Council meeting was included in two information packages (PACKAGE-BriefingNotes-Aug2018-FINAL-minus7reports.pdf and PACKAGE-2nd-MISSING DOCUMENTS-Aug2018-2NDFINAL-minus4reports.pdf) sent to all Council members by email on July 5th and July 31st, 2018, respectively.

2. Opening procedures

Council was called to order by President Deb Miller at 17:00 UTC, in the Wentworth Room of the Renaissance Hotel, St. Augustine, Florida, USA. After completion of a roll call (presented ahead in 3) it was verified that quorum was established. President Miller moved immediately to the council business as established in the agenda.

3. Council members’ attendance

The following Council members were present:

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<td>Marcela Uhart</td>
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*Vice-President das Neves and Australasian Chair Peters joined remotely through Zoom.

Also present were:
WDA Executive Manager, Dave Jessup
Incoming WVS Chair, Sonia Hernandez
Incoming Member at Large, Jenny McLelland
Allen Press representative, Kristen Anderson
Jacobson & Schmitt Advisors LLC representatives Jason Smith and Chris Johnson
WDA members, Charles van Rippen and Thierry Work
Proposed Asian Pacific Section, Tokuma Yanai and Toshio Tsubota
American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, Clay Hilton

4. Council Business – Action Items

4.1. ACT#2018-11 Approval of Council Meeting Minutes, May 2018

Forzán introduced minutes, which had been provided to all Council members ahead of time. A few members had made corrections in the previous months. No additions or changes were requested at the meeting.

Ziccardi moved this Action Item’s Motion to Council and the motion was seconded by Uhart.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.2. ACT#2018-12 Annual Published Financial Report 2017

[Discussed after #15 and #17]

Ziccardi introduced the item to Council. Miller congratulated Ziccardi on his excellent job as WDA treasurer, and recognized how much the administration and accounts had been streamlined thanks to his efforts; she was seconded by the rest of Council.

Peters asked about the category of “total other income,” and Ziccardi explained that the category remained in the present report to match the way previous financial reports were structured, but that the category will

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disappear in the future now that it was not necessary as Allen Press was no longer doing the accounting for WDA.

Jason Smith, representing Jacobson & Schmitt Advisors LLC (J&SA), the company in charge of WDA’s investments, presented a report to Council (his presentation is appended to the end of this Minutes).

Ernest asked how WDA monitors what its investors are doing. Ziccardi explained that quarterly reports are produced by J&SA and sent to him, as WDA Treasurer. Jessup added that Jason Smith is also, and has been for the last couple of years, a member of WDA’s Budget committee. Drew asked whether J&SA thought there was any need to make any dramatic changes to the investment strategy followed so far. Jason Smith replied that there is no need as allocation is adequate and correct; he added that, if anything, endowment could be invested more aggressively to get as much as possible from the long term nature of that goal. Jessup reminded all that the endowment will be reached in 2 years and asked if the projected return of 4%, or perhaps even 5%, would be doable at that point. Jason Smith said he is confident that a 5% return will be achieved, even if no more donations come in after the initial goal is reached. Ziccardi added that the 4% return is only calculated on interest gain, and does not include any increase in the value of the investments. Ernest asked what would happen if there is another recession and whether WDA’s money is protected. Jason Smith explained that a recession could result in a 18-23% decrease in the investment’s value, but if that were to happen, the strategy to follow would be to concentrate on the bonds in the portfolio to support WDA functions and wait out the stocks (avoid selling when stock prices are low) until the market recovers so, in summary, yes WDA’s money is protected. Van Rippen asked how we could work on increasing the endowment once the initial goal was reached, putting an end to the contributions campaign. Jason Smith said he would be talking about how to increase endowment at a lunch meeting later in the week, but that one thing to consider is an open campaign for contributions that offer good tax deduction ways to donate - basically a structured funds campaign. Jessup suggested updating and improving the current in-house endowment advertisement to inspire members to donate.

