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## **ACTION ITEM - WDA-ACT#2016-23** **Approval of 2016 Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Background**

The WDA Council met on Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup> at 17:00 Eastern Standard Time at the Hope Lake Lodge, Cortland, NY – USA. 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.

### **2. Discussion**

3. *See Council Meeting Notes (WDA-ACT#2017-01)*

### **4. Motion**

**WDA Council approves the minutes of the WDA 2016 Annual Business Meeting which took place Thursday August 4th at the Hope Lake Lodge, Cortland, NY – USA.**

### **5. Extra documentation**


- Minutes from the August 2016 WDA Annual Business meeting

### **6. Decision**

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>DREW</b>
<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>MULCAHY</b>
<b>Result:</b>	<b>APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</b>

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# WDA Annual Business Meeting


## August 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Hope Lake Lodge, Cortland NY - USA

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## 1. Opening procedures

The Business meeting was called to order by President **Marcela Uhart** at 16:52. The President thanked all members for participation and moved immediately to the officer's reports.

## 2. Officers reports

### 2.1. President's report

**President Uhart** presented her report (**REP#2016-01**) and summarized his major achievements. No questions were asked.

### 2.2. Treasurer's report

**Baeten** presented the WDA financial report (**REP#2016-03 / ACT#2016-15**), which was presented as a powerpoint to all members. A question was asked if WDA investment portfolio respected principles of environmental sustainability. Baeten confirmed it did.

No further questions being put forward a motion was brought before the membership which read as follows: **"THE WDA APPROVES THE 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURE IN ACTION ITEM WDA-ACT#2016-15"**.

Discussion was opened and closed without any additional comments.

**MOTION was put to vote and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

### 2.3. Vice-president's report


**VP Miller** presented her report (**REP#2016-02**). **Miller** 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. No questions were asked.

### 2.4. Secretary's report

**Das Neves** presented his report (**REP#2016-04**). **Das Neves** informed that a Excel list with all items discussed and handled in Council will be made available for all the membership (A summary of items brought to council in the last 12 months is presented as an appendix to this minutes). No questions were asked.

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### 3. Executive Manager report

**ExMan Jessup** presented his report (REP#2016-07) and focused on information related to the efforts to reach the endowment goals for WDA JWD. There were several questions and discussions on the JWD and the endowment effort. The most important points were:

- Should WDA invest on a lay magazine to balance JWD?
- What to do in practical terms with the endowment money once there is flexibility?
- Should one implement more often special issues for JWD?
- Should we move to an only online format for JWD?

### 4. Other Council Business

There was a question from a member from India about WDA initiatives to raise visibility in different countries and which efforts are being made to increase membership. **Jessup, Uhart and Das Neves** summarized the several initiatives being currently implemented ranging from WDA online presence in the web, regular contacts with other local associations/organizations working on wildlife, new tools for WDA publicity (brochures, ppt presentations, etc...).

There was also a question about reducing membership fees as a way to make registration more “desirable”. The Australasian Section Chair reminded all that while that sounds like a tempting idea, sections income depends greatly on the membership fees which are divided among the geographical sections and that reductions on these amounts has a direct effect on the capacity of the sections to perform their work.

