



**THE ANIMAL WELFARE
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AWSELVA Annual General Meeting September 2018

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1. Update on finances

Current funds are £19,685 made up of HSBC and Paypal accounts. Some recent costs, including website development and administration have decreased funds slightly. Future spending could include items like bursaries, international speakers and the journal.

2. BVFLA integration

Proposal to absorb BVFLA members into AWSELVA. Benefits include more members, increased expertise in jurisprudence. BVFLA have existing funds of around £20,000. The initial proposal is to include 2 BVFLA representatives on the AWSELVA committee of ten initially. The conclusion is to set up a sub committee and bring the issue back for discussion in January 2019 with a more developed plan.

3. Contracts for committee members

Contracts to be created detailing duties to encourage committee members to be more active. Members are invited to express interest in serving on the committee and noted that positions will become vacant in 2019.

4. Veterinary Practice Magazine columns

Members are encouraged to submit articles of c. 700 words for the monthly column on AWSEL subjects. To promote the work and interests of AWSELVA.

5. BACS payments

BACS is used to pay fees faster than paying by cheque, under the administration of the treasurer who will report on any issues.

6. Subscription fees and student engagement

Proposal to raise membership fees from £25 to £35 and student membership from free to £10.

What can be done to encourage student engagement? We have a student co-ordinator who has been active. Ideas: AWF model – visiting vet schools and holding evening lectures on popular topics, include a student speaker at conferences, student bursaries.

Motion to raise the membership fee to £35 – carried

Motion to raise the student fee to £10 – not passed

Effective 1st January 2019

7. Collaboration with Dutch welfare group to host European conference.

Suggestion to charge 1000E for cost of website development and 20E per registrant. Paul Roger and Siobhan Mullan are to meet with the organisers in Berlin and will report back.

8. Membership benefits

Clarity on what people get from membership following queries. The journal will become more active, a new newsletter has been developed, conferences are continuing, the website is being redeveloped. AWSELVA aims to have more input into consultations and encourages member engagement. Suggestion to video conferences where possible. Suggestion to hold another strategy day with an independent facilitator.

9. Journal – editorship and timescale

David Williams has taken over editorship from James Yeates, replacing James on the committee as of 12th September 2018. Optimum publication would be quarterly, to be published electronically on the AWSELVA website, available to members.

Committee members in attendance:

Paul Roger

Siobhan Mullan

Sean Wensley

David Williams

Sarah Hulbert