

AGM
AWSELVA
21st November 2019

Agenda

1. Chair's review of the year
 2. Treasurer's statement
 3. Election of officers
 4. 25th Anniversary plans
 5. 2020 conferences
 6. New website launch announcement
 7. Membership fees
 8. AOB
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1. AWSELVA has had increasing policy involvement through BVA; a number of individual members feed into the BVA ethics advisory panel as well. A joint officers meeting with BVA is now timetabled as an annual event and is a valued contact for both associations. The AWSELVA journal is being reinvigorated and we have been approached by *Animals* offering a route to Open Access (author pays model) publishing with a discount to AWSELVA members to publish.
 2. Our past treasurer has recently resigned and Paul Roger is acting as interim Treasurer until James Hunt takes over in 2020. Current bank balance is approximately £35000. A full report should be circulated to members before future meetings. We hope to realise a profit from our support of the EVCBMAW conference and the autumn meeting is on target to break even.
 3. As outgoing Chair Paul Roger automatically becomes Senior Vice Chair. Siobhan Mullan has been elected incoming Chair, Sarah Hulbert has been elected Junior Vice Chair, Claire Corridan has been elected Secretary, James Hunt has been elected Treasurer. AWSELVA members are encouraged to put themselves forward for committee positions.

4. A roadshow is planned for 2020 to tour UK veterinary schools. Edinburgh and Bristol have given positive responses.
5. 2020's European conference will be in Ghent in October. A Spring AWSELVA conference will be held with the topic as yet undecided. Post-Brexit topics may be covered and it is important to include forensic and expert witness work following the BVFLA integration.
6. Redeveloping the website is a major project for 2019 and the website is due to relaunch in January 2020.
7. Fees are currently £35 full membership and free to students. A proposal to charge undergraduate students £10 for annual membership and to reduce the conference ticket price to be a third of the full conference price was passed by a large majority vote. A proposal to make all membership fees to run from January to December was passed unanimously. Additional income from students could go directly back into supporting students through subsidising speakers at local meetings.. Student membership levels should be monitored and the present level of engagement will we hope increase.
8. We should continue to seek to involve wider groups such as vet nurses and animal law students.