Das Neves moved this Action Item’s motion to Council; it was seconded by Uhart.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.3. ACT#2018-13 JWD Editor Contract Renewal

Miller presented the item to Council, she explained that some adjustments to the previous contracts were made to allow Editor Mulcahy more flexibility in some areas, such as how he spends his travel funds. A request made by Mulcahy to have a pre-copy editor to provide him some support will be met by allocating $10,000 as a line item in the budget. Peters wondered if that would be enough. Mulcahy said it would be a good start, to be revised in future.

Uhart moved this Action Item’s motion to Council; it was seconded by Ziccardi.

MOTION was put to vote and APPROVED with no dissentions; Mulcahy abstained.

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4.4. ACT#2018-14 Renewal of WDA-IAAAM MOA

Miller introduced the item. Ziccardi recommended that the definition of “student” in the MOA should be clarified and made consistent with the WDA’s definition of a student. Justice-Allen asked what an “anchor author” was and how a student would ever be one. Jessup agreed that those specifics need to be worked out with the IAAAM. Miller noted that IAAAM requires sponsoring from an active member to join, and wondered if that would be the same for WDA members wanting to join the IAAAM. Jessup explained that joining requirements are specific to each organization and all WDA members wanting to join IAAAM would have to go through the same procedure as non-WDA members. He added that IAAAM members receive free pdf copies of all aquatic manuscripts published in JWD, as selected by Frances Gulland; of course, IAAAM members who are also WDA members have full access to JWD articles.

Drew moved this Action Item’s motion to Council; it was seconded by Uhart.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.5. ACT#2018-15 Renewal of WDA-AAWV MOA

[Discussed immediately after #11 and before #17]

Jessup introduced the item.

Ernest moved this Action Item’s Motion to Council; it was seconded by Uhart.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.6. ACT#2018-16 Generic Power Point slides for promotion of membership in the WDA by WDA members

Fenton introduced the item. Uhart requested care should be put in the making of this material and pointed out that the logo for the LA Section is incorrect, as it stands in the presentation. Fenton will correct and then send to Jessup to be posted on the WDA website and added to one of the weekly announcements.

Forzán moved this Action Item’s Motion to Council; it was seconded by Drew.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.7. ACT#2018-17 Application for Student Chapter Midwestern University, Arizona

[Discussed immediately after #15 and before #12]
Miller introduced the item.

Uhart moved this Action Item’s Motion to Council; it was seconded by Justice-Allen.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.8. ACT#2018-18 Approval of WDA Conference location 2020

Das Neves introduced the item and corrected the Briefing Note that had the wrong year in the title; he will send out a pdf document about the city of Cuenca later on. Rhyser said that the EWDA had already approved to host the meeting in 2020 as both the WDA’s annual meeting and EWDA’s biannual Section meeting and that the date may, or may not be, last week of August, and that it will be discussed and decided at a future EWDA’s Council meeting. Jessup asked if there was a proposed location for 2021. Das Neves said there was nothing concrete, but will be following up on it.

Das Neves moved this Action Item’s Motion to Council; it was seconded by Uhart.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.9. ACT#2018-19 Renewal of Executive Manager’s Contract

Jessup, as the Executive Manager whose contract was to be renewed, stepped out of the room for the discussion, motion and vote. Miller introduced the topic. Peters mentioned how happy the Australasian Section has been with Jessup’s performance and helpfulness, mostly how much he has done to connect the Section with the rest of WDA. Uhart pointed out Jessup’s great and meaningful effort for the endowment. Miller spoke on how great his time commitment to WDA has always been.

Uhart moved this Action Item’s Motion to Council; it was seconded by Peters.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, and Jessup came back into the room.

4.10. ACT#2018-20 Approval of WDA’s Internal Audit Report for 2015

Ziccardi presented the report, as the ex-member of the Audit Committee. He commended the Committee’s and the committee’s Chair, Carol Meteyer, work. Uhart and Peters both commented on how well done and easy to follow the report is. Uhart wondered about the succession of members in this (Audit) Committee, given its importance and demands on members’ time. Ziccardi suggested contacting members of the Budget Committee to see if any one would like to take it up from the current Chairs and replace the current members. Miller thanked the Audit Committee and past Treasurer, Lauren Beaton, for their work.

