



IBA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

4th May 2024 – Madrid, Spain

1. Opening remarks by IBA President

The President joined the meeting online via zoom, welcoming everyone. He expressed a special thank you to Mrs. Marta Forcén Celaya for her efforts and contributions for hosting IBA events and in organizing the Champions' Night in Madrid.

2. Roll call

Voting Members in person:

Mr. Volodymyr Prodyvus

Mr. Ioannis Filippatos

Mr. Jose Laureano

Mr. Tauhiti Nena

Mr. Berhanu Eyassu Wossen

Ms. Pearl Dlamini

Mr. Abdeljaouad Belhaj

Ms. Kristy Harris

Ms. Zsuzsanna Toth

Ms. Marta Forcén Celaya

Mr. Yousuf Al-Kazim

Mr. Dian Gomes

Ms. Lourdes Avendaño

Voting Members online:

Mr. Umar Kremlev

Voting Members excused:

Mr. Jinqiang Zhou





Non-Voting Members excused:

Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov

Voting Members with no response:

Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira

Ms. Lovlina Borgohain

Non-Voting Members with no response:

Mr. Ajay Singh

13 out of 16 eligible Voting Members were in attendance at the Board of Directors meeting.

The quorum was reached as per article 29.5 of the IBA Constitution.

In addition, the meeting was attended by Mr. Chris Roberts OBE, IBA Secretary General & CEO, Mrs. Anastasiya Dlala, IBA Director of Administration & HR, Mr. Yury Zaytsev, IBA Legal Counsel, Mr. Alberto Roigé Godia, IBA Director of Legal. Mr. Marko Petric and Ms. Anna Utkina also joined the meeting during the 'Update on Sport & Development' presentation as well as Ms. Alisa Shcherbachenyha during the presentation on International Relations matters.

3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

Ms. Pearl Dlamini made a remark regarding the IBA Diversity Committee, and the support agreed upon by the Board at the last meeting. She requested that this remark be incorporated into the minutes accordingly. Consequently, the meeting minutes from the Board of Directors meeting in Sochi on 3 March 2024, including Ms. Dlamini's remark, were unanimously approved by the Board.

4. Summary of decisions made through mail vote

The Board of Directors took the following decisions by mail vote:

- On 05.04.2024, change of sport nationality of Ms. Veronika Nakota from Ukraine to Hungary with immediate effect. Furthermore, it was approved to disclose the above decision and publish its copy on the IBA website.
- On 12.04.2024, to grant provisional membership to the New Sweden Boxing Federation until the next IBA Congress meeting. In addition, it was approved to disclose the above decision and publish its copy on the IBA website.
- On 15.04.2024, to open the branch of International Boxing Association IBA in the Republic of





Tajikistan; to approve the regulations of the branch of International Boxing Association IBA in the Republic of Tajikistan; to appoint Mr. Mirzoaliev Abu-Bakr Komilovich as Director of the branch of International Boxing Association IBA in the Republic of Tajikistan for a period of 2 years and to issue the Power of Attorney to him; to authorize him to submit to the registration authority the documents necessary for the registration of the branch, in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan. Lastly, it was approved to disclose the above decision and publish its copy on the IBA website.

- On 16.04.2024, to change the sports nationality for Ms. Vladislava Kukhta, from Kazakhstan to Hungary, with immediate effect. Furthermore, it was approved to disclose the above decision and publish its copy on the IBA website.

5. Update on legal matters

a) CAS decision & ASOIF

Mr. Zaytsev took the floor and started off by updating the Board on the CAS award in the case 9757 between IBA v IOC addressing the three areas of concern: Finance, Sport Integrity and Governance. He then carried on by presenting the consequence of the CAS 9757 in the membership of ASOIF where in its last General Assembly on 9 April 2024 also decided to withdraw IBA membership.

b) Appeal to Swiss Federal Tribunal (SFT)

Mr. Zaytsev continued by explaining that the CAS award can be appealed to the Swiss Federal Tribunal with deadline 8 May 2024 and that its drafting was already in progress. He further explained that the appeal to the SFT would be filed upon the violation of the right to be heard. In particular, the CAS panel did not consider the legal basis for the decision to withdraw the IOC's recognition and the legal arguments in support of its competition law arguments. Regarding the legal basis for the decision to withdraw the IOC's recognition, the panel concluded that the withdrawal was justified under a confluence of the Swiss Civil Code and IOC constitutional discretion. However, it did not consider article 59 Olympic Charter, and thus did not recognize the exhaustive grounds for withdrawal and the required disciplinary procedure. Then, he carried on by presenting the legal arguments in support of its competition law arguments. Firstly, the IOC's decision violated competition law and abuse of dominant market position based on Federal Law on Cartels. IBA elaborated market definition, cited European Case Law and highlighted CJEU precedence on IOC's dominance and monopoly-like control over Olympic sports. The panel found insufficient evidence to support the definition of the relevant market or the IOC's dominant position therein.





c) Membership issues

Mr. Zaytsev presented the list of disaffiliated national federations as well as the suspended national federation being St Vincent & the Grenadines. Mr. Zaytsev mentioned that during the next Ordinary Congress, depending on any updates from the national federation, a decision shall be made.

