

REPORT of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 2021 March 27 By Video Conference



PARTICIPATING

Dr. Michael Irani, Interim President
Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary
Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President
Nicu Vlad, José Quinones, Petr Krol, Vice Presidents
Karoliina Lundahl, Pyrros Dimas, Maxim Agapitov, Shakhriillo Makhmudov, Mahmoud Mahgoub, Luis Zambrano, Birendra Baishya, Sam Coffa, Members
Marcus Stephen, Khaled Mehalhel, Continental President,
Sarah Davies, AC Chair, Forrester Osei, AC Vice Chair, **18 Voting Board Members in total on the call.**
Secretariat: Angelique Mottet, Interim CEO, Dr. Lilla Sági, OD, Mária Cseresnyés, BAM, Tímea Horváth DPM, Réka Földesi CMM, Mátyás Lencsér CM, Erika Riedl, LC, Maxat Dastan CFA
Guest: Dominique Leroux ITA

Meeting started at 11:00 am CET

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

	Opening 14:00 PM CET	Dr. Mike Irani, Interim President
1.	ITA Report	ITA, Lilla Sági
2.	Financial Update	Maxat Dastan, MCS
3.	Update on the Olympic Qualification System	Sam Coffa, Nicu Vlad, Matyas Lencsér
4.	Competitions: 2021 JWC update, Allocation of future competition	Mohammed Jalood, José Quinones
5.	Constitutional Reform Update	
6.	Olympic Games Accreditations	
7.	Communications Update	José Quinones
8.	Lausanne Office Update	Zoltan Veres, Angelique Mottet
9.	Report on the Development Programme	José Quinones
10.	IWF Commissions update	José Quinones
11.	Any other business	
	Closing	

Opening Remarks and Roll Call

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

1. ITA Update

An update was given to the EB on the cases being investigated by the ITA according to the McLaren report.

2. Financial Update

An update was provided to the EB on the Financial Statements of the IWF related to 2019 and the related audit report.

3. Update on the Olympic Qualification System (OQS)

The General Secretary thanked all the efforts of the people involved in the hard work related to the OQS. Finally, the OQS was completed, only the AD part of the OQS had not been finalised, waiting for the ADC approval, their deadline was in the following week when it was finalised the entire document would be sent to the IOC.

4. Competitions: 2021 JWC Update, Allocation of Future Competition Programme

Organising Committee from KSA kindly requested to postpone the JWC until October due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The EB discussed and decided that an informative should be sent to the Member Federations, due to the concerns to be raised by the MFs with the postponement of the KSA JWC, however, it was impossible to publish the QOS in its current form, should be sent to the IOC for approval first.

Based on the request of the Organising Committee from KSA, a motion was made asking the EB to approve to postpone the JWC to planned to be held at the end of 20-31 May 2021 in Jeddah, KSA to October 2021.

VOTE 1 on approving to postpone the JWC to be held in Jeddah (KSA) with 18 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

The EB was informed that unfortunately no applications from the MFs had been received up to now for hosting the events of 2022 Youth and 2023 Senior WWC.

The EB was also informed relating to the event WWC to be held in PERU (Nov. 2021) that COVID situation in Peru was getting worse and the budget for sport was cut by 50%. The EB was asked to consider assigning this event to Georgia, as accepted as a substitute previously by the EB.

A motion was made to approve to accept Georgia as a substitute for holding the Championships instead of PERU, dates to be fixed later.

VOTE 2 on approving to hold the Senior Championships in Georgia in 2021 instead of Peru with 18 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

5. Constitutional Reform Update

An update was given to the EB on the Reform and Governance Commission (RGC): They received some inputs from MFs regarding the Constitution draft, there were some positive changes in the draft, but most of the inputs presented the question why this draft constitution was so long, not following the Swiss law model but common law. It was confirmed that the main points of the draft could be respected to follow but should be adjusted to the Swiss Law. Considering the deadline, the EB agreed to ask Dr. Carrard's Swiss law firm with the help of IWF Legal Counsels and the RGC Commission Members from the EB, to review the draft and adjusting it to the Swiss law.

A motion was made for the EB to determine that the mandate of the RGC ended while appreciating their hard work done.

VOTE 3 on approving that the RGC mandate over with 18 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

Motion to be approved: a task force to be constituted to finalise the IWF Constitution.

VOTE 4 on approving to create a Constitutional Task Force with 18 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

6. Olympic Games Accreditations

A questionnaire was sent to the EB Members on the previous day in relation to the Accreditation of the EB members for Tokyo 2021. The EB Members did not have time to review it so these discussions were cancelled for the following EB meeting.

7. Communication Update

The strategy of Around the Rings (ATR) were presented to the EB: 4 constitutional initiatives created: clean athletes, gender equality, inclusion and next generation which were subdivided by other different topics and news: weightlifting articles, athletes' profiles, federation focus page.

A motion was made to the EB to approve, for the Tokyo 2020 OG, to hire ATR: 23 minimum articles with photos, interviews.

VOTE 5 on approving ATR offer for Tokyo 2021 with 18 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

Makhmudov (UZB) returning to the question of JWC / YWC in 2021 proposed to shift the 2 championships. UZB would hold the Junior instead of KSA. The EB agreed it was not a bad idea, however, it should be checked thoroughly from legal point of view. If there were no change in the dates, only place change, it could be accepted. Sági said if there were no date change it could be fine, but it had to be checked carefully by the TC as well and to make a proposal to the EB and then to be approved by the EB.

8. Lausanne Office Update

Mottet gave an update on the Lausanne Office. She mentioned there were huge problems with the current mail system Zimbra, received many complaints, this should be changed to Microsoft. Finally, she asked to find a new CEO as she wanted to resign from June.

9. Report on the Development Programme

The EB received an update on the Development Programme applications and made a motion to vote on the followings:

A motion was made to approve to extend the deadline to use these DP funds until 31 May 2021 for Botswana and Uganda as they intended to use those funds for participating in the African Championships.

VOTE 6 on approving to extend the deadline of using development funds for Botswana and Uganda until 31 May 2021 with 18 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

In 2021 138 applications received for MFs, unfortunately 3 Federations submitted applications some days after deadline, thus a motion was made to approve to include the aforesaid applicants submitting their application for 2021 DP after the deadline.

VOTE 7 on approving to include and consider 3 late applications the IWF 2021 DP with 18 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

Keeping in mind who had unpaid doping fine could only receive AD seminar assistance a motion was made to approve the list of 138 applications received and presented for the 2021 DP.

VOTE 8 to approve the list of 138 countries receiving 2021 IWF DP funds with 18 YES votes and 2 not online PASSED.

10. Commissions Update

The EB was informed that there were a lot of commissions, appointed in the last years that were not relevant anymore, certainly not relating to the Constitution and by law, or the women's commission or the anti-doping commission but e.g., the commission created to review the Commissions. It was proposed, only for practical reasons, to approve to cancel the mandates for those temporary commissions e.g., electoral process commission because the mandate was over, the elections were postponed. Sági said there should be a clear list of commissions with exact dates when their mandate expired to be submitted to the EB for approval to be cancelled.

11. Any Other Business

- Draft contracts to be prepared to be used uniformly for the continents.
- As the European Championships would be the first live competition to be held after the COVID thus Agapitov received the EB's best wishes to have a smooth and great event.

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

Meeting ended 18:00 pm CET on Saturday, 27 March 2021.