Uhart moved this Action Item’s Motion to Council; it was seconded by Justice-Allen. When the vote was called, Ziccardi, given his direct involvement with the report, abstained from taking part.

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MOTION was put to vote and APPROVED with one abstention.

4.11. ACT#2018-21 Approval of travel grant for the participation of the VP on the ASCM-WDAA meeting in Bali, 2018

Das Neves introduced the item, which regarded his attendance to an upcoming WDA Section meeting in Bali. Peters, as the Chair of that Section, expressed his support for das Neves’s attendance and highlighted the importance of Council Members attendance to Section meetings. Miller would like to ensure that a Council Member is always present at all Sections’ meetings. This was supported by Jessup. Ziccardi explained that, in the present case, the money will come from under “WDA Officer, other expenses”. Uhart moved this Action Item’s Motion to Council; it was seconded by Justice-Allen. When to vote was called das Neves, given his direct involvement with the item, abstained from taking part.

MOTION was put to vote and APPROVED with one abstention.

4.12. ACT#2018-22 JWD printed copies cost

As an Urgent Action Item, the motion was drafted at the meeting, and read: “WDA Council approves an increase in the “regular member worldwide print & online” membership from the current $110 to $150, to be implemented for all new and renewal memberships starting for the 2019 fiscal and calendar year.” Peters said he wants to see good communication to out to members regarding the rationale behind this change. Miller ensured all that communications regarding the change will take place through various outlets, including annual meetings and as a single-item newsletter. While on the topic of the JWD, Justice-Allen suggested to the Allen Press representative, Anderson, to have full issues as a single pdf document, so readers can scroll through more easily. A discussion regarding subscribing institutions and whether the change should also include that type of subscription and not be restricted to that of individual members. Jessup reminded Council that those subscriptions are done as contracts, and thus would have to be discussed separately from individual subscriptions. Once more information is gathered, the item can be voted on as eBusiness. Peters suggested emailing all members with the current issue of JWD’s Table of Contents, and including links to members can click directly to specific articles, as part of a way to make up for those printed copies that won’t go out anymore, particularly if the JWD eventually goes to online-only. Anderson explained that there is a way, already in place, to sign up to “Table of Contents Alerts”, so members can receive such an email. More information will hopefully be circulated about how to do this.

Uhart moved this Action Item’s Motion to Council; it was seconded by Drew.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.
5. Council Business – Information Items

5.1. INF#2018-10 Future of WDA’s name

[Discussed after #12 and 13]

Miller introduced the topic of potentially changing the name of WDA and proposed the formation of an ad hoc Committee to advice on whether this is something that WDA wants to do. She requested to hear thought from Council as to the formation of this ad hoc Committee. Van Rippen suggested looking into companies that specialize on things like this. Miller agreed and will look at professional aid to clarify what WDA is and where it should be going. Drew suggested to follow up with the professional assessment of WDA’s identity regardless of whether we go down the name change road or not.

5.2. INF#2018-11 WDA Conference 2019 update

[Discussed at the beginning of Information Items, followed by #12]

Ziccard corrected the agenda mistake (California, not Florida, for 2019) and provided information regarding the upcoming meeting’s plans. The dates are set for August 5-9, 2019, on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. The best option for transportation is to fly to Reno or, less ideally, Sacramento. He will show a power point with details on the venue at the Business Meeting later in the week.

5.3. INF#2018-12 MOA between WDA and AAZV

[Discussed after #11 and before #10]

Jessup introduced the item and listed the problems that have come up during the discussion of this MOA [please listen to the recording for details]. Of highest importance is the proposal currently being voted on to change the name of the AAZV to the American Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians. Jessup informed Council that of all the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee that worked on the relationship between WDA and the AAZV only one was adopted, and this dealt with mentoring. Other recommendations were rejected by the AAZV without further explanations. Jessup recommended not renewing the MOA with AAZV at this time, but leaving a door open to establishing MOA’s in the future. Drew, as the current President of the AAWV, added information about their own efforts to renew an MOA with the AAZV, and explained that came to a halt when AAZV announced their intention to include “wildlife” in their name. The AAZV is voting on the proposed name change, results to be announced at their upcoming meeting in Prague, September 2018.

