2020.02.08 – Minutes of the Seventh (7th) Online Meeting of ExCo 2019-2020

The Seventh (7th) Online Meeting of the IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2019-2020 was held at GMT+1 on 2020.02.02. Elwin van Oldenborgh (President) was present to Chair and Kylie Small (Secretary General) was present to take the minutes.

Attendance

Executive Committee Officers Present
Elwin van Oldenborgh President
Kylie Small Secretary General (SG)
Merel Knoops External Relations Officer and Vice President (ERO)
Anna Ciećkiewicz Member’s Organization Director (MOD)
Kathi Loose Treasurer
Daniel Lund Post Treasurer
Laura Scowen Development Aid Director (DAD)
Cahyani Fortunitawanli Public Relations Coordinator (PRC)
Emily Freeman Committee Coordinator (CC)

Other IVSA Officials Present
Lina Serna
Branden Nettles
Julia Nebes
Katerina Kokkinidou
Tiyeyosi Jegede

Apologies

1) Opening – Elwin van Oldenborgh (President) called the meeting to order at 14.05 GMT+1.

2) Approval of the Agenda – The Agenda of the Seventh (7th) Online Meeting was approved.

3) Action Points-
   a. Office change - put Merel on the bank instead, she’s the President-Elect
   b. Google ad grant - no update since the last meeting
   c. MoU with Mini Vet Guides - waiting for follow up
   d. Updated bylaws - work in progress
   e. Committees website - update during PRC

4) Trust Report – Branden Nettles
   a. Meeting will occur with trust tomorrow

5) Committee Coordinator (CC) Update – Emily Freeman
a. Emily Freeman (CC) explained that she will be taking over the position
b. Had a brief handover meeting with Aninca this week, still working on getting emails and log in information sorted out

6) Committee reports –

a. **Standing Committee on Animal Welfare (SCAW):**
   i. Promotion Animal Welfare Week  
      1. working on sponsors and promotion  
      2. Contact with ERO about sponsorship  
   ii. Animal Welfare Toolkit  
      1. to help members who want to put on lectures for animal welfare week but aren’t sure what to do  
   iii. Sponsorship program  
      1. sponsoring local MOs in local projects  
   iv. Ambassador Program  
      1. considering reopening applications  
      1. working on a summary report  
   vi. Sustainable guidelines for animal welfare conference  

b. **Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE):**
   1. SCoVE quiz  
      a. 51 valid responses for the quiz  
      b. Having issues getting the lab coat, would like to claim a 20 euro prize for the winner  
         i. ExCo will vote on it if he is unable to send the coat  
   2. SCoVE + SCOME webinar  
      a. Might just host as a SCoVE event due to lack of communication with IFMSA  
      b. Zoom does not have a webinar platform  
   3. SCoVE Conference  
      a. wants to plan a conference similar to SCAW, very beginnings of the project  

b. **Standing Committee on One Health (SCOH) -**
   i. Projects  
      1. TB campaign that WHSA has suggested a collaboration  
      2. Awareness for Coronavirus  
   ii. Videos  
   iii. Publications  
   iv. OIE  
      1. 60 applications for second term for ambassadors  
      2. working on changes from both sides to improve the program  
   v. Small Working Group  
      1. IFMSA and IVSA collaboration, they are meeting every week and are hoping to host a common workshop  
   vi. IVSA SCOH One Health Conference  
   vii. One Hope  
      1. several working groups, going ahead to plan their first meeting  
      2. will keep IVSA members up to date on the projects
viii. Humanimal Trust
   1. charity that fosters one medicine as a sustainable and effective approach for medicine
   2. collaboration between vets, doctors and other health professionals
   3. want to partner with IVSA

ix. Website/social media

d. Working Group on Alumni (WGA)
   i. No update from Tavishi

e. Standing Committee on Wellness (SCoW) - Katerina
   i. Taking a break as a committee due to exams being in January
   ii. There are not mentors for the committee
      1. Contacting WSAVA
      2. Working with Tavishi for WGA
      3. VetX could be a possible contact because they do talks regarding mental health and work life balance
         a. They also have mentoring sessions 4 times a month across different time zones

iii. Wellness Week
   1. poster will go out today
   2. 30th of March

iv. Wellness Toolkit
   1. There are some articles developed, but they need more
   2. Want to do it as a competition where there is a reward for submitting to
      a. Reward would be for the chapter to send someone to congress

f. Standing Committee on Career Attributes (SCoCA)
   i. Georgios was asked to step down from the position, Emily will be taking over the responsibility as chair and she will be working with Thomas Bonnafé regarding this position
   ii. Google drive
      1. This has been created for the committee
   iii. Committee manual
      1. Working with Magda and Aninca
   iv. Training New Trainers Event 2020
      1. Will be held before or after the Congress in Greece
      2. Working with previous trainers
      3. Still in the early stages of planning
      4. Discussing with other organizations that have trainers network

v. Strategic plan
   1. Creating a 6 month, 1 year and 5 year plan

7) Development Aid Director (DAD) Update – Laura Scowen
   a. IVSA Scholarship Grant-
   b. BSAVA Book Donation- on hold
c. Philippines Microscopes- working with the contact at the school since the delivery wants the payment in cash
d. Vetbooks Ohio State- on hold, no contact
e. Sponsorship Week, Cree- will follow up with the Treasurers regarding transferring the funds
f. Membership Fee Fund- applications are closed, they will be scored soon
g. 10,000 Paws Project- is in the process of being reviewed by ExCo