Following the previous topic, Mr. Zaytsev listed the affiliated national federations who are affiliated to World Boxing. These said national federations were the following:

1. England Boxing
2. Federación Hondureña de Boxeo
3. Iceland Boxing Federation
4. Jamaica Boxing Board
5. Mongolia Boxing Association
6. Fédération Nigérienne de Boxe
7. Norwegian Boxing Federation
8. Boxing Association of the Philippines
9. Boxing Scotland
10. Surinaamse Boxbond
11. Virgin Islands Boxing Federation
12. Welsh Amateur Boxing Association

Mr. Zaytsev expressed to the Board that there were proceedings initiated by the Board on 8 December 2023 and 3 March 2024 against the aforementioned national federations. There were responses from (i) England Boxing, (ii) Jamaica Boxing Board, (iii) Fédération Nigérienne de Boxe, (iv) Norwegian Boxing Federation (resignation after 01.01.2024), (v) Boxing Scotland, (vi) Welsh Amateur Boxing Association, (vii) Mongolia Boxing Association, (viii) DanmarksBokse-Union (resignation before 31.12.2023). There were no responses from (i) Federación Hondureña de Boxeo, (ii) Iceland Boxing Federation, (iii) Boxing Association of the Philippines, (iv) Surinaamse Boxbond, and (v) Virgin Islands Boxing Federation. These said cases were forwarded to BIIU for its opinion.

The BIIU suggested the following: to suspend proceedings against DanmarksBokse-Union due to





resignation. Furthermore, to treat (i) Jamaica Boxing Board and (ii) Norwegian Boxing Federation as any other National Federation as the resignation does not take place until 31 December 2024. In addition, the Board shall discuss (i) possibility of establishing Normalization Committees and (ii) consider the long-term interests of IBA instead of issuing suspensions for the following national federations as the following associations seem to be interested in finding a solution:

- i. England Boxing
- ii. Fédération Nigérienne de Boxe
- iii. Boxing Scotland
- iv. Welsh Amateur Boxing Association
- v. Mongolia Boxing Association

The following votes were brought forward:

1. **The Board unanimously voted not to allow dual membership for NFs.**
2. **The Board unanimously agreed to suspend any NFs that join or may join World Boxing, except those interested in finding solutions.**
3. **The Board unanimously agreed to establish Normalization Committees for all aforementioned National Federations.**

Mr. Zaytsev ended this section by presenting new National Federations with IBA (provisional members), being the following: On the 16th January 2024, German National Boxing Association (GNBA), on the 23rd February 2024, Czech Boxing Federation (CBF), on the 8th April 2024, Brazilian Boxing Confederation (BBC) complied with the condition to remove the reference to professional boxing, on the 12th April 2024, New Sweden Boxing Federation (NSBF), and Aotearoa New Zealand International Boxing Association, with their application in progress.

d) Amendments to various IBA regulations

Mr. Roigé Godia started by presenting the amendments to the IBA Financial Regulations, which were the following:

- Insertion of definition of 'Official' according to the IBA Constitution and Competition Official according to the IBA Technical & Competition Rules.
- Article 2: reference to Audit Committee replaced by External Auditor and a meeting to review financial statements and prepare the reporting BoD shall take place every semester.





- Article 4: clarification on selection of external audit.
- Article 5: clarification on limit of expenditure by the Secretary General & CEO.
- Article 6: clarification of the authority of the President, First Vice-President, and SG & CEO to appoint a person from the Head Office with a power of signature.
- Article 8: rephrase of art. On the limit of expenditure exceeding CHF 2,000.
- Article 9: clarification on the allowances to the Committees' members.
- Article 11: clarification on the travel allowance, hotel accommodation and per diems.
- Article 12: enter into force of the amended Regulations.
- Technical amendments in different articles

It was then proceeded to carry out a vote if the Board agrees to approve the amendments to the IBA Financial Regulations.

The Board unanimously agreed to approve the amendments to the IBA Financial Regulations.

Mr. Roigé Godia continued by presenting the amendments to the Organisational Regulations being the following:

- Article 5: clarification on eligibility to become Committee member: minimum age 18 years old and the criminal record certificate must not be more than 3 months old.
- Article 6: Professional Boxing Committee added into the list of Committees.
- Article 12: Committee meetings: clarification on attendance at the Committee meeting and decision by mail vote.
- Article 27: enter into force of the amended Regulations.
- Technical amendments in different articles.

A vote was conducted if the Board agrees to approve the said mentioned amendments to the IBA Organisational Regulations.

The Board unanimously agreed to approve the amendments to the IBA Organisational Regulations.