Ryser said the European Section of WDA is facing a similar situation with the European Zoo Association: at the 2016 meeting of the EWDA the director of the Zoo Association approached her to discuss “further collaborations”. Ryser thinks the two European associations are too different and that, in the past, EWDA’s generosity has not been matched by that of the European Zoo Association and that joint meetings have been unrewarding for EWDA. The relationship between those organizations is now a bit tense and Ryser feels that it reflects what some Zoo associations are trying to do, which is to swallow and replace Wildlife associations, like the WDA and others. Jessup spoke at the AAZV meeting in 2012, in Auckland, about the use of the term “wildlife”, and highlighted the difference between the AAZV and organizations focused on wildlife rather than captive species or populations.

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He mentioned that the current AAZV leadership’s approach to this difference is very different from that of the 2012 group.

Ziccardi, bringing the discussion back to the original motion, noted that as the AAZV is in breach of the current MOA there is no point in renewing it. Miller asked if Council wanted to do something other than not renewing the MOA, particularly regarding the issue of incorporating “wildlife” into the name of an organization mainly focused on captive populations.

McLelland spoke about the situation in Australia, where the Australasian Section of WDA is seen as the main body for both zoo and wildlife professionals. Drew pointed out that the current negative view of the word “zoo” is behind the AAZV’s wish to include “wildlife” into their name, as that word is more positively viewed. Work suggested we should do a better job at promoting the values that are unique to WDA and how that tells us apart from other organizations, such as the AAZV. Hernandez, as a long-time member of both WDA and AAZV, said she is against the proposed AAZV name change; she also recognized how much better the AAZV is at recruiting students and promoting their role in wildlife and conservation. Hernandez feels that it is time to get WDA to promote itself better. Justice-Allen highlighted the mutual benefits of collaboration between Zoo and Wildlife veterinarians, and expressed her distress at the aggressive behavior of the current AAZV leadership and their appropriation of “wildlife”; she joined Hernandez in recommending increasing the profile of WDA.

Clay Hilton, AAZV board member, called the present situation regarding the proposed name change a “professional debacle”. As the overseer of the AAZV’s wildlife health fund, the informed Council that its origin was a marked study, paid for by AAZV, that indicated that to attract funding and membership for the organization the best way was to add the word “wildlife” to the fund and, eventually, the organization’s name. Clay Hilton feels that the current leadership of AAZV’s view of its relationship with other organizations is one-sided.

Miller asked what, if any, actions should be taken by WDA to deal with the problem of “wildlife” appropriation by organizations that are not truly focused on wildlife. Various suggestions were offered, one was to make an Action Item of this and charge the Public Awareness and Membership and Promotion Committees with a request to tackle this. Jessup suggested forming an ad hoc committee to look at relations between WDA, AAWV and AAZV. Peters emphasized how we should highlight the multidisciplinary nature of WDA, as well as its international reach, which are strengths unique to WDA.

6. Executive Manager, JWD Editor and Officers Reports

Jessup presented his report, and will repeat it for the general membership at one of the lunch time meetings during the conference.

Mulcahy presented his report, and will repeat it for the general membership at one of the lunch time meetings during the conference. Most of the discussion centered on the Open Access status of JWD and the restrictions of some institutions, particularly in Europe, to publish only in journals that provide full Open Access, charging the authors with the entire cost of publication and journal productions.

The Officers’ Reports will be presented at the Business meeting and are already included in the Information Package that Council received before the meeting, so no presentation was made by any Officer.

