



# WAVMA Education & Students Committee

The Education and Students Committee (ESC) was established to allow WAVMA supporting and promoting quality aquatic veterinary education around the world.

Acting through designed sub-committees, ESC aims to provide training support and facilitate Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD) programs for veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals. In addition, ESC coordinates the establishment of [WAVMA Student Chapters](#), and promote networking among WAVMA members, to facilitate activities and training opportunities in aquatic veterinary medicine.

## ESC objectives

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- To actively promote aquatic veterinary education, mainly by coordinating the development of the WAVMA [WebCEPD](#) program
- To coordinate the establishment of WAVMA [Student Chapters](#) around the world
- To allow [scholarship](#) opportunities in aquatic veterinary medicine, by administering the Pitts Aquatic Veterinary Education Awards and Student Chapter Mini Grant programs
- To inform on [educational opportunities](#) in aquatic veterinary medicine, highlighting programs of interest for student members and helping in networking
- Should publish updates on their activities in to keep the WAVMA community informed.

## Membership and appointment

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- ESC will consist of at least 3 WAVMA Full members, including the Chair of the WAVMA Meetings Committee, a recently graduated veterinarian, and a WAVMA Fellow member.
- Each member will serve one year term.
- ESC will elect a Chair (Full member), a Vice-Chair (Student, Full, or VNT member), and sub-committee leaders (Student, Full, or VNT members) to serve a one year term.
- The ESC Chair and Vice-Chair will oversee activities and delegate specific tasks to each sub-committee.
- ESC subcommittees and their leaders are redefined annually and revised during ESC general meetings, based on needs and contributors available.

## Meetings

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WAVMA ESC shall meet virtually on a regular basis, preferably twice a year. ESC members are encouraged to meet in-person during the WAVMA Annual General Meeting, or during other suitable professional events.

## Funding

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Funding will be allocated by the WAVMA Executive Board (EB) upon an annual itemized budget request by the ESC Chair, and through donations.

## Contributors' rewards

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

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

WAVMA offers free membership (one year) to the committee Chair.

## Reporting

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- ESC leaders shall regularly update the WAVMA EB on any activity and initiative completed or undertaken.
- The ESC Chair and Vice-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.
- ESC shall advise the WAVMA EB and other committees on education and student issues.
- ESC shall agree with the WAVMA EB for implementing new educational programs.
- ESC 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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WAVMA ESC was established on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019 by the WAVMA EB under the coordination of Dr. Bartolomeo Gorgoglione.

ESC will remain in effect indefinitely.

## 2023 ESC organization

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- **ESC Chair:** Bartolomeo Gorgoglione, USA
- **ESC Vice Chair:** Rachael Feeney, USA
- **WebCEPD sub-committee**  
Leader: Claudia Venegas, Chile
- **Education Resources sub-committee**  
Leader: John Griffioen, USA
- **Student Support sub-committee**  
Leader: Maribel Escobedo Mondragón, Mexico