



WoCoVA Global Strategy Council Mission Statement

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A multi-disciplinary and multi-professional foundation promoting the science and practice of vascular access while developing consensus models for global standards of practice to improve patient care and outcomes. WoCoVA strives to work inclusively with all professional organizations worldwide who are involved with vascular access to further enhance communication, education and clinical practice ideals.

Congress Goals and Objectives:

- Advance and disseminate knowledge and technology to improve the quality of life and economic competitiveness worldwide
- Encourage and support research to improve human health.
- Bring new technologies to a global audience
- Create a collegial environment for sharing information
- Provide professional and educational resources and opportunities internationally
- Develop consensus tools and protocols

Foundation

The WoCoVA foundation is an incorporated organization which exists for educational promotion and for which its shareholders or trustees do not benefit financially. Any money earned is retained by the organization for future operations and programs.

Committees

- **Strategic Planning (SPC)**
 - Comprising representatives from the WoCoVA foundation including the congress secretariat and other designated members to further the goals of the foundation
- **Global (GC)**
 - Comprising committed representatives from countries around the world to develop a bi-annual congress including fundraising, sponsorship, marketing and event promotion within their geographical regions. A congress secretariat member will be additionally represented
- **Scientific (SC)**
 - Comprising a small group of professional experts with experience in publishing and scientific presentations, entrusted to prepare the WoCoVA program content. Determination of location for future WoCoVA Congress meetings will be determined by this committee

Committee Responsibilities

- **Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)**
 - Selecting geographical location and venue for bi-annual WoCoVA Congress
 - Financial planning
 - Promotion and advertising
 - Fundraising and sponsorship
 - Call for abstracts
 - Website development and updating
- **Global Committee (GC)**
 - Promotion and advertising in local regions to encourage Congress attendance
 - Recruitment of regional sponsorship
 - Assisting the Strategic Planning Committee by implementing fund raising strategies through personal influence in own region/country
 - Actively participating in all Foundation fund raising special events, programs and activities in your region/country
 - Volunteering assistance at WoCoVA Congress as needed (speaker support and introductions, room monitoring, etc.) Volunteers must cover their own travel expenses, although meeting attendance fees may be waived, as to be decided by the organization.
- **Scientific Committee (SC)**
 - Identifying theme and topics for bi-annual congress
 - Selecting top level presenters for the congress utilizing scientific and clinical expertise and previous experience with conference planning

- Formulating the congress program, incorporating current research, publications, and international trends
 - Reviewing abstracts for potential presentation at the congress using a defined process that promotes anonymity of the presenter in order to minimize scientific committee membership bias in selection of speakers
 - Adjudicating any potential conflict of interest and the support the need for full disclosure with abstention or recusal from decisions as necessary
- The length of term and optimal number of members for all committees will be determined after WoCoVA 2012
 - **Organization Representation**
 - A representative from a National or local vascular access organization may be invited to participate in the WoCoVA Congress Global Committee planning activities, as deemed appropriate by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Committee Expectations

1. Support the Foundation's mission, purposes, goals, policies and programs, while knowing its strengths and needs.
2. Available for participation in all conference calls including Skype communication, email correspondence and monthly reporting.
3. Respond to requests for feedback from WoCoVA governance in a timely manner or by the specified deadline, as well as providing input, feedback and local expertise during calls and meetings.
4. Update WoCoVA of any change of contact information.
5. Share perspectives on local vascular access trends, issues and concerns.
6. Provide local feedback/input on national policies and programs including professional organizations within your country.
7. Assist with relationship building and securing local funding.

Conflict of Interest Policy

It is essential for WoCoVA to retain its unbiased reputation and integrity when its representatives, due to the number and breadth of associations, may face situations that involve multiple loyalties. Working impartially and without bias but also avoiding even the appearance of a conflict of interest is crucial.

A conflict of interest might include, but is not limited to:

- financial or personal interests of committee or foundation members that are, or may appear to be, inconsistent with the interests of the foundation (i.e. investment advice, property leasing, board compensation)
- violation of law inconsistent with the Foundation's interest in transactions that can create substantial legal liability, (i.e. self-dealing prohibitions under tax laws)
- risk for negative public perception with engagement in improper transactions, or those that give the appearance of impropriety, that may damage WoCoVA's good name and reputation
- Conflicts that compromise the decision-making process, preventing board members and foundation managers from having open and candid discussions and, in some cases, from acting in the best interests of the foundation, (i.e., commercial or financial interest in a product or protocol, consultancy agreements, competing research interests, and personal relationships, etc.)
- All speakers must inform the audience of any potential biases or conflicts of interest at the beginning of their presentation. Things such as manufacturer affiliation either through employment or consultancy, etc. must be divulged up front.

The overall guiding principle is that members should act professionally and impartially in considering WoCoVA matters. There are times when members, working at a completely ethical level, can be perceived to be at risk of impropriety, and should take the initiative to prevent this by abstaining or recusing themselves appropriately.