

A.24 Composition of National Delegations

The World Veterinary Association welcomes and encourages membership of more than one veterinary organisation from a country, represented by a National Delegation in the Presidents' Assembly.

Background

The By-Laws of the WVA have been amended to allow for a wider membership of veterinary organisations of a given country in cases where no national (federal) veterinary organisation exists.

However, it may be equally the case that veterinary organisations in a given country may apply for Associate Country membership, where a national veterinary organisation is the accepted representative of that country in the WVA.

Guidelines

1. National WVA members are represented in the Presidents' Assembly by a National Delegation (ND), as established in terms of section **C. I.** of the Internal Procedures.
2. In the case of veterinary organisations applying for Country Associate membership from a country which is represented in the WVA by a National veterinary organisation, no such application shall be considered unless
 - the National veterinary organisation supports this application in writing; and
 - agrees to the inclusion of the applicant veterinary organisation in the National Delegation, forming a national delegation with the new applicant.
3. The number of allocated votes shall be based on the sum total of veterinarians being members of the national veterinary organisation and all associate country members represented in the respective National Delegation.

Applications for Membership

The provisions of rule 1.2 and 1.7 of Chapter 1 of the WVA By-Laws are applicable.

Membership Fee System

The provisions of WVA Administrative Policy: A.1 Membership Fee System pertaining to National Members are also applicable to Associate Country members.

