



Minutes of the 66th IVSA Symposium

The 66th IVSA Symposium was held in South Africa from the 9th to the 19th of December 2017.

Written by Jordon Egan, Secretary General 2017-2018



General Assembly – Meeting 1

12th of December, 2017

Welcome and introduction to the proceedings, the President called the General Assembly to order at 15.08 GMT+2

Ondřej Vitula (President) gave a presentation explaining the voting system and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR).

Roll call of active Member Organizations, 15.30 GMT+2

Member Organizations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria, Algiers	1	
IVSA Algeria, Batna		1
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Belgium, Ghent	1	
IVSA China		1
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Egypt		1
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Ghana, Kumasi		1
IVSA Greece, Thessaloniki		1
IVSA Greece, Thessaly		1
IVSA Hungary		1
IVSA Indonesia		1
IVSA Iran		1
IVSA Italy, Milan	1	
IVSA Italy, Naples	1	
IVSA Japan		1
IVSA Kosovo, Prishtina		1
IVSA Malaysia, Kelantan	1	
IVSA Malaysia, Selangor	1	
IVSA Morocco		1
IVSA Namibia	1	
IVSA Nepal		1



IVSA Norway	1	
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Member Organizations	Present	Absent
IVSA Palestine		1
IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Poland, Krakow	1	
IVSA Poland, Lublin	1	
IVSA Poland, Olsztyn		1
IVSA Poland, Poznan		1
IVSA Poland, Warsaw		1
IVSA Poland, Wroclaw		1
IVSA Portugal		1
IVSA Romania, Bucharest		1
IVSA Romania, Cluj-Napoca	1	
IVSA Romania, Timisoara		1
IVSA Russia, St. Petersburg		1
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA Serbia, Belgrade		1
IVSA Slovakia	1	
IVSA Slovenia		1
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Spain, Barcelona		1
IVSA Sweden	1	
IVSA Switzerland, Bern		1
IVSA Switzerland, Zurich	1	
IVSA Taiwan		1
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA Tunisia		1
IVSA Turkey, Ankara		1
IVSA Turkey, Bursa		1
IVSA Turkey, Istanbul		1
IVSA Turkey, Konya		1
IVSA Turkey, Samsun		1
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

Quorum was reached with 57% (26/46 voting entities present and eligible to vote).

Representatives of the following Candidate Member Organizations were present: IVSA Kenya, IVSA Nigeria BOVEMSA and IVSA Zimbabwe. Uganda were present as guests who have submitted an application to become an Member Organization.

1. Election of the Election Committee, 15.40 GMT+2 –

Charlotte Redina (IVSA Italy, Milan) nominated Lara Scherer (Committees Coordinator) for Chair of the Election Committee. Hana Vitulova (IVSA Czech Republic) nominated Sarah Marnin (Chair of the Standing Committee on One Health). Ricci May (IVSA SAVMA) nominated Daniel Lund (IVSA Denmark).

All three (3) nominees accepted. The chair closed nominations and the election committee was formed.

2. Election of the Chairman, 15.41 GMT+2 –

Dominque Flipse (IVSA Belgium, Ghent) nominated Branden Nettles (External Relations Officer) for Chairman of the General Assembly. Branden Nettles (External Relations Officer) accepted. No other nominations were received. Branden Nettles (External Relations Officer) was elected as Chairman.

3. Election of the Parliamentarian, 15.43 GMT+2 –

Line Nissen (IVSA Denmark) nominated Samuel Williams (IVSA UK & Ireland) for Parliamentarian. Samuel Williams (IVSA UK & Ireland) accepted. No other nominations were received. Samuel Williams (IVSA UK & Ireland) was elected Parliamentarian.

4. Amendments to and approval of the agenda, 15.45 GMT+2 –

Jordon Egan (Secretary General) explained some of the position of agenda items changed after printing of the General Assembly (GA) booklet. There were no further amendments and no objections from the GA. This was adopted after amendment.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the 66th IVSA Congress in Malaysia, 15.46 GMT+2 –

Perry Koehler (Treasurer) moved to approve the minutes of the 66th IVSA Congress in Malaysia. This was adopted after a friendly amendment.

6. Nominations for President, 15.46 GMT+2 –

There were no nominations at this point in time.

7. Nominations for 68th IVSA Congress (1 ½ years away; July/August 2019), 15.48 GMT+2 –

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) explained that there were already three (3) nominations for hosting the 68th IVSA Congress from IVSA Turkey, Istanbul, IVSA Croatia and IVSA Belgium, Ghent. There were no further nominations for 68th IVSA Congress at this time.

8. Nominations for 68th IVSA Symposium (2 years away; December 2019/January 2020), 15.50 GMT+2 –

There were no nominations for 68th IVSA Symposium at this time.

9. The Sixth (6th) Excellence Award, 15.51 GMT+2 –

Jordon Egan (Secretary General) presented the Sixth (6th) IVSA Excellence Award. The Excellence Award was created by the ExCo in June 2015. The award is granted two times a year, at the IVSA Congress and at the IVSA Symposium. The Award will be given to an IVSA member that, in the opinion of the ExCo, has excelled in his/her position and exceeded what is to be expected of a member in that position. Nominations are sent to the ExCo in the weeks before the start of the General Assembly and the receiver of the award is selected by the ExCo. Prince Andrew Debrah the Exchange Officer of IVSA Ghana, Kumasi, was announced as the winner of the Excellence Award from a total of twenty-one (21) nominees. Prince Andrew Debrah (IVSA Ghana, Kumasi) was deserving of this award due to the phenomenal work of raising the profile of IVSA in Ghana, reactivating the MO, generating student involvement and raising awareness of IVSA opportunities, and for organising the Anti-Rabies project and Antimicrobial Resistance project at IVSA Ghana, Kumasi.

