

# REPORT

## Executive Board Meeting

5-6-7 March 2019 – Las Vegas, USA

### 1 Opening by the President

In his welcoming speech **Dr. Tamás Aján** emphasized the important role of the USA in the recent development of weightlifting and expressed thanks to USA Weightlifting President **Ms. Ursula Papandrea** and CEO **Mr. Phil Andrews**.

### 2 Welcome address by the hosts

USAW President, **Ms. Papandrea** and USAW CEO **Mr. Andrews** welcomed the Board.

### 3 Approval of the Minutes of the Ashgabat meeting

*The Minutes of the Ashgabat EB meeting were unanimously approved.*

### 4 Report on the meetings of the Committees

Reports on the **Joint Committees'** meeting and the meetings of the 3 **Committees** were heard submitted by the **Chairmen**.

Focus was on the Video Playback Technology and Tokyo 2020 Qualification. In the Technical Committee, In addition to technical issues, the replacement of two inactive members was discussed. The Medical Committee dealt with health issues of athletes. The Coaching and Research Committee focused on coaches training and education and new e-learning means.

*All three Committee reports were unanimously accepted.*

### 5 IWF Commissions' Reports

#### 1 Membership Commission Report – by **Mr. Krol**, Chairman

The Proposal for *extension of deadline to pay the 2018 annual membership fees until 31 July 2019* was unanimously accepted by the EB.

The Membership Commission proposed following *Provisional Members to be granted Full membership* in case the Federations comply with their obligations set out in the IWF Constitution and By-Laws 2017: **Burundi, Equatorial Guinea – unanimously approved.**

**Cape Verde – EB unanimously approved its affiliation.**

The Commission's Report was unanimously approved.

## 10 2020 Tokyo Olympic Qualification status update

**Mr. Ádámfi** made a presentation – including online/live presentation of the Qualification status check on the IWF website.

The positive effects of the Olympic Qualification System in terms of participation and high performance level were praised.

Initial difficulties in implementing the new Entry process – Long List/ Short List – were highlighted while immediate benefits (especially to the Anti-Doping program) were visible.

## 9 Preparation of IWF Congress

1 Appointment of **Verification Commission: the President proposed Mr. Zambrano, Ms. Lundahl, Mr. Makhmudov – approved.**

2 Appointment of **Scrutineers for TC Member election – Mr. Malgor, Mr. Dimas, Mr. Krol approved.**

## 11 IWF Strategic Plan

**The roadmap to the IWF Strategic Plan 2020-2024 positioning the IWF as the global organization for the 'strength' industry was unanimously approved.**

It was noted that the CFs' identity should be respected and kept, while their tasks should be clearly defined.

After consultation, all stakeholders, Members, etc. were invited to submit their suggestions which the Director General would elaborate into a draft document.

## 5 Development and Education Commission Report

### 2019 IWF Development Program update

**Mr. Quinones**, Chairman presented the Report which was **accepted.**

Reports on the **IWF Education Program** and the **Anti-Doping E-Learning Platform** were given.

**According to the EB's approval, from the next year, MFs can apply for equipment in the value of 8.000 USD while the amount available for organizing a seminar will be 6.000 USD.**

A **Scientific Corner** to be created on the new IWF Website.

After the presentation of the 2018 CF Contribution conclusions and 2019 CF Contribution proposal it was confirmed that further coordination was necessary.

15 **Any other matter**

1 **Update Report on IOC-IWF relations**

The Director General reported on permanent and excellent working relations between the IOC's different departments and the IWF staff.

Upon the IOC's proposal, *tasks were identified and the EB agreed to define the Refugee status and create a pathway for Refugees to compete in weightlifting.*

2 **Update report by the Women's Commission**

Ms. Papandrea, Chair presented past data and identified tasks for the future, including more female coaches, women in Continental Federations leaderships, women in National Federations leaderships.

3 **A Report on Communication and Marketing** was heard and accepted.

4 **Verification of the TC Candidates – 5 candidates were confirmed as eligible for election at the Congress.**

8 **Update Report of Working Group for the Modification of the IWF Constitution and By-Laws**

After an update report, a timeline was approved.

12 **Allocation of future IWF Events**

1 **2021 IWF Youth World Championships**

The EB unanimously supported Tashkent, Uzbekistan as host of the 2021 IWF Youth World Championships.

2 **2021 IWF Junior World Championships**

The EB unanimously supported to allocate the 2021 IWF Junior World Championships to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

7 **Anti-Doping Reports**

1 **Anti-Doping Commission Report**

The Report presented by Dr. Patrick Schamasch, Chairman ADC, was approved by the EB.

2 **IWF-ITA Partnership Status Report**

The Director General updated the Board on the developments and the current status of the IWF-ITA partnership.

## 6 Finances

### 1 2018 Annual Financial Report – Audit

Mr. Siegrist, Financial Director reported and the *2018 audited Financial Report was unanimously approved.*

### 2 2019 IWF Budget Status Report

*The Financial Reports were approved and the Financial Director's work applauded.*

### 14 2019 IWF World Championships, Pattaya, Thailand – Status Report

Following a discussion of the (unilateral) **Undertaking by TAWA and signed by TAWA President Ms. Boossaba Yodbangtoey** and an approval of its text, the *EB voted* that *Thailand may continue to organise the 2019 IWF World Championships, with its athletes not participating, as per the Undertaking.*

It was noted that the IWF-TAWA contract on the organisation of the 2019 IWF WWC was at the same time still valid.

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Following expressions of gratitude to organisers and staff, the meeting was closed by the President.

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