8) Member Organization Director (MOD) Update – Ania
   a. Communication and MO involvement
      i. Welcome email has been sent to new MOs
         1. In contact with regional representatives
      ii. Working with Sudan to try to establish a local MO
          1. Will send a letter of support of their application
      iii. Excellence award certificates will be sent soon
      iv. New MOs are supposed to pay half fee
   b. Exchanges and International events
      i. National MO survey - deadline is 1st of March
   c. Regional Representatives
      i. Next meeting will be in the beginning of March
      ii. Met with Nabeelah and African MOs in Morocco
   d. Possible strategic plan to involve MOs that are not just in Europe
   e. MO bulletin to be reviewed by SG

9) Public Relations Coordinator (PRC) Update -Nita
   a. Social Media
      i. Discussed promotion and ideas with Secretariats
      ii. Symposium update to be sent out this month
      iii. Promoting the MO challenge and newly updated opportunities page
   b. IVSA Journal
      i. Last edition of the journal to be released
   c. Committee website
      i. Iina is doing a great job, its nearing completion
      ii. Publishing as soon as one page is done instead of waiting for all the pages to be completed
      iii. Waiting on information from Wellness
      iv. Plan to hand it over to the next PRC to build the SCoCA page
      v. Iina is working with Tavishi for WGA
   d. Future Projects
      i. Sponsorship booklet- content is still in progress
      ii. IVSA Global Organisation profile - wants to do one leaflet or informational video to introduce what IVSA is
      iii. Collaboration with Ania for information for MOs
      iv. Introductory video for each committee

10) Treasurer Update- Kathi Loose
   a. PayPal
      i. Documents have been uploaded
      ii. Can’t talk to them because Daniel is on the account
b. IVC
   i. money has been received

c. update on the budget of the 68th Symposium
   i. 

d. update on the development fund
   i. Money has been collected and given to the DAD fund

e. Reimbursements
   i. waiting on more expense reports from ExCo

11) Secretary General Update - Kylie Small
a. Morocco Review

12) External Relations Officer Update - Merel Knopps
a. Sponsors:
   i. Bayer - meeting with new representative on Wednesday, meeting in Brussels to determine new partnership options
   ii. Purina - been in contact, waiting for links and graphics to have uploaded by Nita
      1. Daniel did a great presentation during Symposium
   iii. Anicura
      1. sent a reminder email regarding communication, waiting to hear back
   iv. Independent Vetcare
      1. Sponsoring formal dinner in Greece
         a. The amount they asked for was incorrect, Merel will be taking over contact with IVC again
         b. Contacted them to discuss what happened, waiting for a response

b. Partners:
   i. Vet Festival Merel has exams during this period of time, what other officials should go
      1. Laura and Emily are able to attend
      2. ExCo vote: unanimous vote

c. Potential sponsors / partners:
   i. Royal Canin - seems eager to sponsor IVSA, still waiting for continued communication

d. Upcoming projects:
   i. Sponsorship booklets for the Standing Committees

13) President Update - Elwin
a. Partner communication
   i. EAEVE - working on figuring out details about the partnership and visitation
   ii. SAVMA Symposium - received the international travel grant to attend
   iii. OIE - relationship with the OIE may be changing, there are complications with the program

b. Other things that require attention
   i. IVSA banner - could get a banner with sponsors on it to bring with us to events
ii. Discussions during GA have been summarized
iii. BEVA volunteer applications are open

14) Attended Events
   a. 68th IVSA Symposium in Morocco
      i. Re-election discussion
         1. Issue that occurred during the GA was discussed

Executive session entered
Executive session adjourned

15) Upcoming Events
   a. 69th IVSA Congress in Greece - Ania
      i. Had an online meeting with them
         1. Budget - currently in surplus, asked them to supply all contracts and budget
   b. Western Veterinary Conference (WVC)
      i. Elwin is attending next week
   c. SAVMA Symposium
      i. Elwin is attending
         1. He will do vetpd raffle
   d. ExCo Meetings:
      i. Next online meeting
         1. Will send out a doodle poll for beginning of March

16) Any Other Business (AOB) –

The meeting adjourned at 18.30 GMT +1

Kylie Small
Secretary General 2019-2020