

## WNF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Feb 10, 2018  
3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

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### Attendees:

Canada – Iva Lloyd  
Argentina – Claudio Esteve  
Australia – Natalie Cook  
Belgium – Myriam Francotte  
Chile – Jorge Neira Bravo  
New Zealand – Jill Dunn  
Slovenia – Erika Brajnik  
Spain – Tina Hausser  
United Kingdom – Tom Greenfield  
United States – Moira Fitzpatrick  
Dave Deeley – Assistant Secretariat

### Regrets:

Egypt – Dr. Khalid Tallawy  
Nepal – Dr Karki  
Zambia – Lawrence Chanza  
  
Jon Wardle – Secretariat

**Next Executive Committee Meeting - Sat, May 12, 2018, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT**

### WNF Agenda Items

1. *Approval of August 2017 minutes*  
Motion to approve the August 2017 Minutes: Jill Dunn  
Seconded: Claudio Esteve  
**Motion carried**
  
2. *Approval of November 2017 minutes*  
Motion to approve the November 2017 Minutes: Tina Hausser  
Seconded: Tom Greenfield  
**Motion carried**
  
3. *Membership recap: approval of new members*
  - *Full:*  
**Peru** - Peruvian Naturopathic Association  
(Asociación Colegial de Naturópatas del Peru)
  
  - *Associate:*  
**Ireland** - Sphenoid Ireland

- *Corporate Sponsor:*  
**Germany - VIVOBASE GmbH**

Motion to accept the new members are presented: Tom Greenfield  
Seconded by Natalie Cook

**Motion carried**

### 3. *Committee Updates*

- a. *Naturopathic Roots Committee, Subcommittee Terminology* – Tina Hausser
  - Sub-committee started in November, first meeting in December, second in late Feb
  - Chose 15 terms to define
  - results presented in Executive Committee in fall (Aug or Nov)
  - approved report presented to members at 2019 GA
  - starting point for WHO's Terminology project
- b. *Professional Mapping Committee* – Jill Dunn
  - goal to look at link between regulation and education
  - 9 member committee
  - surveyed educational institutions and associations
  - next step, follow-up with participants to confirm information obtained in survey
- c. *Global Affiliations* – Iva Lloyd.
  - Meeting with WHO contact in Geneva at WHA conference in May
  - WHO requested a concise document defining naturopathy. WNF responded with *Defining the Global Naturopathic Profession*
  - Planning to present White Paper at WHA, introducing Terminology Project
  - Intra-Professional Collaboration Survey presented as well
  - WHO needs to know that WNF moving forward, well managed
- d. Sub-committees:
  - European Support Group* (Tina Hausser)
    - Katereina Bosenberg, Česká naturopatická společnost was asked to Chair
    - European group working toward professional/educational standard for WHO
    - article *Update on Naturopathy in Europe* in Feb issue of NDNR
    - link to article posted on Social Media
    - Erika Brajnik thanked the group for their support with Traditional and Complementary Medicine issue in Slovenia
  - WP Support Group* (Natalie Cook)
    - three nation group, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand
    - next meeting planned prior to next Executive Call
    - goals of supporting Professional Development and opportunities to learn from precedents
    - Australia has lost private health insurance subsidy

*LA Support Group* (Claudio Esteve)

- first support group call Saturday, Feb 17

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- two international congresses, Mexico - March 14 – 16; Brazil, March 12 – 15
- documentary film in production on naturopathy in Latin America

*African Support Group* (Lawrence Chanza) No update available

e. *Educational Committee* (Tom Greenfield)

- November 4, 2017 first meeting, 4 more meetings planned
- 10 of 13 members on call
- Terms of Reference established, sub-groups approved if needed
- goals:
  - post NA course guides on WNF website
  - hope other institutions will share course guides
  - permits schools to focus on securing teachers not curriculum
  - create a digital library, digitize works if needed
- use WNF Dropbox, links from WNF website, member's section

f. *Research Committee* – Iva Lloyd

- 3 year study, How research based is naturopathic profession?
- Goal – it is the most researched.
- research project – Researching the Researchers
- over 2000 citations from 100+ researchers
- WNF partnered with Eurocam and the International Association for Human Values
- sent survey - Intra-Professional Collaboration to over 700 organizations from 9 systems of medicine. May have an opportunity to present results at WHA side meeting in May.
- Collecting Peer-reviewed articles by naturopathic Dr's. 500 Journals, 4000 articles
- WNF members encouraged to have articles published
- new survey to come from WNF, sending to Full members to forward to 20 experienced naturopaths. Request they survey/track 20 patients each

4. *Naturopathic Conference CE opportunities*

Members are encouraged to send conferences/webinars open to international attendees to Dave for posting on WNF website, Social Media

5. *Website update*

- a. Designer, Social media resource hired,
  - website/social media sites up-dated with new banners, graphics
  - new member map, shows global reach, posted
- b. Members reminded to request WNF PPT if making a presentation about WNF
- c. Tina reported we've reached 3000 likes and 3000 subscribers on Facebook
- d. Fundraising Document (Tom)
  - WNF are looking for a fundraiser, suggestions welcome
  - PayPal link created to raise funds for 4 options:
    - A. WHO Standards Fund
    - B. Research Fund
    - C. Humanitarian Crisis Fund

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#### D. International Development Fund

Motion to approve the 4 fundraising options as presented: Moira Fitzpatrick

Seconded: Tina Hasser

**Motion carried**

#### 6. *Strategic Plan review*

- Iva presented the up-dated Strat Plan document to track progress towards goals

#### 7. *Other Business*

- Members were reminded the next GA is 13 months away, March 27-28 in Australia.

The WNF cannot pay for members to attend, and to plan ahead due to the cost of travel.

- The committees were thanked for the progress they've made since the 2017 GA/

*There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. local time, Toronto.*

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