10. Presentation on IVSA Activities, 16.00 GMT+2 –

Ondrej Vitula (President) gave a presentation on how IVSA is organised, what recent activities were undertaken, and what projects the committees and working groups have been working on in recent months. Included in this presentation was a short report from the External Relations Officer and Public Relations Coordinator.

a. Presentation on the Development Fund (DF), 16.04 GMT+2 –

Lucian Todirică (Development Aid Director) gave an update on the DF, the Scholarship Fund, past and current projects. During the 66th IVSA Congress in Malaysia 1966 EURO (€) was raised through the merchandise sales, live and silent auctions. There are five (5) 1000 EURO (€) scholarships open for applications until 1st January 2018. There will be five (5) more 1000 EURO (€) scholarships released later in the year for the term 2017-2018. The Hill's Next Generation Scholarship was announced to cover the costs to attend the WSAVA 2018 Congress, in Singapore. Veterinary books donated from the veterinary faculty of Ohio State will be donated to IVSA Brazil, Belém. There is ongoing assistance with the renovation of the veterinary faculty at Barili, Philippines, as

10,000 EURO (€) was granted for purchasing veterinary equipment through the DF for the term 2016-2017. The VetPD Raffle was announced to win a VetPD voucher for a project abroad, all proceeds will go towards the Development Fund (DF). The Kindness Award was announced and the winners will be presented with a prize at the 67th IVSA Congress. IVSA Alfort fundraised 300 EURO (€) for the DF.

b. Presentation on the work of Member Organizations Director (MOD), 16.30 GMT+2 -

Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director), Tavishi Pandya (IVSA UK & Ireland and Secretariat) and Younes Chaouche (IVSA Algeria, Algiers and Secretariat) gave a presentation on the MOD team and the past, current and future projects. Current projects include investigating the academic year structures of veterinary faculties around the world, led by Sung-il Kim (IVSA South Korea and MOD/PRC Secretariat), updating the Group Exchange Manual, led by Andre Firmansyah (IVSA Indonesia and MOD Secretariat), the Exchange Officer (EO) Survey, the Top MO Competition and the wellness collaboration with Vincenzo Gaita (IVSA Italy, Naples) for the IVSA Cooking Challenge. Continuing with past projects, maintaining the EO Bulletin and encouraging different opportunities for Individual Exchanges via EOs, updating MO information and email activity and working on local hosting of the upcoming WikiVet Live! Event on the 10th March 2018.

Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA and Trustee) moved the GA to stand at ease for five (5) minutes at 16.33 GMT+2. This was approved.

GA called back to order by Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) at 16:45 GMT +2

c. Presentation on the work of Committees & Working Groups, 16.46 GMT+2 -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) gave a presentation on the work of the Working Group on Alumni (WGA) and the Ad Hoc Committee on Collaborations with Global Health Organizations (AHCCGHO). Hibah Abuhamdiah (IVSA SAVMA) gave a presentation on the work of the Working Group on Policies (WGP). Nadine Tod (IVSA Austria and Chair of the Standing Committee on Animal Welfare (SCAW)) gave a presentation on the work of SCAW. Sarah Marnin (IVSA SAVMA and Chair of the Standing Committee on One Health (SCOH)) gave a presentation on the work of SCOH. Sarah Marnin (Chair of SCOH) announced the poster winner for Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week during the presentation. Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and the Chair of the Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE) gave a presentation on the work of SCoVE. Lisa Buren (Chair of SCoVE) and announced recent collaboration with WikiVet for the upcoming WikiVet Live! Event on the 10th March 2018, a free veterinary educational event worldwide for 24 hours. Lisa Buren (Chair of SCoVE) announced the ongoing recruitment of SCoVE



student ambassadors. Hana Henry (IVSA SAVMA) gave a presentation on the work of the Standing Committee on Wellness (SCoW).

11. Extension of the Ad Hoc Committee on Collaboration with Global Health Organizations (AHCCGHO), 17.20 GMT+2 -

The AHCCGHO was established at the 66th IVSA Malaysia Congress for an initial term lasting until 66th IVSA South Africa Symposium. Lara Scherer moved to extend the AHCCGHO until the GA of the 67th IVSA Congress where it will be dissolved. The committee will have 4 members, including the Chair. The Chair for the period until the 67th IVSA Congress will be appointed by ExCo. ExCo would like to reappoint the current Chair, Rosie Herrington (IVSA UK & Ireland), to ensure continuity and efficiency of the committee. The current committee members have accepted to stay committee members until the end of the term 2017-2018. This was approved after short discussion.

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to recess at 17.36 GMT+2 until the scheduled time for GA Meeting 2 at 8.00 GMT+2 on the 13th of December 2017. This was approved.

The GA went into recess at 17.37 GMT+2.



General Assembly – Meeting 2

13th of December, 2017

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA to order at 08.38 GMT+2.

Roll Call

Member Organizations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Belgium	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA Namibia	1	
IVSA Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Poland	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA Slovakia	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Sweden	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	



IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

Quorum was reached with 57% (26/46 voting entities present and eligible to vote).

Representatives of the Candidate Member Organizations IVSA Kenya, IVSA Nigeria BOVEMSA, IVSA Zimbabwe and applicant Uganda were present as guests.

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) entertained a motion and Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA and Trustee) moved to postpone GA Agenda point 40 to after point 21. This was approved.

12. Nominations for President, 08.46 GMT+2 -

Lidia Scetsk (IVSA Poland, Krakow) nominated Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and Chair of SCoVE) for President. Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and Chair of SCoVE) accepted the nomination. Clara Schubert (IVSA Germany) nominated Tavishi Pandya (IVSA UK & Ireland and MOD Secretary) for President. Tavishi Pandya (IVSA UK & Ireland and MOD Secretary) accepted the nomination. Delna Mazda (IVSA Malaysia) nominated Magdalena Jannasch (IVSA South Africa). Magdalena Jannasch (IVSA South Africa) accepted the nomination.

