



MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting Held on 2021 November 25 By Video Conference via Zoom

PARTICIPATING

Dr. Michael Irani, Interim President and Chairperson of the Meeting

Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary

Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President

Petr Krol Vice President

Karoliina Lundahl, Birendra Baishya, Maxim Agapitov, Shakhrillo Makhmudov, Mahmoud Mahgoub, Luis Zambrano, Sam Coffa, Members

Mohamed Yousef Al Mana, Marcus Stephen, Khaled Mehalhel Continental Presidents,
Forrester Osei, AC Vice Chair.

Excuses: Jose Quinones, Sarah Davies

16 Voting Board Members in total on the call. Quorum was formed.

Secretariat: Fabien Verbrugge, COO, Dr. Lilla Sági, OD, Mária Cseresnyés BAM

Guest: Damaris Young, Chair of Legal Commission

Meeting started at 14 p.m. CET

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

	Topic	Speaker
	Opening, roll call	Dr. Michael Irani
1.	Update on the Electoral Congress	Dr. Damaris Young; Dr. Lilla Sági
2.	Any Other Business	
3.	Closing	

Opening Remarks and Roll Call

After the Roll Call, **Dr. Irani** Interim President greeted all the participants of the IWF Executive Board meeting; **Jalood**, General Secretary also offered greetings.

Jalood summarized on the previous EB meeting, held on 20/11/ 2021, the EB decided to seek the advice of the Legal Commission (LC) and Electoral Commission (LC) related to establishment of the Eligibility Determination Panel (EDP). A letter was sent with questions of the EB to the EC and LC for which the replies had already been received (Annex 1 and 2). He also welcomed the Chair of LC, Ms. Damaris Young attending the meeting to explain their reply.

1. Elections

Damaris Young taking the floor said she had a very limited time, but she was ready to answer to any issue, related to the reply, which was not clear.

Among others a question was raised the question whether the EDP was legally formed; if not; any decision made by them was not valid – if his understanding was correct.

She replied that: "... taking into account that no evidence has been found that the appointment of the members of the Eligibility Determination Panel was ratified by an Ordinary Resolution of the Congress, in the opinion of the Legal Commission, the Eligibility Determination Panel was not properly constituted and therefore the determinations it made regarding eligibility of candidates should be void." It was also asked if he was right that the EDP was the creature of the Ethics and Disciplinary commission EDC which would mean that the EDC was not properly constituted then the EDP was not either properly constituted by the Congress.

The reply was that neither the EDP nor the EDC was properly constituted, explaining that the EDP, deriving, in a way, from the EDC that had not been properly constituted as no evidence could be found that the EDC was actually ratified by an ordinary resolution of the Congress.

Another question raised was if the candidate had the right to receive the evidence from the EDP which they ask the candidate to comment on. It was replied that, according to the Constitution, it could be inferred that a candidate would be entitled to review evidence relied upon by the EDP in reaching its determination.

Further it was also raised whether the EB could submit an appeal to CAS or Swiss Court. It was answered that "in accordance with the IWF Constitution and Rules, the appropriate appeal jurisdiction to resolve disputes is CAS. Any appeal right rests with the individual concerned, so an appeal must be made by the individuals..."

The Executive Board, having received a report from the Legal Commission and the Electoral Commission; having heard also, the LC Chair, Ms. Damaris Young, explaining further, what was in the report, came to the conclusion that the Electoral Congress could not be held on the 20th and 21st of December, mainly due to not being compliant with the Constitution. The EB would further seek to have the opinion of the Legal Commission, a Swiss legal expert in order to proceed towards an electoral Congress.

VOTE 1 to postpone for clarification and ask for the opinion/ advice of a Swiss Legal Advisor and then decide on further steps and if it is needed to meet again was approved with 15 yes votes, no abstention and 4 not online votes – PASSED.

The General Secretary reminded the EB of making a complete report to be submitted to the IOC including the reply of the Legal Commission.

Al Mana admitted that the report of the Legal Commission should be published on the IWF website, or at least the first paragraph thereof why such decision was taken by the EB. Because the people the media would attack the EB again, however it should be shown that the EB was doing the right thing for the weightlifting sport.

Sági said the LC reply was prepared to the EB, thus, the approval of the LC should be sought first for publishing it on the IWF web site. She also added if the elections were to be postponed the same should apply to the elections of the members to the Athletes Commission – it should be postponed, too. She highlighted that before any such decision to be taken by the EB not only a Swiss Legal Advisor but Mr. Darren Kane as the IWF Constitution and Governance Advisor should be asked for his legal opinion.

Coffa reported to the EB on the work done in relation to the bodyweight categories, as requested by the IOC. He also admitted that the deadline of informing the IOC about the new Olympic Qualification System and new bodyweight categories was the end of February 2022. It was decided by the EB that the matter would be discussed during the EB Meeting to be held in December in Tashkent.

Mahgoub given the floor informed the EB that EGY got the approval and funds to pay the outstanding AD fines in full and asked for some clarifications and advice as well as the exact procedure to follow, also whether the athletes could be allowed to compete during the WWC in Tashkent.

The EB Members were kindly requested to wait for the IWF official press release to be published; and only after that giving interviews to the media.

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

Meetings ended 16:00 p.m. CET on 25 November 2021.

Minutes Taken by Mária Cseresnyés



Dr. Michael Irani
IWF Interim President



Mohammed Jalood
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

- ANNEX 1 Answer of the LC to the IWF EB of 24 November 2021.
- ANNEX 2 Answer of the EC to the IWF EB of 24 November 2021.
- ANNEX 3 Transcript of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting of 25/11/2021
- Notice: ANNEX 3 the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting of 25/11/2021 was generated by the ZOOM programme.