

## **A.4 Councillor replacements**

**Councillors are elected for the full term from one Presidents' Assembly to the next and will not be replaced if their National status changes but will be replaced in terms of section 6.4 of Chapter 6 of the By-Laws if they are unable to act, resign or die before the end of their elected term. (EXCOM 24 February 1998)**

### **Guidelines**

A Councillor shall be regarded as unable to act if :

- 1 he or she has informed the EXCOM, stating reasons why he or she has become unable to act and resigns.
- 2 he or she has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct by their National body controlling the practising of veterinary profession. (The reason for this is that there must be some or other way to end a membership of the organs of the WVA in cases where the image of the WVA could be harmed or damaged, e. g. serious problems regarding professional conduct, mental ill-health etc. Such an action must be able to be initiated from the WVA side, on recommendation of the National Association of which the Councillor (or other officer) is a member).
- 3 the EXCOM has been informed that the Councillor has died.

Councillors are expected, apart from their duties as described in section 7.5 of Chapter 7 of the By-Laws, to make a commitment to actively contribute to the benefit of the WVA throughout their elected term. That commitment should be facilitated by the Member Association that proposed the Councillor for election to the WVA Council.

Councillors can not be substituted during their term except if they are unable to act, resign or die.

If a replacement is required, the next highest polling candidate from the most recent election shall be appointed. If no such candidate is available, there shall be an election by written procedure in the constituency required to replace the Councillor. In the case of a Councillor who is the representative of a constituency comprising only one Member Association, the new representative of that Member Association shall replace the previous Councillor.

Replacement Councillors shall serve the rest of the current term of the Councillor that they have replaced. This part term shall not prevent their serving the number of terms that would otherwise be permitted under the Constitution.

