



Minutes

IWF Executive Board Meeting

22nd April 2022 15:00 CET by video conference and Zoom

PARTICIPATING

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

Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary

Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President

Petr Krol, Jose Quinones, Zhanat Tussupbekov Vice Presidents

Karoliina Lundahl, Pyrros Dimas, Birendra P. Baishya, Maxim Agapitov, Mahmoud Mahgoub, Luis Zambrano, Sam Coffa, Members

Mohamed Yousef Al Mana, Antonio Conflitti, Continental Presidents,

Forrester Osei, AC Chair, Hiromi Miyake, AC Vice Chair.

seven Board members were in the meeting room and ten were present online via zoom.

17 Voting Board Members in total on the call. 7 participating in person, and 10 members online. The quorum was formed.

Secretariat: Timea Horvath EDM, Simon Toulson, Advisor

Excuses: Shakhrillo Makhmudov, Marcus Stephen

Meeting started at 15:00 PM CET

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

	Topic	Speaker
	Opening, Roll Call	Dr. Michael Irani
1.	Presentations of candidate cities hosting the 2022 IWF Senior World Championships	Delegates of Candidate Cities
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 in person and online.

Roll Call

The roll call was completed.

The Bahrain Weightlifting President, Mr Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq was introduced. He thanked the IWF for welcoming him and he was happy to be present. He looked forward to collaboration with IWF and looked forward to seeing everyone in Bahrain in October 2022.

Mr Gjoza, the President of the Albanian Weightlifting Federation and Mr Hoxha from Albania were introduced. They thanked the IWF Executive Board for the trust in Albania to organise the 2022 IWF Electoral Congress. They guaranteed that they will organise an excellent Congress. They highlighted that for the Congress there would be no issue with visas to Albania for all delegates. They would use an online system (evisa.al) for registration. The Palace of Congress would be the location for the Congress with the Sheraton hotel used for accommodation. T

1. Presentations of Candidate Cities for Hosting the 2022 IWF Senior World Championships

Initially there were eight candidates but it was announced that IND, THA, ALB withdrew their candidatures and UAE had not responded further and were subsequently not considered for hosting the World Championships. The candidates replied to a detailed questionnaire. There were four candidates that presented their candidatures to the IWF Board:

COL – Made their presentation. They had excellent experience in hosting international events in the sport. Weightlifting had a very large presence in the country and was a major sport. The Palacio de los deportes would be the venue for the competition with the major hotel 10 minutes from the airport and close to the venue. There was a special department to facilitate visa requirements for participants and visa application would be submitted using a dedicated online system.

GUA – Made their presentation. Sport Colosseum would be the location with all amenities in one location. The venue was 25 minutes away from the airport. Visa issues would be dealt with through an invitation process, but visa would be issued on arrival to all participants. Accommodation would be 3 to 13 minutes from the venue.

USA – Made their presentation. Atlanta was the city proposed using the Georgia International convention centre. It was highlighted that hosting in the USA would align with LA28 Olympic Games. The venue was within walking distance of accommodation and close to the airport. A self-contained venue it was possible to host multi-platform World Championships. Visas would be supported by USOPC to simply visa entry to the USA.

PER – Made their presentation. Lima would be the location, easy to reach from many international destinations. They had lots of experience in regional weightlifting competitions. They would use the Wilson hotel close to the venue and reasonably priced. They foresaw no problems with visas to access the country.

VOTE 1 to decide the host of the 2022 IWF Senior World Championships – Voting was completed by secret vote online. Colombia received 14 votes, 2 votes for USA, 1 vote for Peru, 1 vote for Guatemala 1 vote. Decision: Bogota, Colombia would host the 2022 World Championships.

2. Any other Business

Lundahl requested an update on the situation in Lausanne for IWF. It was highlighted that the IWF had two offices and had recently updated its bank accounts linked to these offices which were held in Hungary and Switzerland. The third instalment of the IOC contribution for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games was expected shortly. LA28 discussions would start in July 2022 between the IWF and the IOC.

Jaloud thanked Sam Coffa and Forester Osei, as well as the Athletes Commission for getting the qualification system for Paris 2024 approved without any problems.

Osei, welcomed vice Chair Hiromi Miyake to the IWF Board. The IWF Athletes Commission had

unanimously accepted Sarah Davies resignation, Osei became the Athletes Chairperson, and Miyake was elected vice chair. The 3rd representative from the Pan-American region would be recommended as per 27.2 (f) of the IWF Constitution, suitable candidates would now be sought.

VOTE 2 to accept Sarah Davies resignation from the IWF Executive Board, 16 voted yes and 1 abstention – ACCEPTED.

Al Mana requested why the financial accounts missing from the IWF website. This was due to the police investigation taking documents. It was confirmed that the IWF would have the financial reports upto 2021 on the website by the end of May 2022. It was requested to explain this on the website.

Al Mana stated that he was concerned that the EDC was working against the new IWF Constitution. The Investigative Agency needed to be done via a tender and the scope of work must be in line with the IWF Constitution for vetting the candidates for the IWF Elections. He advised to reinforce the role and responsibility of the EDC. There would be discussions with the EDC following the meeting.

There being no other matters the meeting was closed. Next meeting would be 1st May 2022 in Greece.

Meetings ended 18:00 p.m. CET on 22/04/2022



Dr. Michael Irani
IWF Interim President



Mohammed Jalood
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

- ANNEX 1 COL Potential Host City Presentation
- ANNEX 2 GUA Potential Host City Presentation
- ANNEX 3 USA Potential Host City Presentation
- ANNEX 4 PER Potential Host City Presentation
- ANNEX 5 Transcript of the Voice Record of the EB Meeting

Notice: ANNEX 5 the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.