

WNF Executive Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (EDT)

Via GoToMeeting

Attendees:

Canada – Iva Lloyd (Chair)
Australia – David Casteleijn
Spain – Tina Hausser
France – Maité Diharce
India – Suhas Vinchurkar
South Africa – Stephen Farrugia
Uruguay – Carina Behrens Muniz
Dave Deeley – Assistant Secretariat

Regrets:

Australia – Tobey Pinder
Brazil – Fernando Hellmann
DR Congo – Ysu Umbalo
Hong Kong – Benita Perch
Portugal – Noémia Rodrigues
Switzerland – Fabrice Leu
United States – Moira Fitzpatrick
Jon Wardle – Secretariat

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM (EST)

Agenda Items

1. *Approval of May 19, 2021 Minutes*

Correction to new Executive list. Moira Fitzpatrick (2021) – 2nd term (2024) was incorrectly listed as an Officer.

Motion to approve the amended May 19, 2021 Minutes: Tina Hausser

Seconded: Suhas Vinchurkar

Motion carried

2. Membership

i) Tina Hausser presented the follow new members for approval.

FULL:

Nepal: Yoga & Naturopathy Doctors Association Nepal (YANDA)

Ghana: Association of Naturopathic Physicians Ghana LBG

Ireland: Irish Institute of Natural Medicine (IINM)

Motion to approve the new Full members for approval: Stephen Farrugia

Seconded: Carina Behrens Muniz

Motion carried

ASSOCIATE:

Brazil: Sociedade Brasileira de Naturologia (SBNAT)

Motion to approve the new Associate member for approval: David Casteleijn

Seconded: Stephen Farrugia

Motion carried

NON-PROFIT SPONSOR

USA: New Hampshire Association of Naturopathic Doctors

Motion to approve the new Non-Profit Sponsor for approval: David Casteleijn

Seconded: Suhas Vinchurkar

Motion carried

- ii) Membership renewal (unpaid members review)
 - (1) The following members had not paid for 2 years and their membership was suspended:
 - Italy (Full) Naturaliter
 - Slovakia (Associate) Slovenská Naturopatická Únia
 - Italy (Educational) Scuola Italiana di Scienze Naturopatiche
 - (2) The following members have not paid this year:
 - Nigeria (Full) Nigerian council of physicians of Natural Medicine
 - Czech Republic (Educational) Škola Klinické Naturopatie
 - Italy (Educational) EUNAM Institute
 - Nigeria (Educational) Oriental Academy of Natural Medicine (activities on hold)
 - Nigeria (Educational) National College of Natural Medicine
 - USA (Non-Profit Sponsor) Naturopathic Medical Student Association
- 3. WNF Current Activities
 - i) HTA - Naturopathy
 - (1) Members will be asked by email to see if they wish to purchase additional copies in addition to the 2 they will receive.
 - (2) The Executive will be asked by email to approve the cost of printing. Our current financial status will be included as a point of reference.
 - (3) As a result of the research brought to light by the HTA the WNF Global Regulation document will be up-dated.
 - (4) Once the publication date is determined, the Communications committee will devise a Social Media campaign to launch and sustain interest in the HTA.
 - (5) The Research Committee will be involved in disseminating the HTA
 - (6) A video featuring Iva, Jon and Amie will be created for members describing how to use the HTA – “Bring it to Life”
 - (7) White Papers on various NCDs will be based on HTA research
 - (8) The HTA may also be used to help with WNF sponsorship
 - ii) Strategic Plan Up-date
 - (1) The Environmental Pollutants website launch stats need to be added/up-dated
- 4. Committee Updates
 - i) Educational Committee
 - (1) We have put in a request to the WHO to updated the Benchmark in Naturopathic Training hours to 2,500 hours (Practitioner) and 4,000 hours (Doctor)
 - (2) The Committee will be re-activated with more Full member participation in October/November 2021
 - ii) Environmental Risk Factors Committee
 - (1) Website lunched with 2-year social media campaign
 - (2) 7,000 people reached since July 28 (as of meeting date)
 - (3) Second four-week campaign begins in September

- iii) Communications
 - (1) Combined social media reach – 7,500 subscribers
 - (2) June campaign “Did you know” reached 8,500
 - (3) Spanish translations will increase reach
 - iv) Regional Support Groups
 - (1) Europe:
 - (a) Online congress – pandemic focused – 10 countries participated
 - (b) Alliance on recognizing schools facilitating teacher exchange (educational qualifications)
 - (2) Latin America
 - (a) Brazil congress October 18th
 - (b) Multi-country congress November 28th
 - (3) Members were reminded to send congress details to DD for the WNF website and social media platforms
5. Other Business
- i) Naturopathic Journals
 - (1) Based on HTA research, an additional 15,000 articles from indexed journals have been uncovered
 - (2) Most in English or German

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:29 local time.