

WNF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 11, 2019

4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Attendees:

Canada – Iva Lloyd
Australia – David Casteleijn
Chile – Jorge Neira Bravo
Czech Republic – Kate Boesenberg
Mexico – Blanca Morgado
New Zealand – Jill Dunn
South Africa – Adele Pelteret
Spain – Tina Hausser

United States – Moira Fitzpatrick
Zambia – Lawrence Chanza

Regrets:

Portugal – Noémia Rodrigues
Slovenia – Erika Brajnik
Jon Wardle – Secretariat
Dave Deeley – Assistant Secretariat

Next Executive Committee Meeting – August 10th, 2019

WNF Agenda Items

1. *Approval of November 2018 Executive Committee meeting minutes*

Motion to approve the November 2018 minutes: Moira Fitzpatrick

Seconded: Jill Dunn

Motion carried

2. *Approval of March 2019 Executive Committee meeting minutes*

Motion to approve the March 2019 minutes: Kate Boesenberg

Seconded: Lawrence Chanza

Motion carried

Tina welcomed the new members to the WNF Executive

3. *Membership*

i. *Associate*: USA, Associate member: Virginia Association of Naturopathic Physicians (VAANP)

Motion to accept the new Associate member: Moira Fitzpatrick

Seconded by Adele Pelteret

Motion carried

ii. *Educational:*

Italy, Educational member: Lumen Scuola di Naturopatia

Motion to conditionally accept the new Associate member*: Lawrence Chanza

Seconded by Moira Fitzpatrick

Motion carried

* Conditional approval based on:

- Confirmation of being recognized according Italian UNI Standard law 2013 Naturopathy through a register document or certification

(request sent to LUMEN, also the question about in how many years the diploma in naturopathy of 1600 hours, including 400 clinical hours, can be made).

- Requested feedback from Daniel Kieffer about LUMEN Meeting.

- Waiting for information from Tonella about their academic program.

- Concern about LUMEN representing the profession as a wellness profession; not a health profession.

4. WNF Current Activities

AMR – progress and challenges. The AMR poster has been translated into seven languages (thank you Katherine). There has been a good response to the AMR SoMe posts made by the WNF (over 10,000 views in less than one month), but the challenge continues to be ensuring that naturopathic practitioners in the individual clinics put up the AMR posters in their offices and that naturopathic members repost / retweet the AMR posts made by the WNF.

As many of the WNF activities moving forward involve Social Media (SoMe), it is important that the WNF figures out how to work better with members on how to ensure that our SoMe is effective.

5. Recap of the WNF General Assembly. The GA in Melbourne was a huge success. There were over 30 people from 13 countries in attendance. The activities of the WNF over the last two years were well received. The 2021 GA will be held in the fall in Germany.

6. Roles of the WNF Executive (part of attachment) and WNF Activities. The roles of the WNF Executive and the current WNF Activities was reviewed. WNF Executive were encouraged to join WNF Committees.

- The WNF has hired a new bookkeeper. Her name is Tina Jennings and she will report to both the Treasurer of the WNF and the President of the WNF.
- Membership renewal is still ongoing. There are 4 Full members; 5 Educational members and 4 other members that have not renewed. The challenge with renewals is getting members to report their current number of members / students so that the WNF can issue an invoice for renewal

7. Committee Updates: Due to the time, the committee updates will be done in the next week. The WNF Executive was encouraged to join the WNF committees and to actively involved in the activities within the WNF.

- The Terminology document is ready for review from WNF members. The document will be sent to all WNF member organizations. Members will have until June 15th to review and provide comment.

8. 2019/2020 Strategic Plan. The focus of the 2019/2020 Strategy is membership growth, the Health Technology Assessment – Naturopathy, and working towards official WHO collaboration.

9. Regional Support Groups. The aim of WNF regional support groups is to address issues common to each world region and to ensure that all members from a region are kept up-to-date on the activities of the WNF. Currently the regional support groups in Europe, North America and Western Pacific have been active. The goal is to get all regional support groups active.

- In April a WNF European face-to-face meeting was held in Slovenia.

10. Marketing/Social Media report (attached). The attached marketing / social media report was presented. No discussion.

11. Other Business. No other business was raised.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.