13. Nominations for 68th IVSA Congress (1 ½ years away; July/August 2019), 08.50 GMT+2 -

No further nominations.

14. Nominations for 68th IVSA Symposium (2 years away; December 2019/January 2020), 08.52 GMT+2 -

There were no nominations.

15. Presentation on the Shelter Medicine Policy Paper, 08.54 GMT+2 -

Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and Chair of SCoVE) presented the policy paper on Shelter Medicine. This policy paper states the importance of Shelter Medicine teaching within veterinary education. Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) made a point of information that this is not a policy paper but a position statement. The Chair entertained the motion to table this agenda item for GA Meeting 3. Sarah Marnin (IVSA SAVMA and Chair of SCOH) moved the motion. This was accepted.

16. Presentation on Policy Paper, 09.12 GMT+2 -

The draft policy paper on 'Hunting' has not yet been submitted. Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) entertained a motion, Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA) moved to table the Policy Paper until later in the GA. This was accepted.

17. ExCo Meetings – Reports on Executive Sessions, 09.14 GMT+2 -



Ondřej Vitula (President) explained the Executive Sessions occurred during ExCo Meetings on two (2) occasions. Ondrej Vitula provided the reasons for the Executive Sessions during these occasions. This was accepted.

18. IVSA Endorsement - OiE Day One Competencies, 09.19. GMT+2 -

Hibah Abuhamdieh (IVSA SAVMA) presented on behalf of the Working Group on Policies (WGP). OiE Day One Competencies are minimum standards for newly graduated veterinarians. Nina Schmidt (Member Organizations Director) moved for IVSA to endorse this paper. IVSA endorsement of the OiE Day One Competencies was approved.

19. Presentation of a preliminary Financial Statement for the current Financial year (2017-2018), 09.26 GMT+2 -

Perry Koehler (Treasurer) presented the Financial Statement for the current Financial Year. The delays with the recent bank relocation of the main IVSA bank account to Belgium in October 2017 has led to the issue with IVSA functions. IVSA Denmark has been kindly allowing IVSA to use their bank account to allow IVSA banking to occur but soon IVSA will not be able to use the IVSA Denmark account due to the change of positions in the IVSA Denmark Committee. Perry Koehler (Treasurer) discussed a new temporary solution which would be to open an IVSA subsidiary bank account in the USA, with the assistance of a veterinarian, whom is also a lawyer, and has helped set this up before for organisations and non-profit organisations. The subsidiary bank account would be in addition to the main IVSA bank account in Belgium. Perry Koehler (Treasurer) made the motion to allow ExCo to research, choose and open an American account to serve as IVSA's subsidiary bank account as long as this falls within the legal confines of IVSA, Belgium, and the USA. This was adopted. Frederic Lohr (Honorary Life Member) made a Parliamentary Enquiry to ask if it would be acceptable to open a subsidiary bank account. Various methods of banking and managing finance were discussed by the GA. The motion on the table was approved after discussion, motion passed.

20. Presentation for approval of the reports of each ExCo member's work since the Handover meeting, 09.43 GMT +2 -

Jordon Egan (Secretary General) presented the ExCo reports to the delegates prior to the General Assembly. Jordon Egan moved to approve the reports of each ExCo member's work since the Handover meeting, This was approved.

Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA and Trustee) moved for the GA to go into recess to at 09.46 GMT+2 until GA Meeting 3 at 14.00 GMT+2 on the 13th of December 2017. This was approved.

General Assembly – Meeting 3

13th of December, 2017

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA to order at 14.24 GMT+2.

Roll Call

Member Organizations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Belgium	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA Namibia	1	
IVSA Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Poland	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA Slovakia	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Sweden	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	



IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

Quorum was reached with 57% (26/46 voting entities present and eligible to vote).

Representatives of the Candidate Member Organizations IVSA Nigeria BOVEMSA and IVSA Zimbabwe, and applicant Uganda were present as guests.

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) entertained a motion with regards to moving agenda points. Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to postpone the Partner presentation – OiE agenda point 30 to after agenda point 45, postpone agenda point 29 to after the Partner presentation – OiE agenda point which will have become agenda point 46, and to postpone the Financial Report Presentation of 2016-2017 to after agenda point 68. This was accepted.

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) entertained a motion to Stand at Ease to amend live stream difficulties. Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to Stand at Ease. This was approved.

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA to order at 14.42 GMT+2.

21. Nominations for President, 14.43 GMT+2 -

There were no further nominations.

22. Nominations for 68th IVSA Congress (1 ½ years away; July/August 2019), 14.43 GMT+2 -

There were no further nominations.

23. Nominations for 68th IVSA Symposium (2 years away; December 2019/January 2020), 14.44 GMT+2 -

There were no further nominations.

24. Partner presentation - World Organisation for Animal Health (OiE), 14.45 GMT+2 -

Dr Yael Fahri gave a presentation on behalf of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OiE). Sarah Marnin (IVSA SAVMA and Chair of SCOH), Paul Set (IVSA Namibia), Hibah Abuhamdieh (IVSA SAVMA) and Tavishi Pandya (IVSA UK & Ireland and MOD Secretary) also assisted in the presentation to introduce the idea of a new IVSA-OiE Student Ambassador Programme.

Nina Schmidt (MOD) moved to call a GA Stand at Ease at 15.09 GMT+2 for five (5) minutes. This was adopted.

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA to order at 15.18 GMT+2.

