



# Communications Committee

The Communications Committee was established to foster communications within WAVMA membership and with others involved with aquatic veterinary medicine. It is charged with oversight of all WAVMA communications such as the website ([www.wavma.org](http://www.wavma.org)), The Aquatic Veterinarian (see Publications Tab) and WAVMA Blog ([www.wavma.org/blog](http://www.wavma.org/blog)).

## Comm Comm objectives

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The development and maintenance of the Association's:

- The Associations website ([www.wavma.org](http://www.wavma.org))
- Development and production of The Aquatic Veterinarian
- Maintenance of Listservs and other electronic communications mechanisms for members
- Any other forms of communication, including social media, that would benefit members and the Association
- Contact with other WAVMA committees to ensure information flow of interest to all members.

## Membership and appointment

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- The Committee will consist of at least three Full members.
- The Committee shall be chaired by the WAVMA Secretary.
- Committee Membership is open to any Full or Student WAVMA Member in good standing.
- The Committee may delegate specific tasks to subcommittees or working groups that will be chaired by a Communications Committee member.

## Meetings

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The Committee shall meet on a regular basis, preferably monthly, through electronic means (such as e-mail, telephone or internet conference calls, etc.) and are encouraged to meet in-person at least annually at the Association's Annual General Meeting or other suitable locations, to do the Committee Business.

## Funding

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Any actual costs for activities or programs developed and implemented by this Committee must be approved by the Executive Board.

## Contributors' rewards

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All Comm Comm contributors kindly donate their time and effort on a volunteer basis.

Certificates of appreciation will be provided by the WAVMA President to Comm Comm leaders, and to members providing an exceptional contribution.

## Reporting

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- Comm Comm leaders shall regularly update the WAVMA EB on any activity and initiative completed or undertaken.
- The Comm Comm Chair shall provide a written progress report at least 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, plus an annual report for inclusion into the WAVMA Annual Report by December of each year.
- Comm Comm shall advise the WAVMA EB and other committees on communications issues.
- Comm Comm shall agree with the WAVMA EB for implementing new communication programs.
- Comm Comm shall regularly communicate updates to WAVMA members on activities and initiatives undertaken, contributing to newsletters and to [\*The Aquatic Veterinarian\*](#).

## Establishment and expectancy

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The committee was established in 2008 by the WAVMA EB under the coordination of the WAVMA Secretary. The Committee will remain in effect indefinitely, and its output will be reviewed by the Executive Board at least annually to determine the functional efficacy of the Committee.

## Date Approved by WAVMA EB

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January 17, 2018

## 2023 Membership

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- **Com Comm Chair:** Claudia Venegas (Chile)
- **Members:**

Dave Scarfe	(USA)
Chris Walster	(UK)
Stephen Reichley	(USA)
Nick Saint -Erne	(USA)
Devon Dublin	(Japan)