

# MINUTES of the IWF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM CONGRESS 2021 August 29 (10:00 am Doha, QAT) By Video Conference via Zoom and In-person

## PARTICIPATING

**At Head Table:** **Mr. Mohammed Yousef Al Mana**, IWF Executive Board Member, President of the Asian Weightlifting Federation and Qatar Weightlifting Federation, hosting the Congress

**Dr. Michael Irani**, IWF Interim President

**Mohammed Jaloud**, IWF General Secretary

**Ms. Damaris Young**, Member of the Reform and Governance Commission (RGC)

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand**, External Legal Counsel from the IWF from Kellerhals and Carrard Law Firm being the Moderator of the Congress,

**Online:** **Mr. Darren Kane**, Chair of the Reform and Governance Commission (RGC) joining the Congress online

**In-Person:** **Ms. Despina Mavromati**, Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC) Chair, in-person

**Representatives of the IWF Member Federations (MFs) both in-person and online as per the attendance sheets attached hereto as Annex 01 and Annex 02.**

After the welcome speeches of **Al Mana, Irani and Jalood; Morand, the Moderator** of the Congress welcomed all the Member Federations both in-person and online and proposed a vote to approve Ms. Mavromati as Scrutineer for the Congress.

*It was ascertained that a motion were approved if 2/3 of the votes cast in favour of the motion as per the Constitution adopted in 2017 to be applied to the voting of the ongoing Congress in Doha, moreover in correspondence to article "8.2.8" of the said Constitution: "At all elections, abstentions and blanks or spoiled vote are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority."*

## VOTE 1 – Do you approve Ms. Despina Mavromati as Scrutineer for the Congress?

### **In person Votes (53 in total):**

Yes votes: 50

No votes: 3

### **Online Votes (34 in total):**

Yes votes: 34

No votes: 0

<b>VOTE 1 – From the total of 87 votes 84 votes cast in favour of Despina being the Scrutineer.</b>
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**The 2/3 majority could be attained, the proposal was ACCEPTED by the IWF Congress.**

(Since the test-vote was not successful either for improper operation of voting machines, or for inability of delegates casting their vote duly, out of 87 countries attending in-person only 57 votes had cast. Finally, it was decided that the MFs, participating in-person should cast their votes by raising their hand.)

**VOTE 2 – Do you approve a block vote on the IWF Constitution followed by discussion and potential amendments?****In person Votes (87 in total):**

Yes votes: 87

No votes: 0

**Online votes (39 in total):**

Yes votes: 32

No votes: 7

**VOTE 2 – From the total of 126 votes 119 votes cast in favour of approving the Block Vote.**The 2/3 majority could be attained, the proposal was **ACCEPTED**.**VOTE 3 – Do you approve the IWF Constitution draft as of 03 August 2021 as prepared by the RGC subject to possible amendments which could be decided by the same Congress?****In person Votes (87 in total):**

Yes votes: 86

No votes: 1

**Online Votes (41 in total):**

Yes votes: 38

No votes: 3

**VOTE 3 – From the total of 128 votes 124 votes cast in favour of approving the Base Constitution draft as of 03 August 2021 as prepared by the RGC subject to possible amendments which could be decided later by the Congress.**The 2/3 majority could be attained, the proposal was **ACCEPTED** by the IWF Congress.**VOTE 4 – Do you have any amendment proposal between article 1-10 of the Constitution?****In person Votes (88 in total):**

Yes votes: 0

No votes: 88

**Online votes (31 in total):**

Yes votes: 2

No votes: 29

**VOTE 4 – From the total of 119 votes 2 votes cast in favour of submitting amendments to the Constitution for articles between 1-10.**

Two Member Federations, also clearly identifying themselves, should submit their relevant proposals until 14:00 p.m. Doha time.