25. Announcing the Top 3 Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE) Student Ambassadors, 15.18 GMT+2 -

Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and Chair of SCoVE) introduced Mark Johnston from VetStream to the GA via Google Hangout. VetStream explained that VetStream are happy to be working with SCoVE and IVSA with the SCoVE Student Ambassador programme. Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and Chair of SCoVE) presented the Top 3 SCoVE Student Ambassador Awards courtesy of VetStream. Third place winner was Lacey Benefiel (IVSA Grenada) who won free registration to attend a Congress. Second place winner was Amrit Ranabhat (IVSA Nepal) won free registration and accommodation to attend a Congress. The first place winner was Giorgos Kotsadam (IVSA Greece, Thessaly) won a free registration, accommodation and flights/travel costs to attend a Congress.

26. Presentation on attended events, 15.27 GMT+2 -

Ondřej Vitula (President) presented the events attended by IVSA. Events attended included the WSAVA GA and Congress (ExCo and IVSA Volunteers were present), the FECAVA GA for the first time and the 2nd OiE Global Conference on Biological Threat Reduction. Branden (ERO) gave a talk at the 2nd OiE Global Conference.

27. Update of the Treasurer Manual on reimbursements, 15.36 GMT +2 -

Perry explained IVSA Manuals are more intricate than IVSA Bylaws, however, the manuals are not binding. Perry Koehler (IVSA SAVMA) presented the recent changes to the Treasurer Manual. Removal of a section which no longer applies, changes to the time allowed to claim for a reimbursement from

28. IVSA Endorsement - Food Agricultural Organization (FAO) World Health Organization (WHO) Tripartite, 15.39 GMT +2 -

Hibah Abuhamdieh (IVSA SAVMA) presented on behalf of the Working Group on Policies (WGP) the FAO WHO Tripartite paper. Nina Schmidt (Member Organizations Director) moved to approve IVSA endorsement of the FAO WHO Tripartite. This was approved.

29. Recommendations for the Taskforce on Member Organizations, 15.43 GMT +2 -

Nina Schmidt (Member Organizations Director) explained the background associated with the Taskforce on Member Organizations, a result of the Malaysia General Assembly. Nina Schmidt (Member Organizations Director) moved to recommend that the Taskforce on Member Organizations research and write a manual on local, national, and supranational

member organizations, presenting findings and proposing a manual during GA at the 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow, Poland. This was approved and opened for discussion.

Sarah Marnin (IVSA SAVMA and Chair of SCOH) moved to table the discussion at 16.16 GMT +2. Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) objected. Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) moved to call a Stand at Ease for two (2) minutes. This was approved at 16.19 GMT+2.

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA back into order at 16.27 GMT+2, clarified the motion the GA and called the GA had a card raising vote. The vote was in favour. The motion was tabled to later be discussed. Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA and Trustee) moved to table the motion to after a Partner Presentation from Mission Rabies in GA Meeting 4 on the 14th of December, 2017.

Kerstin Abraham (IVSA Austria) moved to recess at 16.59 GMT+2 until the scheduled time for GA Meeting 4 at 10.00 GMT+2 on the 14th of December 2017.



General Assembly – Meeting 4

14th of December, 2017

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA to order at 10.28 GMT+2.

Roll Call

Member Organizations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Belgium	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia		1
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA Namibia	1	
IVSA Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Poland	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA Slovakia	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	



IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Sweden	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

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Representatives of the Candidate Member Organizations IVSA Kenya and IVSA Nigeria BOVEMSA, and applicant Uganda were present as guests.

30. Nominations for President, 10.32 GMT+2 -

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed. Complete list of nominees for President: Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and Chair of SCoVE), Tavishi Pandya (IVSA UK & Ireland and MOD Secretary) & Magdalena Jannasch (IVSA South Africa).

31. Nominations for 68th IVSA Congress (1 1/2 years away; July/August 2019), 10.33 GMT+2 -

No further nominations. Nominations were closed.

32. Nominations for 68th IVSA Symposium (2 years away; December 2019/January 2020), 10.33 GMT+2 -

There were no nominations.

33. Partner Presentation - Mission Rabies, 10.36 GMT+2 -

Frederic Lohr (Honorary Life Member), a veterinarian working for Mission Rabies, presented a presentation on behalf of IVSA partner, Mission Rabies.

34. Continuation of Taskforce Recommendations, 10.59 GMT+2 -

Lisa Buren (IVSA the Netherlands) moved to untable the Taskforce motion. This was accepted and the motion was open for discussion

After further discussion, Nina Schmidt (Member Organizations Director) moved to recommend that the Taskforce on Member Organizations research the feasibility of IVSA changing the organization's structure with their findings to be presented at the 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow, Poland. This was adopted.

Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA) moved to untable the second Taskforce motion. Discussion renewed. Friendly amendments were made to the motion.

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved the previous question. Objection by Kerstin Abraham (IVSA Austria).

Jordon Egan (Secretary General) moved to call a Stand at Ease for two (2) minutes at 11.28 GMT+2. This was approved. Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA to order at 11.30 GMT+2.

GA voted to move the previous question by card raising vote. The motion on the floor passed with no objections: 'to recommend that the Taskforce on Member Organizations researches current MO structures and writes a manual, including a template for constitutions, of local, national, and supernational member organizations. The taskforce will present its findings at the 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow, Poland.'

35. Presentations of Nominees for President, 11.32 GMT+2 -

The Election Committee explained the election process.

Lidia Steczek (IVSA Poland, Krakow) presented her reason for nomination of Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and Chair of the SCoVE) for the position of President. Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and Chair of the SCoVE) presented her nomination for the position of President.

Delna Mazda (IVSA Malaysia) presented her reason for nomination of Magdalena Jannasch (IVSA South Africa) for the position of President. Magdalena Jannasch (IVSA South Africa) presented her nomination for the position of President.

