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1. Background

The WDA Business Meeting took place on Tuesday July 28th at 1PM Australian Eastern Standard Time at the Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Maroochydore in Queensland, Australia. Secretary Carlos das Neves was responsible for writing down the minutes of this meeting to be presented for approval at the next WDA Council meeting. The Secretary further informs that the minutes include exclusively the major discussions during the business meeting for issues/topics which cannot otherwise be found in other supporting documents or presentations.

A full audio recording of the Council meeting is available for members who wish to review details from this meeting.

2. Discussion

See Council Meeting Notes (***WDA-ACT#2016-01***)

3. Motion

WDA Council approves the minutes of the WDA 2015 Annual Business Meeting which took place Tuesday July 28th at the Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Maroochydore in Queensland, Australia

4. Extra documentation

- Minutes from the July 2015 WDA Annual Business meeting

5. Decision

Moved:	WORK
Seconded:	NEIMANE
Result:	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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Note: An audio record of this Annual Meeting is available and supports these minutes.

1. Opening procedures

The Business meeting was called to order by President Thierry Work at 01:03 PM AEST (UTC+10). The President thanked all members for participation and moved immediately to the officer’s reports.

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2. Officers reports

2.1. President's report

President Thierry presented his report (**REP#2015-01**) and summarized his major achievements:

1. Revision of the Constitution and Bylaws (together with the ExMan). He informed the members that the Constitution will require the approval of the membership and the draft now approved by Council will be put forward to the members for discussion and approval.
2. Increasing cooperation with the Asian colleagues;
3. Creating new ways for retired professionals to remain as WDA members. **President Thierry** mentioned the creation of a lifetime membership category.
4. Increase of membership in 25% had not been reached, being currently at 10%;
5. Increasing the endowment by 500 00USD had been achieved;
6. Reaching out to non-veterinary associations is being achieved specially also via the Public Affairs Committee.

A question was posed whether the changes to the Constitution would be highlighted for easy tracking.

2.2. Treasurer's report

Baeten presented the WDA financial report (**REP#2015-03**), which was presented as a powerpoint to all members. A question was asked if all fund raising solutions were advertised online. Jessup clarified these were available on the WDA website.

No further questions being put forward a motion was brought before the membership which read as follows: **"THE WDA APPROVES THE 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURE IN HER REPORT WDA-REP#2015-03"**.

Discussion was opened and closed without any additional comments.

MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2.3. Vice-president's report

VP Uhart presented her report (**REP#2015-02**). **Uhart** referred to the task of populating and setting the targets for all the WDA committees (16 in total) and appealed for the membership to volunteer for new committee members. **Uhart** also chaired the Time&Place Committee which handles the annual conferences and informed about the 2016 conference in Cornell – Ithaca-NY and the 2017 conference in Puerto Vallarta – Mexico. A question was made on how renewal of committee chairs was done, and **Uhart** informed chairs will first be asked if they wish to continue and if they have members they believe should be changed or names that should be added.

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2.4. Secretary's report

Das Neves presented his report (REP#2015-04). **Das Neves** thanked Peregrine Wolff for her help during the transition period between secretaries. **Das Neves** focused on the changes made: new format for WDA documents and cataloging system which is central to make the workflow easier (hundreds of pages being processed every year). **Das Neves** also informed that the WDA website would include in the future an area for members to follow up the work of council both in terms of agenda for upcoming meetings as well as documents approved by council. **Das Neves** summarized then the work during 2015 in terms of numbers of meetings and documents produced/voted. **Das Neves** then informed the membership of the results of the WDA Council elections from last May. **Das Neves** informed on the efforts to establish an online platform (on GOOGLE) for sharing all documents as a way to make officers work more efficient. Finally **Das Neves** informed that one task not yet done was the archiving system for the WDA documents but that it would be the focus of the Teller Committee in 2016.

2.5. JWD editor's report

Mills presented his report (REP#2015-05) with a powerpoint presentation (available as PDF) summarizing the statistics of the Journal during 2015. (impact factor, publish articles, rejection rates, types of submissions, major countries submitting to JWD, etc...). **Mills** also informed that the turn-around time for articles has significantly decreased in the last 2-3 years. Changes on online solutions for figures and online ahead-of-print were also mentioned by **Mills** as successful examples for making JWD a more interesting journal to publish in.

Mills informed that he would be stepping down as Editor-in-Chief as soon as WDA could find a suitable replacement. **President Thierry** thanked **Mills** and **Barbara Ellis** on behalf of the WDA for his work.

3. Presentation of the WDA 2016 Conference

Krysten Schuler from Cornell University gave a powerpoint presentation (available as PDF) on the upcoming WDA meeting in 2016, which will take place at Cornell University and the Greek Peak Mountain Resort in the state of New York, USA from July 31st to August 5th 2016.

4. Executive Manager report

ExMan Jessup presented his report (REP#2015-07) with a powerpoint presentation (available as PDF). **Jessup** focused first on presenting some statistic regarding WDA such as the increase in membership (currently at 1572). He informed that there has been a change in the types of memberships with online memberships taking over in the last 2 years (the increase in online journal subscriptions from 11% to 60% in 3 years). **Jessup** informed also that the largest geographical WDA section was now the Australasian. **Jessup** presented the endowment and how WDA has been collecting funds for this goal, being currently at 3/5 of the objective. However to achieve this goal WDA will have to continue raising a minimum of 100 000 USD a year. Finally **Jessup** presented some interesting statistics for the WDA website and who is accessing it.

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5. Other Council Business

There were no other Council Business issues put forward.

6. Conclusion remarks

No further topics being brought before Council, President **Work** thanked all members for their participation and moved for closure, being seconded by **Das Neves**.

Council was officially declared closed at 13:41 AEST (UTC+10).

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

Oslo, Norway 19th November 2015



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