### 5. Conclusion remarks

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

**Council was officially declared closed at 17:28.**

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


**Oslo, Norway 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**



**Carlos G. das Neves**, *DVM PhD Dipl. ECZM*  
WDA Secretary


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ACT#	2015-21	30.11.2015	Approval of Council Meeting Notes – July 2015 Council Renewal of the AAWV - WDA MOA and approval of joint meeting	Council November 2015	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2015-22	30.11.2015	WDA 2016 Budget	Council November 2015	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2015-23	30.11.2015	Council Candidates 2016	Council November 2015	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2015-24	30.11.2015	WDA 2018 Conference location	Council November 2015	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2015-25	30.11.2015	Approval of new Student Chapters	Council November 2015	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2015-26	30.11.2015	WDA Student Scholarship Awards Expansion	Council November 2015	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2015-27	30.11.2015	Approval of 2015 Annual Business Meeting Minutes	Council November 2015	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-01	20.04.2016	Approval of Council Meeting Notes - November 2015 Council	Council April 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-02	20.04.2016	Interim 2016 Financial Summary Report	Council April 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-03	20.04.2016	Approval of slate of 'Student member of Council' candidates (Election April 24-June 15)	Council April 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-04	20.04.2016	Approval of updated list of countries with free access to JWD Providing Matching Funds for JWD Endowment Funds Raised in 2015	Council April 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-05	20.04.2016	Approval of Awards Committee Recommendations	Council April 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-06	20.04.2016	Approval of and seating on Council the new JWD Editor	Council April 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-07	20.04.2016	Approval of the Small Grants Committee's selection for grant awards – Grant 1	Council April 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-08	20.04.2016	Approval of the Small Grants Committee's selection for grant awards – Grant 2	Council April 2016 + ebusiness may 16	TABLED BY COUNCIL - APPROVED BY EBUSINESS IN MAY 2016
ACT#	2016-09	20.04.2016	Approval of WDA Officers' travel payments	Council April 2016	APPROVED
ACT#	2016-10	31.07.2016	Approval of Council Meeting Notes – April 2016 Council	Council Jul 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-11	31.07.2016	WDA Student Chapter ad-hoc Committee - Guidelines approval	Council Jul 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-12	31.07.2016	Approval of JWD policy on publication of scientific papers based on samples or data obtained from whaling	Council Jul 2016	APPROVED

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ACT#	2016-14	31.07.2016	Review of Ex-man performance and 2016-2018 contract renewal	Council Jul 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-15	31.07.2016	Published Annual Financial report 2015	Council Jul 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-16	31.07.2016	Public Awareness Committee-Advertisement and Letter - MOTION O NLETTER	Council Jul 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED with revisions to be included
ACT#	2016-16	31.07.2016	Public Awareness Committee-Advertisement and Letter - MOTION ON ADVERTISEMENT	Council Jul 2016	REJECTED
ACT#	2016-17	31.07.2016	Recommendation to contract with the University of Florida for the 2018 WDA Conference, Gainesville, FL	Council Jul 2016	TABLED BY PRESIDENT - NOT PRESENTED TO COUNCIL
ACT#	2016-18	31.07.2016	Formation of an Audit Committee	Council Jul 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
ACT#	2016-19	31.07.2016	Approval of new membership category, "Young professional"	Council Jul 2016	TABLED BY PRESIDENT - NOT PRESENTED TO COUNCIL
ACT#	2016-20	31.07.2016	Outreach Powerpoints for use by WDA members	Council Jul 2016	CONSIDERED NOT TO BE FOR VOTING BY COUNCIL
ACT#	2016-21	31.07.2016	Proposal from AAWV regarding a new Student Veterinary Travel Award	Council Jul 2016	UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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INF# 2015-10	30.11.2015	Development of new website based member benefits	Council November 2015	DISCUSSED
INF# 2015-11	30.11.2015	TWS - WDA MOA	Council November 2015	DISCUSSED
INF# 2015-12	30.11.2015	Relationship between WDA Sections and WDA Student Chapters	Council November 2015	DISCUSSED
INF# 2016-01	20.04.2016	Envisioning WDA and JWD when endowment goals are met	Council April 2016	DISCUSSED
INF# 2016-02	20.04.2016	Progress report on ad hoc Committee on Sections and Chapters	Council April 2016	DISCUSSED
INF# 2016-03	20.04.2016	Constitution approval and Council at Large election results	Council April 2016	DISCUSSED
INF# 2016-04	20.04.2016	Update on 2016 and 2017 annual international conferences	Council April 2016	DISCUSSED
INF# 2016-05	31.07.2016	Election of Student Representative to Council	Council July 2016	DISCUSSED
INF# 2016-06	31.07.2016	Report on progress for the WDA 2017 conference	Council July 2016	DISCUSSED
INF# 2016-07	31.07.2016	2016 JWD Foundation Support Effort	Council July 2016	DISCUSSED
INF# 2016-08	31.07.2016	WDA – AAZV Ad Hoc Committee Report to WDA Council	Council July 2016	DISCUSSED

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