

**Minutes of WAVA General Assembly, August 19, 2009, 10:15 to 11:15 am, 17<sup>th</sup> IFAA – International Federation of Associations of Anatomists Congress, Cape Town International Conference Centre, South Africa.**

**Because WAVA President, Bob Henry's, cancelled flights,** he could not physically be at the assembly. With this advent, a **teleconference was quickly arranged** and executed via "SKYPE" by the conference center personnel so that Professor Henry could preside. Once arrangements were in place, Professor Ken Booth agreed to facilitate and moderate the meeting venue. Dr. Marco Pereira-Sampaio, Vice President of Region 2 joined the assembly electronically from Brasil along with Bob.

The General Assembly was called to order by Dr. Booth in order to transact the official business of the society. He and Bob both welcomed the members and guest. The agenda was set and the printed agenda was passed out.

**Agenda:**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Presentation of the Agenda**
- 3. Report of the president**
- 4. Report of the treasurer**
- 5. Committee reports**
- 6. Presentation of the ballots for the Constitutional amendments**
- 7. Other**

**Attendance:** WAVA Executive - President Professor Robert Henry  
Vice President Region 2 Professor Marco Pereira-Sampaio  
WAVA Members - Professor Ken Booth  
Professor Levi Ohale  
Guest anatomist - Professor Richard Cabral,  
President Brazilian Anatomical Society

The meeting was called to order by the president at 10:17 am.

**Welcome:** Professor Ken Booth and the President welcomed the audience and thanked them for their efforts made to attend our assembly. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Presentation and approval** of the minutes of the WAVA General Assembly, Vancouver, July 31, 2008.

**Presidential report:**

**Our journal, Anatomia Histologia Embryologia,** has developed some stability now with our Publisher, Wiley Inc. Two regional associate editors have been appointed to help our Editor-in-chief, Professor Sinowitz; to solicit a broader audience; and encourage members to submit their work to AHE. Submission is now all electronic and turnaround time is improving. However, submissions have increased dramatically, with their inherent problems. Impact is up slightly.

**Goals:** Increase journal's impact and improve manuscript turn-around time.

We encourage you to submit your work to our journal. Our constitution is in the process of being amended which will help communication and attendance at assemblies.

**Treasurer's report:**

**Checking account:** \$7,171.08 and **Investments:** \$46,179.66 a portion of this is reserved for the Otto Zietzschmann Award.

### **Committee reports:**

**Nomina Histologica Veterinaria Committee:** Question presented to us: "How to reactivate the committee?" [Terminologica Histologica (Human) (J Anatomy, 2009, 215, 221-223)] has been released. Maybe we can use this as a springboard?

President asked if anyone was interested in helping with this? Professor Ken Booth expressed an interest.

### **Presentation of posted ballots for amendment of the constitution:**

**Constitutional Amendment: a. "Link WAVA general assemblies with one of the regional associations of WAVA".**

**b. "Utilize email for correspondence as well as the use of e-mail for voting".**

**Results: 76 yes and 2 no.** The executive wishes to thank the membership for their overwhelming support of these changes which will make communication and handling business much easier and more rapid.

### **Announcements:**

**Professor Cabral presented greetings from the Brazilian Anatomical Society and invited cooperation between our groups. They will host the International Symposium on Morphological Sciences in 2012.**

**AsAVA - Chungbuk National University, Cheongju, Korea; November 4-6, 2009.**

<http://www.kava.or.kr/www/conference/main.html>

**Plastination workshop, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Murcia, Spain, December 15-18, 2009, <http://www.um.es/anatvet/curso-plastinacion.php>**

**AACA & ISP (joint meeting & workshop) July 18-24, 2010, John Burns School of medicine, University of Hawaii, Honolulu.**

**EAVA & WAVA (proposed joint meeting) ~July 28-31, 2010, Alfort National Veterinary School, Maisons-Alfort, Paris, France.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.**

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