

WNF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 10, 2018

3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Attendees:

Canada – Iva Lloyd
Australia – Natalie Cook
Chile – Jorge Neira Bravo
Czech Republic – Kate Boesenberg
New Zealand – Jill Dunn
Slovenia – Erika Brajnik/Alja Maurič
South Africa – Stephen Farrugia
Spain – Tina Hausser

United Kingdom – Tom Greenfield
United States – Moira Fitzpatrick
Zambia – Lawrence Chanza

Dave Deeley – Assistant Secretariat

Regrets:

Nepal – Dr. Karki
Jon Wardle – Secretariat

Next Executive Committee Meeting – March 27, 28, 2019, General Assembly

WNF Agenda Items

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

a. Amendments:

- All new member application documents completed (Tina Hausser)
New member application Škola Klinické Naturopatie, Czech Republic.
The program is over 1500 hours *including* 400 clinical practice hours.
(Kate Boesenberg)
- Zambia school opened with 3 or 4 students
- Education and Credentials document – clarified education regulation

Motion to approve the May 2018 minutes: Tom Greenfield

Seconded: Stephen Farrugia

Motion carried

2. *Membership*

a. Renewal update:

- The Associate member from India (INO) has not yet paid despite assurances

b. Approval of new members

i. *Full:*

- Germany: Freie Heilpraktiker FH e.V.
Motion to accept the new member from Germany: Iva Lloyd

Seconded by Moira Fitzpatrick
Motion carried

- Russia: Russian Scientific Society on Clinical Naturopathy and Phytotherapy (RSSCNP)

Motion to accept the new member from Russia: Moira Fitzpatrick
Seconded by Erika Brajnik
Motion carried
Abstained Kate Boesenberg

- ii. *Associate*: Canada: Alberta Association of Naturopathic Doctors
Motion to accept the new Associate member*: Tom Greenfield
Seconded by Jorge Neira Bravo

Motion carried
* with amended application – missing legally constituted non-profit

- iii. *Educational*:

Naturopathic Medicine Doctorate Program, School of Health Sciences,
Universidad del Turabo

Motion to accept the new Associate member*: Tom Greenfield
Seconded by Jill Dunn

Motion carried

- iv. *Corporate Sponsor*: BioMedica Nutraceuticals Pty Ltd (Australia) Bronze sponsorship received

3. *Strategic Plan Progress*

Iva reported that the WNF will meet its membership targets. Currently 33 Full, 9 Associate, and 16 Educational members. All other goals, except for fundraising (Corporate Sponsorship) will be met.

4. *General Assembly 2019*

Iva reported the WHO primary care conference in Kazakhstan set the guidelines for healthcare moving forward and will shape the GA agenda.

- Please send recommendations for GA topics
- Will finalize agenda on January Officers Call
(next Executive meeting is at the GA)
- There will be an opportunity for observers to attend the meeting

5. WHO

Iva reported on the WHO Primary Care Conference in Kazakhstan. A formal response will be sent before year-end. Only Naturopathy and TCM were invited to attend – a significant step by WHO in recognizing Naturopathy.

Iva will attend a WHO Anthroposophic Medicine working group, mid-December, in Berlin

a. *Health Technology Assessment*

A major focus in 2019 is the 400-page HTA document.

ACTION: Please nominate 2 people from your organization to be part of the review process. Anticipated start March/April

b. *Global Usage Survey* (International Practise Survey)

WNF funded, Endeavour led project, Global Usage Survey will identify the conditions that patients have who seek Naturopathic care and the modalities that Naturopathic Doctors use e.g. hydrotherapy, herbal medicine, nutrition, homeopathics to treat patients

ACTION: If asked, please follow-up by sending the invitation to your members. Timely response to requests for participation are vital to the project's success.

6. *Call-to-Action Initiatives – Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR)*

The AMR Working group is making good progress on both a poster and website to be launched in January

ACTION: Watch for requests to distribute this to your members and follow-up to get into clinics, worldwide.

7. *Committee Reports*

a. *Education Committee* – Tom Greenfield

i. Focusing on sharing documents securely. Next meeting early 2019.

b. *Naturopathic Roots Committee* – Tina Hausser

- i. All terms defined and under review
- ii. 2-page document being prepared

c. *Professional Mapping Committee* – Jill Dunn

i. Final stage of collecting documents

ACTION: Need participants from India

d. WNF Regional Support Groups

- i. Discussion of possible restricting of groups
- ii. New leader required for L.A. Group

8. *Financial Update*

- the report was not available
- Audited statements prepared for GA

9. Sponsorship up-date.

- a. Rethinking soliciting donations in favour of corporate sponsorship
- b. Individuals may donate either privately or as a Private Sponsor
- c. Sponsorship document (Reach the World) to be sent to executive (DD) with request if translation required

10. Other Business

a. SoMe (Social Media) Report

- Katherine's report recapped
- WNF now following all members on Facebook and Twitter.
- Please check that your organization is following/liking WNF
- WNF focus on reposting/retweeting member activities

b. Global Naturopathic Regulation document

- Published on WNF website, link sent to all members
- SoMe postings to follow

c. Books!

- reminder to send information on naturopathic books in any language to books@....

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.