



The WFNS Secretary report 2019-2021

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This report documents the activity of WFNS secretary during Sept. 2019(Beijing Congress)~Sept. 2021(e-Voting of New Officers).

I: Overview:

WFNS activities and meetings were significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with requirements of various changes of methods and timing of meetings and educational activities. During this period 13 AC meetings were held; 2 meetings by face to face fashion and the other by zoom web conferences in addition to the 2 finance task force meetings and 2 election committee meetings for electronic voting in Sept. 2021. Major topics being discussed at these meetings included 1) WFNS educational activities among COVID-19 pandemic, 2) Financial aspect of WFNS, 3) Web-membership system, 4) Bidding for WFNS congress 2025, 5) Officer nomination for the term 2021-2023, 6) Amendments of Constitutions and Bylaws, 7) Postponement of Bogota WFNS congress 2021, 8) Introduction of electronic voting system and conducting secure voting procedures, and 9) WFNS Journal contracts.

II: Congress bidding and officer nomination:

According to the Bylaws amendment at the Beijing Congress in 2019, duration of nomination has been shortened for president elect and other officers as 6 months before the congress all nominations to be sent to Secretary, and by 4 months to the Nominating committee and by 3 months to the EC members. World congress bidding request remained same as before; bidding should be sent to secretary by 12 months before the congress, EC members by 6 months before the congress.

All due dates were announced to all member societies via eblast mails.

Initially, 7 cities applied for Congress 2025 bidding, but 3 societies withdrawn the bidding due to socioeconomic changes and 4 cities are left for bidding as follows: Bali(Indonesia), Berlin(Germany), Madrid(Spain), Praque(Czech) and the information of bidding cities(societies) were sent to EC members and voting delegates by Feb. 28, 2021.

Officer nominations were sent to secretary by Feb 28, 2021 and sent to nominating committee by April 28, 2021. And the list of candidates of officers and standing committee members were sent to EC members and other voting delegates by May 28, 2021.

III: Documentation of Amendments, EC meetings minutes and officer registration:

On Sept 4, 2020, power of attorney was granted to Houthoff Corp. (Netherlands). Official translation of Constitution to Dutch, Registration of Constitutional and Bylaws amendments (@Beijing Congress) and minutes of EC meetings at Beijing 2019 congress were authorized by Preseidnet Franco Servadei, Secretary(@Beijing congress) Marcos Masini, C&B chariman Jacques Morcos, and Secretary Akio Morita with wet ink signature in front of attorney via web conference.

At the same time, all new AC officers(term 2019-2021) were registered to the chamber of commerce with wet ink signature in front of the attorney(web).



IV: Postponent of Bogota WFNS 2021 for 6months and conduction of evoting:

According to the request of E F Osorio: WFNS Congress 2021 president to postpone the world congress 6months, postponent and e-voting for officers,

new members, and C&B amendments were approved by ACmembers with favorable comments from continental societies.

E-voting system was constructed with IT company based in Istanbul, and secure e-voting platform was created for 1) New member societies approval/disapproval, 2) Officer election with consecutive e-voting for president elect, and 3) C & B amendments which do not require discussions between EC members approval/disapproval.

Voting delegates' information (definitive email address and mobile phone numbers for the voting code delivery) was collected and finalized according to the payment of membership fees (paid up to 2018) by the central office secretaries. E-voting announcement and methods had been sent to all voting delegates repeatedly and voting codes were sent to each email and each mobile SMS. 262 voting delegates were confirmed.

1st round e-voting was conducted during Sept. 11-12 for 48 hours and 249 delegates (95% attendance) voted through electronic format. And the second round e-voting was conducted on Sept 15 with 6 additional delegates from the 3 societies approved at the 1st round voting. 252 delegates (94% attendance) voted at the 2nd round.

E-Voting results were posted at the WFNS website after confirmation by election committee consisting of F Boop (Audit committee chair and Election committee chair), F Servadei, N Oyesiku, A Samii, A Basso and additional officer Akio Morita (Secretary, WFNS) as following documents.

IV: WFNS2021 e-voting result

WFNS VOTE 2021 RESULTS (1st ROUND)

1. Applications for new Membership of WFNS

Do you agree "Society of Latino- American Neurosurgeons of USA and CANADA (SLANC)" to become WFNS member society?

