



REPORT of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 2021 February 11 By Video Conference

PARTICIPATING

Dr. Michael Irani, Interim President

Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary

Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President

Zhanat Tussupbekov, Nicu Vlad, José Quinones, Petr Krol, Vice Presidents

Karoliina Lundahl, Maxim Agapitov, Shakhriillo Makhmudov, Mahmoud Mahgoub, Luis Zambrano, Sam Coffa
Members

Mohamad Y. Al Mana, Marcus Stephen, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental President, **17 Voting Board Members in total on the call.**

Secretariat: Angelique Mottet, Interim CEO, Dr. Lilla Sági, OD, Mária Cseresnyés, BAM

Guest: Despina Mavromati Chair, Andrew Minogue Vice Chair from EDC, Cathrine Pitre EDC Secretariat

Meeting started at 12:00 am CET

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

	Opening	Interim President, General Secretary
1	Discussion of Eligibility Rules for Election Candidates	EB, EDC
2	Any Other Business	EB
	Closing	

Opening Remarks and Roll Call

After Roll Call, Dr. Irani, Interim President, greeted participants Jalood, General Secretary also offered greetings.

1. Discussion of Eligibility Rules for Election Candidates

Several EB Members expressed their concerns on the requirements received by the Candidates for the IWF Elections from EDC, saying most of them were simply impossible to be fulfilled i.e., to procure and send the supporting documentation in the given timeframe of 9 days until the specified deadline of 15/02/2021, especially considering COVID-19 situation in countries of Africa and Asia.

The EB was reminded of the circumstances based on which EDC accepted to perform the difficult task related to the IWF elections to be held in March. The EDC firmly recommended to hold the Electoral Congress after the Constitutional Congress for many reasons. However, the EDC got the clear message of the IWF EB to do it vica versa, thus, the EDC came up with a plan B being extremely limited. The EB was also informed about the Secretary hired to the EDC to conduct the eligibility rules etc. to perform the check of the Candidates on behalf of the EDC. It was underlined that the tight timeframes for the Candidates fulfilling their obligation to submit the supporting documentation was set by the EDC based on the IWF EB requesting the eligibility of the candidates determined 30 days before the election: meaning if the election were to be held at the end of March, and the verified eligibility list were to be published a month in advance of the elections, it would mean a period of 2 weeks from this meeting. However, considering the pandemic certainly the EDC would be flexible regarding the documentation of the Candidates – if not provided by 100%, and would take a common-sense approach.

A question was raised by the EB why putting a limit of 30 days before the election to publish the clean list of candidates. The list had already been published. The vetting process, eligibility task could be extended and to be finalised two weeks before the election. The IWF EB never discussed to request the EDC to finish the work related to vetting process 30 days before the election.

Some EB members added that the IWF Constitution did not regulate this, such papers, certifications were not requested before. The difficulty was that the candidates had to present certified certificates for not being incapacitated, not being bankrupt, not being an employee of the IWF underlined in the current situation it was a burden that could not be possibly achieved by a lot of candidates.

The EDC Members left the call as the EDC was clear that they wanted to avoid any ethics problem, any conflict of interest because most of the EB members were candidates to the elections.

It was ascertained that the EB never voted on setting a deadline for the EDC to finish the vetting procedure 30 days before the elections. There was a proposal to send a letter to EDC extending that deadline to March 15 as this deadline was never told by the EB!

A motion was made to vote on extending the deadline of EDC to 15 March 2021 for the Candidates submitting the supporting documents required by EDC.

VOTE 1 on approving to send the letter to EDC extending the deadline to March 15 for submitting the documentation for candidacy with 17 YES votes and 1 not online PASSED.

2. Any Other Business

It was proposed to merge the budget National and Regional Federation grants and the IWF special project budget's part into one big budget and equally distribute among the MFs to be more transparent. From this merged budget of each MF requesting an IWF grant would receive the same amount.

A motion was made to merge the budget National and Regional Feds and the IWF special project budget's part into one budget in 2021.

VOTE 2 on approving to merge the approved Development Programme budgets in 2021 with 16 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

The EB also touched the question regarding the World Championships to be held in 2022 and this year, however it was agreed that this topic should be discussed later, as it required to be reviewed thoroughly.

A question was also raised regarding an athlete submitting nationality change for which it was replied that the documents had been received by the IWF but it would take some time to decide on the matter as the documents received had to be reviewed thoroughly.

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

Meeting ended 14:00 pm CET on Friday, 11 February 2021.