

## WNF Executive Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, August 12, 2020

7:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Via Go-To-Meeting

### Attendees:

Canada – Iva Lloyd (Chair)  
Brazil – Fernando Hellmann  
Hong Kong – Benita Perch  
Slovenia – Erika Brajnik  
South Africa – Stephen Farrugia  
Spain – Tina Hausser  
United States – Moira Fitzpatrick  
Dave Deeley – Assistant Secretariat

### Regrets:

Australia – David Casteleijn  
Australia – Tobey Pinder  
DR Congo – Ysu Umbalo  
India – Dhananjay Arankale  
Mexico – Blanca Morgando  
Portugal – Noémia Rodrigues  
Switzerland – Fabrice Leu  
Jon Wardle – Secretariat

***Next Meeting: November 10, 2020, 3:00 PM***

### Agenda Items

1) *Approval of May 12, 2020 Minutes*

Motion to approve the May 12, 2020 Minutes: Moira Fitzpatrick

Seconded: Fernando Hellmann

**Motion carried**

2) *Membership*

*a. Renewal*

- i. Three full members (Equador, India & Malaysia), One Associate member (Slovenia) and one Educational (Universidad Ana G. Méndez) have not renewed. One new member, Nigeria, has never paid. One sponsor (Metagenics, Australia) has not renewed.

*b. New members*

- i. Educational member  
*Formación TNDR* – Spain  
Motion to approve: Benita Perch  
Seconded: Moira Fitzpatrick  
**Motion carried**

*c. Membership Committee*

- i. The Committee has been reorganized to include the Chairs of the Regional Support groups
- ii. Focus shifting to soliciting new full and educational members instead of waiting for applications

- iii. Thanks to committee members for their past service Jon Wardle, Surya Karki, Flavia Placeres, Lawrence Chanza, and Jorge Bravo

3) *General Assembly 2021*

- a. Planned for Lyon, France June 17/18, 2021
- b. France still planning their meeting for June 19/20 despite the concerns about the pandemic.
- c. Investigating virtual options if travel restrictions make gathering in person challenging
- d. Considering 2 ½ day meeting – focus of the meeting will be on government relations and naturopathic education including the determination of guidelines.

4) *Current Activities Up-date*

a. Rapid Reviews

- i. The rapid reviews will be published on line this month
- ii. Published virtually and in the Elsevier scientific journal *Advances in Integrative Medicine*
- iii. Will be presented during a meeting with WHO to promote the role of Naturopathy in the management of COVID-19 and similar respiratory infections.

b. *Strategic Plan*

- i. *Membership* – Goal of 40 Full members, now at 33. Growth opportunities in Europe and Latin America
- ii. Goal of 25 Education members – currently at 20
- iii. Expect to meet targets by GA 2021
- iv. *Fundraising* – the Global Giving campaign was a huge success (Thank you Tina for your social media posts)
- v. Corporate sponsors still too heavily based in Canada
- vi. Please use Corporate Sponsor package to solicit potential sponsors your country
- vii. *Educational Standards* – work continues on the survey

c. *HTA*

- i. Chapter authors have been assigned
- ii. Full members will be invited to participate in review of some of the chapters
- iii. Expect draft done Spring 2021

*d. Global Giving*

- i. Both targets met – financial and # of donors
- ii. Considering a new committee to steer fundraising and what projects to raise funds for
- iii. Low membership fees compared to other international healthcare federations – increases the need to raise funds in other ways

*5) Committee Up-dates*

*a. Education*

- i. Identified 92 schools/institutions
- ii. An additional 33 programs that don't meet current WHO benchmarks
- iii. Once analysis complete, recommendations will be outlined by the Educational Committee and reviewed by Full members

*b. Environmental Health*

- i. Global Giving funds will be used for a new animated video
- ii. Concept – walking through a home identifying hazards
- iii. September release

*c. SoMe*

- i. Global Giving Campaign drove Social Media activates through July
- ii. Still looking for content for “Spotlight” videos
- iii. Iva thanked Tina for her SoMe efforts on WNF's behalf

*d. Research Committee*

- i. Foundational work for HTA
- ii. Research on Naturopath Researches to be published soon

There being no other business the call ended at 8:20 am local time.