WABA CHAIRMAN REPORT FOR 2018

In accordance of the WABA regulations, the Board of Directors must issue an Annual Report for the fiscal year. It is a common practice to evaluate the functioning of the Board of Directors and its respective Committees, and to analyse the effectiveness of the WABA.

The purpose of the Report is to evaluate:

i) the quality and efficiency of the Board's operation,

ii) the performance and membership of its Committees,

iii) the diversity of board membership and competences,

iv) the performance of the Chairman of the Board, and

v) the performance and contribution of individual committees.

Performance of the Chairman of the Board:

I considered an honour to be asked to join the board of directors for the WABA, and, by accepting the position I knew it was coming with many duties and responsibilities.

I understand that everyone who gets asked to serve on a non-profit organization doesn't necessarily possess the skills or qualifications to fulfil their duties, but, from the start, I tried to serve and do my duties with clear intentions, to be willing to put in the necessary time and to find the balance between serving faithfully and to contribute with positions that would improve our Association.

Nevertheless, after some months, I was forced to review my position as Chair. First, a health problem then a serious personal issue who create situations that caused my lack of noticeable participation for the Board.

I know that, to structure and organize WABA, the group of directors needs people who work with commitment and determination and I, despite having volunteered myself to be part of this wonderful group, found difficulties to cope with my many others responsibilities.

Please accept my apology for not been able to continue.

Very best regards.

Mauricio

Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 2019