Clara Schubert (IVSA Germany) presented her reason for nomination of Tavishi Pandya (IVSA UK & Ireland) for the position of President. Tavishi Pandya (IVSA UK & Ireland) presented her nomination for the position of President.

The following questions were then asked to and answered by the nominees for the position of president: 'Would you have time to attend all the necessary events throughout the year?', 'Should you not win the election, will you then still be actively involved in IVSA?', 'When standing in front of a brand new potential partner or sponsor who hasn't heard of IVSA, how would you explain IVSA in 20 seconds?', 'What experience do you bring to the role of President?' and 'Have you spoken to past or current presidents - what advice have you received from them and how do you plan to implement recommendations?'

The candidates left the GA room and a brief discussion was had about the nominees. Presentations came to a close and voting will be held in GA Meeting 7 on the 17th of December 2017.

36. Presentations of the Nominees for Congress 1 1/2 years away (July/August 2019), 12.15 GMT+2 -

IVSA Turkey, Istanbul have formally withdrawn the nomination for Congress.

Dominque Flipse (IVSA Belgium, Ghent) presented first for the position of Organising Committee to host the 68th IVSA Congress (July/August 2019). Tanja Strišković (IVSA Croatia) presented for hosting the 68th IVSA Congress (July/August 2019).

The following questions were then asked to and answered by the nominees for the position of Organising Committee for Congress (July/August 2019): 'How many people will be on the Organizing Committee (OC)?', 'Do you have sponsors in mind or do you have sponsors ready for the event?', 'What would be the biggest challenge of organising an event in your country?' and 'What is the access of WiFi like, specifically in the accommodation and lecture halls for delegate and official use?'.

Presentations came to a close and voting will be held in GA Meeting 7 on the 17th of December 2017.

37. Report of the 66th IVSA Congress in Malaysia, 12.50 GMT+2 -

Delna Mazda (IVSA Malaysia) was Vice President of the Organising Committee and presented the report on the 66th IVSA Malaysia Congress, held July/August 2017. The full itinerary and financial statement was included. The total income (congress fees and sponsors) which was 121,324 EURO (€) and the total expenses that were 119,169.00 EURO (€). This resulted in a surplus of 2,155 EURO (€).

Nina Schmidt (Member Organizations Director) moved to approve the report of the 66th IVSA Congress in Malaysia. This was approved.

38. Policy Paper - Shelter Medicine, 13.02 GMT+2 -

Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands and Chair of SCoVE) presented the policy paper on Shelter Medicine.

39. Policy Paper - Hunting, 13.05 GMT+2 -

The Policy Paper on Hunting was made accessible to delegates since the 13th of December 2017. On behalf of Aqil Jeenah, Jordon Egan (Secretary General) shared a message. Kerstin Abraham (IVSA Austria) made the motion 'to move to postpone the discussion on the policy paper on hunting until Aqil Jeenah is present in GA Meeting 5 before voting on the policy paper on hunting'. This was accepted.

Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA and Trustee) moved to go into recess at 13.06 GMT+2 until GA Meeting 5 at 08.00 GMT+2 on the 16th of December 2017 and this was approved.

General Assembly – Meeting 5

16th of December, 2017

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA to order at 08.02 GMT+2.

Roll Call

Member Organizations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Belgium	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA Namibia		1
IVSA Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Poland	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA Slovakia	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	



IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Sweden	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

Quorum was reached with 54% (25/46 voting entities present and eligible to vote).

Representatives of the Candidate Member Organizations IVSA Kenya, IVSA Nigeria BOVEMSA, IVSA Zimbabwe and applicant Uganda were present as guests.

Elwin van Oldenborgh (IVSA The Netherlands) moved to elect Brian Jochems (IVSA ISM Alumni) as new Parliamentarian for the remainder of GA Meeting 5. This was accepted.

40. Nominations for 68th IVSA Symposium (2 years away; December 2019/January 2020), 8.17 GMT+2 -

No nominations received.

41. Presentation on the 67th IVSA Symposium in South Korea, 8.19 GMT+2 -

Dajung Kim (IVSA South Korea) provided a presentation on behalf of the president of the Organising Committee (OC), Seunghun Heo (IVSA South Korea). This included the itinerary for IVSA Symposium, the 14th - 22nd of January 2019, and Post-Symposium. A delegate fee of 335 EURO (€) was proposed for Symposium and a fee of 300 EURO (€) proposed for Post-Symposium.

42. Voting on maximum fee for the 67th IVSA Symposium in South Korea, 8.32 GMT+2 -

Dajung Kim (IVSA South Korea) presented maximum fee for Symposium as 335 EURO (€). Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA and Trustee) moved to approve the maximum fee of 335 EURO (€) for 67th IVSA South Korea Symposium as proposed in the presentation. This was approved.

43. Voting on Policy Paper - Shelter Medicine, 8.33 GMT+2 -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to approved the policy paper on shelter medicine. This was accepted. Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) moved to change to a policy paper, as it was originally presented as a position statement. This was approved. Line Nissen (IVSA Denmark) moved to table this discussion. Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) moved to amend the motion so that the discussion is tabled until the policy paper on has all necessary amendments, in particular to change the 'must' to 'recommend' throughout the paper. This was approved.

44. Voting on Policy Paper - Hunting, 8.50 GMT+2 -

Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) moved to bring the discussion back to the floor. Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) gave an introduction to the paper explaining that it was a draft. Nadine Tod (IVSA Austria) suggested a policy paper on the five freedoms since issues with welfare have been addressed frequently in this discussion.

Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) moved to withdraw the policy paper. This was accepted.