- **YES - 190 votes (76.31%) >2/3 votes, Approved**
- **NO - 59 votes (23.69%)**

Do you agree “Neurosurgeons Association of Sri Lanka“ to become WFNS member society?

- **YES - 242 votes (97.19%)** >2/3votes, Approved
- **NO - 7 votes (2.81%)**

Do you agree “Slovenia Society of Neurological Surgeons” to become WFNS member society?

- **YES - 240 votes (96.39%)** >2/3votes, Approved
- **NO - 9 votes (3.61%)**

2. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of WFNS

Amendment cA1 DO YOU AGREE WITH THE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED:

- As a summary in SLIDE 22
- Explicitly in “FILE 1”. CONSTITUTION - Pages 3,7,8,12,13,14,15,16,17,19,20

- **YES - 220 votes (88.35%)** Approved by >2/3 vote
- **NO - 29 votes (11.65%)**

Amendment bA2 DO YOU AGREE WITH THE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED:

- As a summary in SLIDE 24
- Explicitly in “FILE 2”. BYLAWS - Pages 2,5,7,8,9,11,14,16,17,19,28,29,30,37,46

- **YES - 219 votes (87.95%)** Approved by >2/3 vote
- **NO - 30 votes (12.05%)**

Amendment bB1 DO YOU AGREE WITH THE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED:

- As a summary and as an exact extract in SLIDES 8-14
- Explicitly in “FILE 2”. BYLAWS – Appendix – Section 20, Pages 41-43

- **YES - 215 votes (86.35%)** Approved by >2/3 vote
- **NO - 34 votes (13.65%)**

Amendment bB2 DO YOU AGREE WITH THE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED:

- Explanation video
- As a summary and as an exact extract in SLIDES 16-17
- Explicitly in "FILE 2". BYLAWS – Appendix – Section 7, Pages 31-32

- **YES - 219 votes (87.95%) Approved by >2/3 vote**
- **NO - 30 votes (12.05%)**

Amendment bB3 DO YOU AGREE WITH THE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED:

- Explanation video
- As a summary and as an exact extract in SLIDES 19-20
- Explicitly in "FILE 2". BYLAWS – Appendix – Section 6, Pages 30-31

- **YES - 221 votes (88.76%) Approved by >2/3 vote**
- **NO - 28 votes (11.24%)**

3. WFNS Honorary President

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- 1 - Christopher Loftus (USA) - **130 votes (52.85%)**
- 2 - Kalangu Kazadi (Zimbabwe) - **70 votes (28.46%)**
- 3 - Marco A. Molina-Martínez (Honduras) - **46 votes (18.69%)**

Votable candidate(s): 1

No candidates obtained 2/3 of votes, and, hence, no honorary president was elected at this time.

4. WFNS President Elect 2021-2023

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- 1 - Basant Misra (India) - **99 votes (39.92%)**
- 2 - Najia El-Abbadi (Morocco) - **76 votes (30.64%)**
- 3 - Tito Perilla (Colombia) - **73 votes (29.44%)**

Votable candidate(s): 1

Non obtained >1/2 of votes, and, hence, 2nd run of voting was took place.

5. Slate of officers of the WFNS for 2021-2023

1st Vice President

- 1 - Miguel A. Arraez (Spain) - **232 votes** **Approved**

Votable candidate(s): 1

Secretary.

- 1 - Akio Morita (Japan) - **228 votes** **Approved**

Votable candidate(s): 1

Assistant Secretary

- 1 - Miroslav Vukic (Croatia) - **220 votes** **Approved**

Votable candidate(s): 1

Treasurer

- 1 - Nasser El-Ghandour (Egypt) - **142 votes** (61.47%) **Elected**
- 2 - Ioan Stefan Florian (Romania) - **89 votes** (38.53%)

Votable candidate(s): 1

Assistant Treasurer

- 1 - Marco Maria Fontanella (Italy) - **120 votes** (51.06%) **Elected**
- 2 - Hari Chandran (Malaysia) - **115 votes** (48.94%)

Votable candidate(s): 1

2nd Vice President at AANS region

- 1 - Frederick Boop (USA) - **220 votes** **Approved**

Votable candidate(s): 1

2nd Vice President at AASNS region

- 1 - Katharine Jann Drummond (Australia) - **164 votes (70.69%) Elected**
- 2 - M. Balamurugan (India) - **68 votes (29.31%)**

