

## WNF Executive Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM (EST)

Via Microsoft Teams

### Attendees:

Canada – Iva Lloyd (Chair)  
Australia – David Casteleijn  
Australia – Tobey Pinder  
Brazil – Fernando Hellmann  
France – Maité Diharce  
Hong Kong – Benita Perch  
South Africa – Stephen Farrugia  
Spain – Tina Hausser  
Uruguay –Carina Behrens Muniz

### Regrets:

DR Congo – Ysu Umbalo  
India – Suhas Vinchurkar  
Portugal – Noémia Rodrigues  
Switzerland –Fabrice Leu  
United States – Moira Fitzpatrick  
Jon Wardle – Secretariat  
Dave Deeley – Assistant Secretariat

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:00 AM - 4:00 PM (EST)

### Agenda Items

1. *Approval of August 11, 2021 Minutes*

Motion to approve August 11, 2021 Minutes: David Casteleijn

Seconded: Tina Hausser

**Motion carried**

2. *Membership*

- i.) There were no new members to present
- ii.) Two online school applications were rejected by the Membership Committee for not meeting minimum standards in face-to-face teaching hours
- iii.) Revising Education Membership application to clarify criteria

3. *WNF Current Activities*

- i) HTA - Naturopathy
  - (1) Currently being laid-out / proofed. Anticipate printing late November
  - (2) As a result of research for the HTA, discovered a total of 34 countries are now regulated. And naturopathy is practised in 108 countries.
  - (3) Due to shipping costs, the HTA will be printed / shipped from three locations: Canada/Australia/UK.
  - (4) E-book up-date – due to the number of charts and figures which cannot be included in traditional e-book formats, it is proposed that the PDF of the HTA will be available on the WNF website. Approved.
  - (5) The HTA Synopsis has been (Google) translated into 7 languages and sent to members for proofing. Use of the synopsis is encouraged when speaking to governments or health authorities.
  - (6) A video has been produced to aid members understand the HTA and how it be used when talking to local governments and health authorities about naturopathy.

- ii) Strategic Planning
  - (1) For the next call (February 2022), the Executive are asked to review WNF committee membership to ensure all regions are represented. Are there members who wish to participate that are not represented?

#### 4. *Committee Updates*

- i) Non-Communicable Diseases Committee
  - (1) First meeting November 15
  - (2) 6 members – writers/researchers
  - (3) will create a series of White Papers – diabetes/cardiovascular disease first topics
  - (4) WNF website will host (no stand-alone website e.g. Environmental Health)
- ii) Educational Committee
  - (1) Chairs (Iva, Tina, David) will re-activate the committee with representation from a cross-section of members including Full/Education members, regulators and regional representatives.
  - (2) The goal is to improve standards world-wide.
  - (3) The WHO is open to up-dating the benchmark training hours to 2,500 hours (Practitioner) and 4,000 hours (Doctor)
  - (4) Creating a guide for educational institutions to evaluate their program
- iii) Environmental Risk Factors Committee
  - (1) Website is active but many sections still not complete
  - (2) Goal to have website complete by April
  - (3) Committee call November 19
- iv) Communications
  - (1) Last three months, committee active in support of the Environmental Health SoMe campaign. Positive feedback
    - (a) Campaign launched at the end of July
    - (b) Goal is public education
    - (c) 2 year campaign – 2 posts per week – each topic is an 8 week campaign
    - (d) 25,000 people reached
  - (2) Facebook most active platform. Added LinkedIn as a way to communicate with individual ND's. More info coming in the New Year
  - (3) Members are encouraged to send news to WNF for redistribution across all platforms
  - (4) Member highlight videos are still a goal
- v) Audit Committee
  - (1) Required by Canadian law
  - (2) Review by committee saved \$5000 in accounting fees
- vi) Regional Support Groups
  - (1) Europe – met in October
  - (2) Latin America
    - (a) Brazil congress held October 18<sup>th</sup>
    - (b) Multi-country congress November 28<sup>th</sup>
  - (3) Western Pacific met recently

5. Other Business

a) Website up-date

- (1) Glitch detected in October
- (2) No information compromised
- (3) Removed member login as potential source of problem
- (4) New levels of security added
- (5) Web visit stats will be prepared for the next meeting

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8:32 a.m. local time.