45. Presentation of and voting on new Member Organizations (MOs), 9.30 GMT+2 -

Nina Schmidt (Member Organizations Director) provided a presentation on applications for local MOs and national MOs.

Local MOs:

1. Algeria, Blida - previously an MO but lost membership due to not paying membership fees, so re-applying to join IVSA.
2. Libya, Tripoli
3. Turkey, Erzum
4. Ghana, Pong Tamale
5. Italy, Camerino

National MOs:

1. Chile, Santiago - the application was from one faculty but they intend to be a national MO and involve all veterinary faculties in Chile - they wanted to be accepted as a National MO first. Chile once belonged to IVSA but contact was lost and they want to rejoin.
2. Peru
3. Latvia
4. Mongolia
5. Nigeria
6. Kenya - this was presented by guest delegate Elly Kirwa.
7. Uganda - this was presented by guest delegate Nelson Bukamba.

Nina Schmidt moved to table the voting on new MOs until GA Meeting 6 after the voting of nominees for hosting the 68th IVSA Congress. This was adopted.

Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) moved to recess at 10.08 GMT+2 until the scheduled time for GA Meeting 6 at 8.00 GMT+2 on the 17th of December 2017. This was approved.



General Assembly – Meeting 6

17th of December, 2017

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA to order at 15.00 GMT+2.

Roll Call

Member Organizations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Belgium	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia		1
IVSA Namibia	1	
IVSA Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Poland	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA Slovakia	1	



IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Sweden		1
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

Quorum was reached with 52% (24/46 voting entities present and eligible to vote).

Representatives of the Candidate Member Organizations IVSA Kenya, IVSA Nigeria BOVEMSA, IVSA Zimbabwe and applicant Uganda were present as guests.

Nina Schmidt (Member Organizations Director) moved to postpone the agenda for GA 6 to GA 7 and to continue GA 6 as 'Agenda from GA 1 onwards' only. This was adopted.

Aqil Jeenah moved to postpone the presentation of an endorsement paper on aggressive dogs to after Committee Chair Bylaw Amendment, This was approved.

46. IVSA Endorsement - Euthanasia, 15.04 GMT+2 -

Hibah Abuhamdieh (IVSA SAVMA) presented on behalf of the Working Group of Policies (WGP) the American Animal Hospital Associations' (AAHA) Euthanasia policy paper of (AAHA). Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) moved to endorse the paper. This was approved.

47. Bylaw Amendments - Rights for Committee Chairs, 15.10 GMT+2 -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) presented the justification for the following bylaw amendments to include rights for Committee Chairs in the Bylaws.

47.1 Bylaw Amendment - 11.1 Congress and 11.2 Symposium -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to amend the first Bylaw and insert "the Committee Chairs" after each mention of "the ExCo, the Secretariat" to the third sentence of the section 11.1 Congress and the third sentence of the section 11.2 Symposium in the Section " Congresses and Symposia". This was opened for discussion. Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to amend the amendment and add "and group" after each mention of "Committee". This was approved.

So that the bylaws read:

At the section:

Congresses and Symposia - 11.1 Congress

'There must be a minimum of two (2) places per country for international delegates, in addition to the ExCo, the Secretariat, the Committee and Group Chairs, and the two (2) reserved places for the Trust.'

So that the bylaws read:

At the section:

Congresses and Symposia - 11.2 Symposium

'There must be a minimum of one (1) place per country for international delegates, in addition to the ExCo, the Secretariat, the Committee Chairs, and the two (2) reserved places for the Trust.'

Kerstin Abraham (IVSA Austria) moved to amend the motion to include working group chairs also. Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) objected to the motion to amend the Bylaw Amendment. The raising card vote was against the addition of "Working Group" to "Committee Chairs".

No objections to the motion, motion passed to including "Group Chairs". No objections to the motion to amend the first Bylaw and insert "the Committee and Group Chairs" after each mention of "the ExCo, the Secretariat" to the third sentence of the section 11.1 Congress and the third sentence of the section 11.2 Symposium in the Section " Congresses and Symposia". to the Bylaw. This was accepted.

47.2 Bylaw Amendment - 11.4 Responsibilities of the Organising Committee -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to amend the amendment of the second Bylaw by adding "and group" after each mention of "committee". This was approved. Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to amend the second Bylaw amendment to insert ", and Committee Chairs" after "the ExCo, Secretariat" to point 7 of the section 11.4 Responsibilities of the OC in the Section of Congresses and Symposia.

So that the bylaws read:

At the _____ section:
Congresses and Symposia - 11.4 Responsibilities of the OC

'7. Applications from members of the ExCo, Secretariat, and Committee and Group Chairs may not be declined.'

This was accepted.

47.3 Bylaw Amendment - 11.5 Congress and Symposium Finances -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to amend the third Bylaw and insert “, Committee Chairs” after “the ExCo, Secretariat” to point 14 of the section of the section 11.5 Congress and Symposium Finances in the Section of Congresses and Symposia. This was opened for discussion. Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to amend the amendment and add “and group” after each mention of “Committee”. This was approved.

Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) moved to Stand at Ease for two (2) minutes. This was approved and GA went into a Stand at Ease at 16.07 GMT+2.

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA into order at 16.16 GMT+2.

Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) objected to the motion on the floor. Lucian Todirică (Development Aid Director) moved to Stand at Ease. This was approved and the GA went into a Stand at Ease at 16.23 GMT+2.

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA into order at 16.30 GMT+2.

The card raising vote did not show a clear majority. Roll call vote showed 26 in favour to the objection of the motion and 21 against. Motion did not pass.

47.4 Bylaw Amendment - 11.7 Official parts of a Congress or Symposium -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to amend the fourth Bylaw and insert “, the Committee Chairs, and two members of the Trust” to point 1 of the section 11.7 Official parts of a Congress or Symposium in the Section of Congresses and Symposia. This was opened for discussion. Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to amend the amendment and add “and group” after each mention of “Committee”. This was approved.

