



# REPORT of the Executive Session of the IWF Executive Board Held on 2020 October 15 By Video Conference

## PARTICIPATING:

Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary  
Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Zhanat Tussupbekov, Nicu Vlad, José Quinones, Petr Krol, Vice Presidents  
Karoliina Lundahl, Pyrros Dimas, Birendra Prasad Baishya, Maxim Agapitov, Shakhrillo Makhmudov,  
Mahmoud Mahgoub, Luis Zambrano, Dr. Michael Irani, Sam Coffa Members  
Mohamad Y. Al Mana, Antonio Urso, Marcus Stephen, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental President, **19 Voting Board Members in total on the call.**  
Secretariat: Angelique Mottet, Interim CEO, Dr. Lilla Sági, OD, Dr. Péter Molnár, LC, Mária Cseresnyés, BAM, Zoltán Veres, ITM,  
Apologies: Ursula Papandrea, Vice President

*Meeting started at 17:00 pm CET*

## **ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

1. Interim President Position
2. Any Other Matter

### **Opening Remarks and Roll Call**

After Roll Call, Yodbangtoey, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, greeted participants. He expressed his trust in the EB Members to handle this critical situation to the best of their knowledge. He also mentioned it was high time for the respected Board to make the proper decision for the beloved Sport, after which he gave the floor to General Secretary Jalood.

### **1. Interim President Position**

The EB discussed the challenges faced following the removal of the Ursula Papandrea from the position of Interim President. It was ascertained that the EB should jointly make all the efforts to make the required changes together, showing unity, otherwise weightlifting would face serious consequences related to the Olympic Games.

EB agreed that the right person for the position of the Interim President should be promoted and approved. According to the Constitution the position could be taken by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, however, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President could decline it, and could offer it going down to the Vice Presidents and then to the Executive Board Members.

Yodbangtoey refusing to take the position of the Interim President, he said that the EB should offer it to the person who was in Europe, could represent the EB in Tokyo and at the IOC, had no conflict of interest, well-mannered, respected, had good knowledge in anti-doping rules. That was why he proposed Dr. Michael Irani for the position of the Interim President.

A motion was made on approving Dr. Michael Irani as the Interim President of the IWF:

<b>VOTE 1 on approving Dr Michael Irani as Interim President – with 17 yes and 1 no vote and 1 abstention PASSED.</b>
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Yodbangtoey asked the newly selected Interim President to run and conduct the EB meeting and gave the floor to Dr. Irani

Dr Irani thanked the EB for the trust. He added the EB had to be going in the right direction and the important thing was now governance. The IOC was happy with the doping situation, to sign up with the ITA for the next four years. However, the EB just needed to build on the independent side. He also added that he would need the EB supports and assistance.

## **2. Any Other Matter**

Regarding the place and dates of 2021 March Elections the following was agreed and decided by the Board.

**Place of the Elections** – beside option B an option C shall also be considered.

**Proposed dates for elections:** March 24-25 Constitution and March 26-27 for Elections.

**Plan A:** Lausanne Switzerland, **Plan B:** Istanbul, Turkey, **Plan C:** Vladivostok, Russia as proposed by Agapitov.

**Jalood** informed the EB the new ITA contract was received by him, so he asked the EB to approve signing the new ITA contract.

**VOTE 2 on approving to sign the Contract with ITA with 19 yes votes PASSED unanimously.**

It was also noted that letters were received that the meeting held the day before was not constitutional, so it was suggested that the EB would reaffirm the 4 decisions made at the last meeting in block as followed:

1. The Removal of Ursula Papandrea as Interim President
2. The Composition of Ethics and Disciplinary Commission
3. The Composition of Reform and Governance Commission
4. The entry of Sam Coffa to the Executive Board.

The Above 4 points were put to a vote to reaffirm the decisions made the day before.

**VOTE 3 on approving the 4 points and 4 votes held on the EB meeting of October 14 with 19 YES votes PASSED unanimously PASSED.**

The EB agreed that a press release should be prepared ASAP and published as well as to make the relevant changes on the IWF web site with immediate effect.

It was also requested to send out a letter to all MFs asking for proposals for changing the constitution in writing to be returned to the Secretariat as there had already been some delay.

Given the floor, the Secretariat Members participating in the meeting also congratulated Dr. Irani on his new position.

It was said for the sake of the records that the removal of the previous Interim president, Ms. Papandrea was approved with 14 yes votes and 3 abstentions.

Dr. Sági confirmed article 12 proposal from ITA was sent to the EB with all the requests of the EB included therein. After reviewing, it could be approved in writing. In case of further questions, ITA was open for the discussions.

However, it was also said the voting about article 12 should be made urgently before the WADA meeting.

There being no other matter to transact, the meeting was closed.

*Meeting ended 19:38 pm CET on Thursday, 15 October 2020.*