

Expectations of WDA Council Members

Thank you for considering taking a more active role in our organization and running for Council. As a member of the governing body of WDA, you have the opportunity to influence the direction of our organization at the highest level. However, this opportunity comes with certain important responsibilities and expectations that you should carefully consider ahead of the election. These include:

- 1) Attending quarterly Council meetings by phone in December, March, and May. These usually run between 1-2 hours each (and for some may occur well outside of business hours since our council members cover more than 12 time zones).
- 2) Making every reasonable attempt to attend the face to face Council meeting held at the annual WDA conference usually around July-August. If you are unable to attend physically, we can arrange for you to attend via telephone.
- 3) Carefully reading briefing notes and other preparatory material well PRIOR to attending Council meetings (electronic and in person). Officers strive to have this material available to Council members 3 weeks prior to the meetings.
- 4) Being prepared to succinctly and actively discuss action items and vote on motions during Council meetings.
- 5) Responding to requests for input from WDA officers during electronic business in a timely manner (within 5 working days for most situations).
- 6) Provide *ad hoc* additional support to the officers and and represent the WDA when requested by the President.

You are encouraged to review the "Duties of Council" Section (Article II) and "Meetings" (Article VII) of the WDA Bylaws. <http://www.wildlifedisease.org/wda/ABOUTWDA/ConstitutionandBylaws.aspx> so that you are clear on what is expected of you in this important position.

The success of WDA governance depends on the constructive engagement of all members of Council. We wish you the best of luck during the upcoming election.