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to amend the amendment of the fourth Bylaw by adding “and group” after each mention of “committee”. This was approved. Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) moved to amend the amendment to include “two members of the Trust”. This was approved.

So that the bylaws read:
Congresses and Symposia - 11.7 Official parts of a Congress or Symposium

At the section:

“1. ExCo meeting: The OC must provide free accommodation for members of the ExCo, the Secretariat, the Committee and Group Chairs, and two members of the Trust for one (1) additional day and night prior to the Congress or Symposium.”

Clara Buxbaum (IVSA Austria) moved to table. Objection by Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator). This went to a card raising vote. Motion remained on the floor.

Objection to moving the previous question by Brian Jochems (IVSA Alumni). This went to a card raising vote. Previous question was moved. This went to a card raising vote for the amendment by Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa). Motion passed.

Bylaw amendment passed with no objections.

Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA) moved to recess at 17.13 GMT+2 until the scheduled time for GA Meeting 7 at 8.00 GMT+2 on the 16th of December 2017. This was approved.

General Assembly – Meeting 7

17th of December, 2017

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) called the GA to order at 8.04 GMT+2.

Roll Call

Member Organizations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Belgium		1
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA Namibia	1	
IVSA Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	

IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Poland	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA Slovakia	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Sweden	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

Quorum was reached with 54% (25/46 voting entities present and eligible to vote).

Representatives of the Candidate Member Organizations IVSA Kenya, IVSA Nigeria BOVEMSA, IVSA Zimbabwe and applicant Uganda were present as guests.



48. Nominations for hosting the 68th IVSA Symposium, 8.18 GMT+2 -

No nominations. Nominations were closed but will be re-opened at the 67th IVSA Congress.

Nina Schmidt moved to untable presentations on New MOs. This was accepted.

49. Presentation on New MOs, 8.19 GMT+2 -

Nina Schmidt (Member Organizations Director) explained that IVSA Chile must now apply as a local MO. IVSA Nigeria, BOVEMSA is joining IVSA Nigeria to form a national MO.

Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) moved to approve all applying MOs. This was approved.

50. Voting on nominees for President, 8.21 GMT+2 -

The Election Committee summarised the process and the completion of the ballot forms.

Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer) recognised that IVSA Belgium arrived late after Roll Call. IVSA Belgium were approved to vote and the quorum was raised to 57%. Jordon Egan (Secretary General) called the roll call of those who were present.



All votes were collected from all 26 countries in attendance.

51. Presentation on the 67th IVSA Congress in Poland, 8.36 GMT+2 -

Lidia Steczek (IVSA Krakow, Poland) presented on the 67th IVSA Congress in Poland which will be held the 16th - 27th of July 2018. The 67th IVSA Congress will have 220 delegates. The delegate fee for IVSA Congress will be a maximum of 400 EURO (€) and Post-Congress fee will be approximately an additional 300 EURO (€) for 30 to 40 delegates for approximately six (6) days after Congress. The budget estimated an expenditure will be approximately over 107,000 EURO (€) and currently the an income of over 81,000 EURO (€) has been secured. Total hours of GA will be a minimum of 26 hours.

52. Presentation of Results of Voting for President, 8.50 GMT+2 -

The Election Committee announced the President-Elect for ExCo 2018-2019 is Magda Jannasch (IVSA South Africa) with 69.23% of the vote. Officially recognised by Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer).

53. Voting on nominees for 68th IVSA Congress (1 1/2 years away; July/August 2019), 8.57 GMT+2 -

Voting was administered by the election committee. All votes were collected from all 26 countries in attendance.

54. Presentation for approval of the Financial Report for the previous Financial year (2016-2017), 9.07 GMT+2 -

Ivan Kotze (IVSA South Africa and Past Treasurer) presented the Financial Report for the previous financial year (2016-2017). Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) moved to approve the the financial report for the previous financial year (2016-2017). This was approved.

55. Discussion of ExCo Titles, 9.10 GMT+2 -

Presentation by Aqil Jeenah (Aqil Jeenah) to justify the GA discussion. Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) moved to propose ExCo research the potential to change titles of ExCo position and to formulate a bylaw amendment by Poland Congress.

Jesse Gosker (IVSA The Netherlands) moved the previous question to the motion on the floor to propose ExCo investigate the possibility of changing IVSA ExCo. This was approved.

Motion passed. ExCo will investigate the change of titles to enable all ExCo members to carry a 'Vice-President'.

56. Trainers Network (TN), 9.17 GMT+2 -

Elwin van Oldenborgh (IVSA The Netherlands) moved to postpone the agenda point 'Trainers

Network' until Election Committee Chair Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) will be available after agenda point 32. This was approved.

57. Bylaw Amendment - Meetings held electronically, 9.18 GMT+2 -

Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) moved to approve the amendment to remove the sixth and seventh paragraph, as written, in the Section Meetings held electronically.

So that the remaining bylaws read:

At the section:

Meetings held electronically

'Electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules adopted by the body that is meeting, or by the Association, to govern them, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, members' participation. Any such rules formally adopted by the convening body shall supersede any conflicting rules in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, but may not otherwise conflict with or alter any rule or decision of the Association.

An anonymous vote conducted through the designated internet meeting service shall be deemed to be a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirements that a vote be conducted by ballot.

Unless specified otherwise by the body that is meeting, members attending a meeting electronically have the same rights of attendance, speech and proposal as members who are present in person. Any specification should be the first order of business, and must be approved at the start of the first meeting with a 2/3 majority of the voting members.'

The Bylaw Amendment was approved.