Following the amendments to the Organisational Regulations, the amendments to Regulations on Corporate Governance Committees was introduced, being the following:





- Definitions of 'Director', 'Elective World Championships' and 'Financial Regulations' added.
- Article 2: Athletes Committee will be covered by these Regulations, whereas Athletes Committee Regulations is canceled.
- Article 4: clarification on eligibility to become a committee member: minimum age is 18 years old and criminal record certificate must not be more than 3 months old.
- Article 8: clarification on attendance at the Committee meeting.
- Articles 11-22: rules governing Athletes Committee (transferred from Athletes Committee Regulations).
- Article 25: a Committee shall be entitled to take any decision by mail vote.
- Article 26: enter into force of the amended Regulations.
- Technical amendments in different articles.

A vote was then conducted if the Board approves the amendments to the IBA Regulations on Corporate Governance Committees.

The Board unanimously agreed to approve the amendments to the IBA Regulations on Corporate Governance Committees.

The amendments to the FSP Regulations were then presented, being the following:

- Replacement of FSP Office by FSP Committee.
- Article 4: clarification on FSP application process: application to International Relations department and the application shall be submitted 3 months prior relevant event, instead of window for application between 1 July and 31 August.
- Article 6: clarification on use of funds: 1 project per NF during IBA financial year, each project will be subject to scrutiny by FSP Committee, and FSP funds cannot be used for covering debts of travel expenses and staff salaries.
- Article 11: report on use of FSP funds shall be provided within 2 months upon completion of respective project (before: by 30 June).
- Article 13: exclusion from FSP: participation in competitions of another international boxing federation and membership in another international boxing federation.
- Article 14: enter into force of the amended Regulations.





- Technical amendments in different articles.

A vote was carried out if the Board agree to approve the amendments to the IBA Financial Support Program Regulations.

The Board unanimously agreed to approve the amendments to the IBA Financial Support Program Regulations.

A second vote was raised if the Board agree to appoint Vice President Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov and Secretary General & CEO Mr. Chris Roberts to the FSP Committee and Ms. Alisa Shcherbachenya as Secretary to this Committee.

The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Vice President Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov and Secretary General & CEO Mr. Chris Roberts to the FSP Committee and Ms. Alisa Shcherbachenya as Secretary to this Committee.

e) Professional Boxing Committee appointments

Mr. Zaytsev presented the composition of the Professional Boxing Committee being the following:

- At least 1 active or former boxer who has participated both in amateur and in professional boxing ('Boxer').
- At least 1 active or former coach who has participated both in amateur and in professional boxing ('Coach').
- At least 1 active or former technical delegate, and/or official who has participated both in amateur and in professional boxing ('Official').
- At least 1 active or former promoter with a promoter license or a matchmaker, or a boxing manager with experience in professional boxing ('Promoter').

Mr. Zaytsev continued by mentioning that 24 candidates have applied, 14 of those candidates provided their application and CV, and that the head office is still waiting for the remaining missing documents.

A vote was conducted to postpone this matter and accept further applications to be submitted by candidates until 31st May 2024.

The Board unanimously agreed to postpone the appointment of members to the IBA Professional Boxing Committee and accept further applications until 31st May 2024.





6. Update on Sport and Development

Mr. Marko Petric took the floor to update the Board on Sport-related matters. He provided an update regarding the sport calendar for 2024 as well as upcoming projects such as: a new database, digitalized sport entries & record books, support with OCBC events, handbook and preparation for the World Championship events in Astana and Porec. He continued by mentioning there will be the first team event and global boxing cup launching in December 2024 as well as 11 Champions' Night events still to come in 2024.

Ms. Anna Utkina then provided an update regarding the Development department. Ms. Utkina emphasized on the IBA and National Federation Support development program as well as the IBA ITO/R&J Evaluator/R&J Instructor Course that took place in March – April 2024 in Assisi, Italy. Ms. Utkina ended off by sharing the development department's upcoming projects in the next months.

7. IBA events, standards, needs, FSP understanding, and continuous professional development (CPD)

Ms. Alisa Shcherbachenya presented FSP updates and current requests in progress.

8. 2024 IBA Ordinary Congress date and location

The 2024 IBA Ordinary Congress date and location was brought forward for a vote. The proposal for the location was Dubai, UAE to be held on 6&7 December.

The Board unanimously agreed on the dates and location of the next IBA Ordinary Congress.

9. Next IBA Board Meeting

The next IBA Board Meeting is scheduled to take place online via Zoom on Friday 21st June 2024 at 12:00 CET.

10. Additional Business

Ms. Pearl Dlamini proposed that the Confederation Presidents provide updates to the Board on their activities, enabling the Board to better support the Confederations. This suggestion prompted a discussion, and it will be taken into consideration.

11. Decision regarding the disclosure of information after the meeting

The Board unanimously agreed to disclose the decisions made during this meeting.





12. Closing remarks

In closing, Mr. Chris Roberts gave a brief overview of the need and requirement for collective support, for all to understand where we need to be and for all to remain connected.

Mr. Volodymyr Prodyvus thanked everyone for their attendance, effort and high spirits and officially closed the meeting.

These meeting minutes were drafted by the IBA Head Office and were approved by the Board of Directors on 21st June 2024.