Votable candidate(s): 1

2nd Vice President at CAANS region

- 1 - Bello B. Shehu (Nigeria) - **217 votes Approved**

Votable candidate(s): 1

2nd Vice President at EANS region

- 1 - Jesus Lafuente (Spain) - **224 votes Approved**

Votable candidate(s): 1

2nd Vice President at FLANC region

- 1 - Marcos Masini (Brazil) - **227 votes Approved**

Votable candidate(s): 1

Historian

- 1 - Yong Kwang Tu (Taiwan) - **223 votes Approved**

Votable candidate(s): 1

6. Slate of officers of the 2023 World Congress

President: Graham Fieggen

Honorary President: TBA

Vice-President: Llewellyn Padayachy

2nd Vice President: Rohen Harrichandparsad

Secretary: David Le Feuvre

Assistant Secretary: Nqobile Thango

Treasurer: Allan Taylor

Assistant Treasurer: David Roytowski

Chairman, Scientific Program Committee: Anthony Figaji

- **ACCEPT - 226 votes (90.76%) Approved**
- **REJECT - 23 votes (9.24%)**

7. Members of WFNS Standing committees for 2021-2023

Audit Committee

- 1 - André Grotenhuis (Netherlands) - **173 votes**
- 2 - Soichi Oya (Japan) - **138 votes**
- 3 - Sepideh Amin-Hanjani (USA) - **110 votes**

Votable candidate(s): 3 **All elected and approved**

C and B Committee

- 1 - Bernard R. Bendok (USA) - **112 votes**
- 2 - Kresimir Rotim (Croatia) - **110 votes**
- 3 - Antonino F. Germanò (Italy) - **107 votes**
- 4 - José Nallino (Argentina) - **106 votes**
- 5 - Kantha Rasalingam (Malaysia) - **98 votes**

Above members were elected

- 6 - Mike Du Trevou (South Africa) - **96 votes**
- 7 - Amal Abou Hamden (Australia) - **94 votes**
- 8 - Sanjeeva Jeyaretna (UK) - **76 votes**

Votable candidate(s): 5

Nominating Committee at AANS region

- 1 - Mustafa Kemal Baskaya (USA) - **171 votes**
- 2 - Amir R. Dehdashti (USA) - **170 votes**

Votable candidate(s): 2 **Both approved**

Nominating Committee at AASNS region

- 1 - Miki Fujimura (Japan) - **184 votes**
- 2 - Azmi Bin Alias (Malaysia) - **153 votes**

Votable candidate(s): 2 **Both approved**

Nominating Committee at CAANS region

The current chairman (Sherif Ezzat) will automatically become one of the members for 2021-2023

- 1 - Adel El-Hakim (Egypt) - **218 votes**

Votable candidate(s): 1 **Approved**

Nominating Committee at EANS region

- 1 - Manfred Westphal (Germany) - **192 votes**
- 2 - Volodymyr Smolanka (Ukraine) - **142 votes**

Votable candidate(s): 2 **Both approved**

Nominating Committee at FLANC region

- 1 - Apio Antunes (Brazil) - **204 votes**
- 2 - Reddy Simon (Paraguayan) - **144 votes**

Votable candidate(s): 2 **Both approved**

Publication and Web Committee

- 1 - Peter Nakaji (USA) - **134 votes**
- 2 - Hiroyuki Takao (Japan) - **114 votes**

Above 2 members were elected

- 3 - Fiacro Jiménez Ponce (Mexico) - **79 votes**
- 4 - Regunath Kandasamy (Malaysia) - **72 votes**

Votable candidate(s): 2

WFNS ELECTION COMMITTEE

** Six representatives from 3 associations whose memberships were accepted as a result of the first round also voted in this round.*

WFNS VOTE 2021 RESULTS (2nd ROUND)

WFNS President Elect 2021-2023

1. **Najia El-Abbadi - 127 votes (50.4%)**
2. **Basant Misra - 125 votes (49.6%)**

Votable candidate(s): 1

Prof. Najia El-Abbadi was elected as the President-elect Of WFNS 2021-2023

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Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, WFNS: term 2019-2021