58. Presentation of Results of Voting for Congress 1 ½ years away, 9.22 GMT+2 -

The Election Committee announced that IVSA Croatia will be the host for the 68th IVSA Congress with a majority vote of 88%. Officially recognised by Branden Nettles (Chairman and External Relations Officer).

59. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) - VetStream, 9.22 GMT+2 -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to withdraw and amend the MoU to present at the 67th IVSA Congress. This was approved.

60. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) - WikiVet Project, 9.24 GMT+2 -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) explained that the project is less than a year, so it does not require GA approval. No further discussion with the GA.

61. Bylaw Amendment - Alumni, 9.25 GMT+2 -

Magdalena Jannasch (IVSA South Africa and President-Elect) moved to insert the written sentence “A member is considered a veterinarian when he/she has the legal right to practise veterinary medicine in any country as of the 1st September of the current financial year” to the end of the section 10.1 Individual Supportive Members in the Section of Members. This was opened for discussion.

Magdalena Jannasch (IVSA South Africa and President-Elect) moved to withdraw the amendment. This was accepted.

62. Trainers Network (TN), 10.09 GMT+2 -

Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) presented a video presentation by Emma van Rooijen (Honorary Life Member) who provided an update on the TN.

63. IVSA Endorsement - Zoonotic Tuberculosis, 10.20 GMT+2 -

Hibah Abuhamdieh (IVSA SAVMA) presented on behalf of the Working Group on Policies (WGP) the Zoonotic Tuberculosis paper. Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) moved to approve IVSA endorsement of the ‘Zoonotic Tuberculosis’ paper. This was approved.

64. Bylaw Amendment - Policy Papers, 10.24 GMT+2 -

The following motion was made by Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) who moved: ...to insert the to replace the sentence “Such papers are...the Constitution”, in the second sentence of the first paragraph in Section Policy Papers and Position Statements, with the following sentence: “Such papers are bound by and must not contradict the IVSA’s Constitution and Bylaws.” ...and to replace the word “not” with “no” in the first sentence of point 2 in Section Policy Papers and Position Statements. ...and to replace the word “statement” with “paper” in the second sentence of point 2 in Section Policy Papers and Position Statements. ...and to replace the second sentence “If this is....proposing it” of point 2 in in Section Policy Papers and Position Statements with the following sentence: “A Policy Paper may also be proposed without prior notice, provided that the General Assembly approves to entertain a motion to adopt the Policy Paper with a 2/3 majority of the voting members present.” ...and to add the word “paper” after the second word “policy” of point 3 in Section Policy Papers and Position Statements. ...and to replace the word “delegates” with “General Assembly” of point 3 in Section Policy Papers and Position Statements.

The motion was opened for discussion. Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) moved to amend the motion to change “two-thirds” to “simple” majority of point 2. This was approved. Brian Jochems (IVSA Alumni) moved to make a friendly amendment adding “the” before “General Assembly” in point 3. This was approved.

So that the bylaws read:

At the section:
Policy Papers and Position Statements

'Policy papers are general documents explaining IVSA's opinion and beliefs on a general topic. Such papers are bound by and must not contradict the IVSA's Constitution and Bylaws. The procedures for adopting policy papers are as follows:

- 1. Policy papers must be proposed by at least one (1) IVSA member.*
- 2. Policy papers should be circulated to all Member Organizations no less than 30 days prior to the opening meeting of the General Assembly at which the paper is to be considered. A Policy Paper may also be proposed without prior notice, provided that the General Assembly approves to entertain a motion to adopt the Policy Paper with a simple majority of the voting members present.*
- 3. Policy papers must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote during a later meeting of the General Assembly than the meeting in which the policy paper is first presented to the General Assembly.'*

This Bylaw Amendment was approved.

Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) moved to recess at 10.34 GMT+2 until the scheduled time for GA Meeting 8 at 14.00 GMT+2 on the 17th of December 2017. This was approved.



General Assembly – Meeting 8

17th of December, 2017

Branden Nettles (Chair) called the GA to order at 14.10 GMT+2.

Roll Call

Member Organizations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Belgium	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia		1
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA Namibia	1	
IVSA Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Poland	1	
IVSA Romania	1	



IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA Slovakia	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Sweden	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

Quorum was reached with 54% (25/46 voting entities present and eligible to vote).

Representatives of the Candidate Member Organizations IVSA Kenya, IVSA Nigeria BOVEMSA, IVSA Zimbabwe and applicant Uganda were present as guests.

65. Nominations for hosting the 68th IVSA Symposium, 14.38 GMT+2 - No nominations. Nominations closed until Krakow.

66. IVSA Endorsement - Aggressive Dogs, 14.40 GMT+2 - Hibah Abuhamdieh (IVSA SAVMA) presented on behalf of the Working Group on Policies (WGP) the Aggressive Dogs paper by the World Veterinary Association (WVA). Lara Scherer (Committee Coordinator) moved to endorse the WVA paper on aggressive dogs. This was approved.

67. Policy Paper - Shelter Medicine, 14.45 GMT+2 -

Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands) moved to untable the Shelter Medicine policy paper. This was approved, discussion reopened. Sarah Marnin moved to approve the policy paper on Shelter Medicine. This was approved.

68. Any Other Business, 14.47 GMT+2 -

Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) moved to accept all candidate members present at the 66th IVSA Symposium. This was approved.

Samantha Morici (IVSA SAVMA) moved to approve an addendum to the existing Bayer contract. This was adopted. No other business was raised.

Jordon Egan (Secretary General) moved to adjourn the General Assembly of the 66th of IVSA Symposium in South Africa. This was approved.

The GA adjourned at 14.52 GMT+2.



Jordon Egan
Secretary General 2017-2018
Vice President 2017
International Veterinary Students' Association