**VOTE 5 – Do you have any amendment proposal between article 11-20 of the Constitution?****In person Votes (88 in total):**

Yes votes: 0

No votes: 88

**Online votes (28 in total):**

Yes votes: 1

No votes: 27

**VOTE 5 – From the total of 116 votes 1 vote cast in favour of submitting amendments to the Constitution for articles between 11-20.**

One Member Federation, also clearly identifying itself, should submit its relevant proposals until 14:00 p.m. Doha time.

**VOTE 6 – Do you have any amendment proposal between article 21-30 of the Constitution?****In person Votes (88 in total):**

Yes votes: 7

No votes: 81

**Online votes (23 in total):**

Yes votes: 3

No votes: 20

**VOTE 6 – From the total of 111 votes 10 votes cast in favour of submitting amendments to the Constitution for articles between 21-30.**

Ten Member Federations, also clearly identifying themselves, should submit their relevant proposals until 14:00 p.m. Doha time.

**VOTE 7 – Do you have any amendment proposal between article 31-44 of the Constitution?**

**In person Votes (88 in total):**

Yes votes: 0

No votes: 88

**Online votes (27 in total):**

Yes votes: 1

No votes: 26

**VOTE 7 – From the total of 115 votes 1 votes cast in favour of submitting amendments to the Constitution for articles between 31-44.**

One Member Federation should submit its relevant proposal until 14:00 p.m. Doha time.

**LUNCH BREAK 12.00 – 14.30**

**VOTE 8 – Proposal No 1 by: British Weightlifting on Article 22.1 (b) – presented by Matthew Curtain, GBR 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate**

**Proposition To change go back to the original (30 June 2021) version of the IWF Constitution in Article 22.1. (b). To replace the current wording.**

**Proposed wording:** *The person has already attained the age of seventy-five (75) years by the date on which the election or re-election is to take place, or the date that the appointment or re-appointment is set to be made (as the circumstances require).*

**Current wording:** The person has already attained the age of seventy (70) years by the date on which the election or re-election is to take place, or the date that the appointment or re-appointment is set to be made (as the circumstances require).

**In person Votes (88 in total):**

Yes votes: 59

No votes: 28

**Online votes (35 in total):**

Yes votes: 21

No votes: 14

**VOTE 8 – From the total of 122 votes 80 votes cast in favour of approving the proposition No 1 by British Weightlifting.**

**The 2/3 majority could not be attained, the proposal was REJECTED by the IWF Congress.**

**VOTE 9 – Proposal No 2 by: Finnish Weightlifting Federation Article 22.2 – presented by Karoliina Lundahl, FIN Voting Delegate**

**Proposition to change ordinary resolution to special in Article 22.2.**

22.2 - Despite **rule 22.1(b)**, the Congress may at any time and by **Special Ordinary** Resolution determine to permit up to a maximum of three (3) Executive Board Members at any time can be elected notwithstanding that the person to be elected as an Executive Board Member(s) does not satisfy the restrictions imposed by **rule 22.1(b)**, but provided that under no circumstances can the Congress determine to allow a person be elected in accordance with the exception in this **rule 22.2** for greater than a maximum of one (1) term of office.

**In person Votes (84 in total):**

Yes votes: 32

No votes: 52

**Online votes (35 in total):**

Yes votes: 22

No votes: 16

**VOTE 9 – From the total of 122 votes 54 votes cast in favour of approving the proposition No 2 by Finnish Weightlifting Federation.**

**The 2/3 majority could not be attained, the proposal was REJECTED by the IWF Congress.**

**VOTE 10 – Proposal No 3 by: British Weightlifting on Article 24.4 a) – presented by Matthew Curtain, GBR 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate**

Proposition To add the following to the eligibility criteria (24.4 (a)), **Proposed version: 24.4 (a):**

*The person has already (including in the period before the Effective Date and after the Effective Date) served an aggregate of a minimum of twelve years (12) as an Executive Board Member, and/or IWF Commission Member and/or IWF Committee Member. This regulation shall be applied only for the next Election. Thereafter, the aggregate time served shall be a minimum of eight (8) years.*

**Current wording:** The person has already (including in the period before the Effective Date and after the Effective Date) served an aggregate of a *minimum* of eight (8) years as an Executive Board Member and/or an IWF Commission Member and/or an IWF Committee Member.