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7. Annual Reports from Sections

Peters provided the Report for the Australasian Section, Ryser provided the Report for the European Section, Tokuma Yanai provided a presentation of the work of members of the proposed Asian Pacific Section (his presentation is appended to the end of this Minutes), Suzán provided the Report for the Latin American Section, Madslien provided the Report for the Nordic Section, Justice-Allen provided the Report for the Wildlife Veterinary Section. The African Section, chaired by Nyariki, provided neither a report nor a representative.

8. Other Council Business

There were no Other Business to discuss.

9. Concluding remarks

No further topics being brought before Council. President Miller thanked all members for their participation and called for a motion to close the meeting. Ziccardi moved to close the meeting and was seconded by Forzán. 

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY (and enthusiastically) APPROVED.

Council was officially declared closed at approximately 17:47 pm EDT (21:47 UTC).

Respectfully submitted to the attention and approval of the WDA Council,

Ithaca, New York, USA, October 8th, 2018

Maria J. Forzán, MVZ PhD DiplACVP
WDA Secretary
Asia Pacific (WDA AP 2019)

Proposal of WDA-AP by Dr. Work in 2015

2017 in Mexico
About Asian Wildlife Diseases Association Asian Pacific Section (WDAAP)

Our goals

We intend establishing a network for wildlife disease surveillance in Asia and Pacific as WDA Asian Pacific Section. We also have cooperation with Asian Society of Conservation Medicine (ASCM), Japanese Society of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine (JSZWM) and other related organizations for conservation medicine including wildlife, as well as “one health education”. This is important for keeping a strong focus within society, and to pass on the benefits of acquired knowledge to Asian societies which need to be provided. In addition, as other goals we intend cohosting workshops such as “Disease or Forensic Investigations for Zoo and Wild animals”, “Asian Wildcat Conservation Workshop”. and ”One Health Educational Workshop for Students”. Asia and Pacific Section should cover Asian and Pacific areas including East Asia (Mongolia, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and China), South East Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Philippine and Brunei) and South Asia (Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India and Iran) and some Pacific islands.
Goals of WDA-AP:
1) Promotion of Wildlife disease surveillance in Asia and Pacific
2) Networking for wildlife disease surveillance in Asia and Pacific
3) Establishment of special expert groups for wildlife disease surveillance in Asia and Pacific such as Rabies, Avian Influenza, Mycobacteriosis and forensic pathology and others
4) Annual Jointed Meeting with ASCM (Managing ASCM/WDA Wildlife disease surveillance) or WDA Australia Section
5) Workshops;
   (1) Asian Zoo and Wildlife Forensic Workshop jointed with ASCM
   (2) Asian Wildcat Conservation Workshop jointed with ASCM
   (3) One Health Educational Workshop for Students jointed with ASCM
6) Hosting WDA Annual Meeting in future

Founders for WDAAP to establish in 2019
WDA members in October in 2018 when ASCM/WSAA Joint Annual Meeting in Bali
WDAAP Officer Board 2019-2020 (2 year)
Chair Dr. Tokuma Yanai, Japan
Vice Chairs Dr. Toshio Tsubota, Japan; Dr. Boripat Siriaroonrat, Thailand
Secretary Dr. Nabin, Nepal/ Malaysia
Country or regional representative
Japan Dr. Manabu Onuma, Dr. Fukui
Indonesia Dr. Joko Dr. Yonni, Dr. Joost
Mongoria Dr. Ganzorig
Taiwan Dr. Chen Chie Chen, Dr. Chin
Singapore Dr. Chia-Da Hsu
China Dr. He
India Dr. Shyma
Myanmar Dr. Tin Tin Myaing
Nepal Dr. IP Dhakal
Bhutan Dr. Raika
Malaysia
Thailand Dr. Parontep
Expert Group
Avian Flu Dr. Onuma
Rabies Dr. Chen-Chi Chen
Mycobacterium Dr. Wada
Wildcat conservation, Dr. Chen-Chi Chen
Members from Asian countries
Bhutan 1
China 1
Hong Kong 3
Taiwan 2
India 2
Nepal 1
Japan 20 (How about universities?)
Korea 17
Malaysia 2
Mongolia 1
Myanmar 1
Singapore 3
Thailand 2
Vietnam 1