



## **IBA Board of Directors**

### **Meeting Minutes**

21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 – Online

#### **1. Opening remarks by IBA President**

The President joined the meeting, welcoming and thanking everyone for their constant support.

#### **2. Roll call**

##### Voting Members online:

Mr. Umar Kremlev

Mr. Volodymyr Prodyvus

Mr. Ioannis Filippatos

Mr. Jose Laureano

Mr. Tauhiti Nena

Mr. Berhanu Eyassu Wossen – joined the meeting on membership issues

Ms. Pearl Dlamini

Mr. Abdeljaouad Belhaj

Ms. Kristy Harris

Ms. Zsuzsanna Toth

Mrs. Marta Forcén Celaya

Mr. Yousuf Al-Kazim

Mr. Dian Gomes

Ms. Lourdes Avendaño – joined the meeting on membership issues

##### Voting Members excused:

Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira





Non-Voting Members excused:

Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov

Voting Members with no response:

Mr. Jinqiang Zhou

Ms. Lovlina Borgohain

14 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, Sport Director, joined the meeting during the 'Update on Sport matters' presentation as well as Ms. Alisa Shcherbachenya, Director of International Relations, during the update on membership issues.

**3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

**Ms. Pearl Dlamini pointed out a couple of typos in the draft of the minutes, which the Head Office will correct accordingly. The meeting minutes from the Board of Directors meeting in Madrid on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024, were unanimously approved by the Board.**

**4. Summary of decisions made through mail vote**

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

- On 27.04.2024, to grant provisional membership to Aotearoa New Zealand until the next IBA Congress meeting. In addition, it was approved to disclose the above decision and publish its copy on the IBA website.

**5. Update on membership issues**

**a) Provisional members**

Ms Shcherbachenya started off by updating the Board on the provisional members. In addition to the provisional member of Aotearoa New Zealand, the application of the Federación Panameña de Boxeo is in progress.

Currently, IBA has 198 National Federations including provisional members.





## **b) Continental updates**

Ms Shcherbachenya continued by explaining that the Continental Confederations' activity reports of ASBC, AFBC and OCBC were provided to the Secretary General & CEO. The full update by continent will be disclosed at the next Board of Directors meeting. She asked Confederations to please remind their National Federations to respect IBA membership policy (i.e. to provide election reports on time).

## **c) Current political situation**

Ms Shcherbachenya informed the Board of the increased political pressure on National Federations from their NOCs and IOC. She reassured that IBA is carefully monitoring the situation and continues to provide comprehensive in-depth support to all its National Federations.

## **6. Appointment of Professional Boxing Committee**

### **a) Applied candidates**

Mr. Roberts presented the number of candidates who applied for the Professional Boxing Committee. 27 applications were received in total.

### **b) Shortlisted candidates**

Mr. Roberts continued by presenting the shortlisted candidates by Head Office:

- Mark Williams (Wales) - Technical Delegate, ITO and retired R&J
- Wayne Rose (Australia) - Technical Delegate, ITO and retired R&J
- Devraj Das (India) - Boxing Promoter
- Godavarisingh Rajcoomar (Mauritius) - Technical Delegate, ITO and retired R&J
- Alberto Torres Martinez (Colombia) - Ex President of NF and lawyer
- Nenad Borovcanin (Serbia) - President of NF, experienced event manager in professional boxing
- Patricio Retondaro (Argentina) - Boxing Promoter
- Paulo Cesar Teixeira (Portugal) - President of NF and experienced event manager in professional boxing
- Waheedullah Hameedi (Afghanistan) - SG of NF and active involvement in all boxing events management
- Billy Polkinghorn (Australia) - Ex amateur/professional boxer





After reminding the Board of the composition of the Committee below, he advised to appoint the 10 candidates.

The Committee shall consist of at least 7 members, with the following capacities required:

1. At least, one (1) active or former Boxer who has participated both in amateur and in professional boxing;
2. At least, one (1) active or former Coach who has participated both in amateur and in professional boxing;
3. At least, one (1) active or former Technical Delegate, and/or Official who has participated both in amateur and in professional boxing;
4. At least, one (1) active or former promoter with a promoter license or a matchmaker.

Mrs. Forcén Celaya raised concerns about a potential conflict of interest regarding two candidates, Mark Williams and Wayne Rose, who are IBA technical delegates and ITOs. Consequently, the Board has requested their applications be submitted to BIIU to check for potential conflicts of interest due to their roles as IBA officials and their appointments to work at the Champions' Nights. It was decided to wait for BIIU's recommendations, before appointing them and to proceed with the other eight candidates.

**A vote was conducted to determine if the Board agreed to appoint the 8 shortlisted candidates to the Professional Boxing Committee, with the appointments of the 2 questioned candidates to be further determined by BIIU. The motion was carried out by the majority, with 7 votes in favor, 1 against, and 2 abstentions.**

## **7. Update on Sport matters**

Mr. Petric took the floor to update the Board on Sport-related matters. He provided an update on the new database. It is already implemented and working. However, some changes need to be made before it goes live soon. He continued to report that the first ever team World Championship event to be held in Dubai in December. He talked about a postponement of the Female Elite WCH to 2025.

## **Change of the host country of IBA Youth World Championship 2024**

Mr. Petric then proposed a change of the host country for the IBA Youth World Championship.

A vote was conducted if the Board agree to change the host country of IBA Youth World Championship.





**The Board agreed to change the host country of IBA Youth World Championship from Porec, Croatia to Budva, Montenegro.**

**a) Professional Boxing rules**

Mr. Petric explained that at the moment, until the Professional Boxing Committee has been implemented, no decision will be made as the Committee will need to review the documents to approve them.

**b) Amendment to change of sport nationality process**

Mr. Petric proposed an amendment to the process for a change of sport nationality. This is purely an administrative process and will have minimal political impact. The purpose is to reduce bureaucratic overheads. The final decision will be made by the Legal Department in consultation with the Sport Department instead of by the Board in order to reduce the number of mail votes.

A vote was conducted to issue a circular to National Federations to communicate this amendment.

**The Board agreed to issue the circular to National Federations to communicate this amendment.**

**8. Additional Business**

Mrs. Forcén Celaya proposed that circulation of information and documents is done at least 5 days before the Board of Directors meeting, especially if the Board needs to vote on a decision. This suggestion prompted a discussion and will be taken into consideration.

Mrs. Forcén Celaya then inquired about IBA financial situation and requested an external audit. It was clarified that IBA conducts an annual audit, with the financial year running from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Mr. Roberts confirmed that the detailed financial update and budget will be prepared for the next Board of Directors meeting in Cuba. Additionally, the external audit will be conducted this year as soon as possible, with the report to be ready for the Board's review and then presented to Congress for ratification at the annual Congress in December.

**9. Next IBA Board Meeting**

The next IBA Board Meeting is scheduled to take place in Havana, Cuba with provisional schedule from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of August to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2024. More information will be shared with the Board by email shortly.





## 10. Decision regarding the disclosure of information after the meeting

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

## 11. Closing remarks

In closing, the President thanked everybody for their work and effort and officially closed the meeting.

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*These meeting minutes were drafted by the IBA Head Office and have been approved by the Board of Directors on 18 July 2024.*