**In person Votes (83 in total):**

Yes votes: 68

No votes: 15

**Online votes (37 in total):**

Yes votes: 26

No votes: 11

**VOTE 10 – From the total of 120 votes 94 votes cast in favour of approving the proposition No 3 by British Weightlifting.**

**The 2/3 majority could be attained, the proposal is ACCEPTED by the IWF Congress.**

**VOTE 11 – Proposal No 4 by: German Weightlifting Federation) – presented by Florian Sperl, GER Voting Delegate**

Proposition To add the following to the Art. 24.2 as follows

Proposed wording: *A candidate may be nominated by a Full Member, or in accordance with rule 24.4. to be added the following in red below:*

*If a person is a member of the Executive Board as of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021, such an individual may only be a candidate for re-election upon receipt of written support of at least 75% of Full Member votes. If the person resigns from the Executive Board before 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021, is able to run for the upcoming election, upon compliance of the eligibility criteria set out in Article 24.4. This supersedes any other Article.*

**In person Votes (84 in total):**

Yes votes: 20

No votes: 60

**Online votes (35 in total):**

Yes votes: 16

No votes: 20

**VOTE 11 – From the total of 116 votes 36 votes cast in favour of approving the proposition No1 by British Weightlifting.**

**The 2/3 majority could not be attained, the proposal is REJECTED by the IWF Congress.**

**VOTE 12 – Proposal No 5 by: USA Weightlifting – presented by Phil Andrews, USA Voting Delegate**

Proposed wording: A candidate may be nominated by a Full Member, or in accordance with rule 24.4.

**to be added the following in red below:**

If a person is a member of the Executive Board of the IWF as of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021, such an individual may only be a candidate for re-election upon receipt of written support of at least 67 % of Full Member votes. If the person resigns from the Executive Board before 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021, is able to run for the upcoming election, upon compliance of the eligibility criteria set out in Article 24.4. This supersedes any other Article.

**In person Votes (80 in total):**

Yes votes: 19

No votes: 61

**Online votes (34 in total):**

Yes votes: 15

No votes: 19

**VOTE 12 – From the total of 114 votes 34 votes cast in favour of approving the proposition No 5 by USA Weightlifting.**

**The 2/3 majority could not be attained, the proposal is REJECTED by the IWF Congress.**

**VOTE 13 – Proposal No 6 by: USA Weightlifting – presented by Ursula Papandrea, USA 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate**

Proposition to add the following wording Article 25.2 c

*If the person is an employee, on whatever terms, of the Federation or not until either four years have elapsed or unless by Special Resolution has received written support from two thirds of the Member Federation.*

**VOTE 13 – No votes cast as proposal was withdrawn by USA Weightlifting.**

**VOTE 14 – Proposal No 7 by: YEMEN Weightlifting Federation – presented by Abdullah Al Jarmal, YEM Voting Delegate**

**Proposition to change the word “unanimous” to special in Article 28.1.**

***Suspension of Members of the Executive Board***

1. The Executive Board may, by a **Unanimous Special** Resolution of the Executive Board Members (but excluding the Executive Board Member about whom the resolution is concerned) suspend an Executive Board Member from the Executive Board in any of the following circumstances:

**In person Votes (82 in total):**

Yes votes: 78

No votes: 4

**Online votes (40 in total):**

Yes votes: 34

No votes: 6

**VOTE 14 – From the total of 122 votes 112 votes cast in favour of approving the proposition No 7 by YEMEN Weightlifting Federation.**

**The 2/3 majority could not be attained, the proposal is ACCEPTED by the IWF Congress.**

**Meeting ended 17:30 p.m. Doha, QAT time on 29 August 2021.**

***Minutes by Mária Cseresnyés***

**Annexes to the Minutes**

ANNEX 1 Attendance List of Representatives of Member Federation participating In-Person

ANNEX 2 Attendance List of Representatives of Member Federation participating Online