

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB)

Held on 10th June 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (CET-6h)

in person from the 2023 IWF GP in Havana, Cuba and ONLINE

– by Video Conference via Zoom

PARTICIPATING

Mohammed Jalood, President and Chairperson of the Meeting (in-person)

Antonio Urso, General Secretary (in-person)

Ursula Papandrea, First Vice-President (in-person)

Petr Krol, Doris Marrero, Attila Adamfi, Pyrros Dimas Vice Presidents (in-person)

Mohammed Al Harbi, Wen Shing Chang, Sam Coffa, Fathi Masmoudi, Matthew Curtain, Gardencia Du Ploy, Florian Sperl, Hiromi Miyake, Tom Yong Liaw, Yassiny Esquivel, (in-person), Boukar Tikire (online) Members

Antonio Conflitti, Jose Quinones, Khaled Mehalhel (in-person) Mohd Y. Al Mana (online) Continental Presidents,

Forrester Osei, (in-person) Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, Luisa Peters (online) AC representatives

Michel Raynaud, FRA WF President, Ex Officio

25 Voting Board Members joined the meeting. Quorum was formed.

Secretariat Members

Guests: Jean-Pierre Morand - online

Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. Havana time (CET-6h).

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Welcome Words of IWF President and General Secretary	M. Jaloud. A. Urso
2.	Constitution	Ursula Papandrea Ioannis Mournianakis
3.	Any Other Business	

After the Roll Call, the President welcomed the EB Members joining the meeting, the General Secretary also offered greetings.

The floor was given to Mr. Jorge Luis Barcelan, the President of the Cuban Weightlifting Federation who welcomed the IWF Executive Board Members expressing his gratitude for the chance to host the Grand Prix in Cuba as well as the great help and support received from the IWF.

After that the Floor was given to the Legal Team of the lawyers working on the IWF EB Constitution amendment proposal: Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand, Mr. Ioannis Mournianakis who informed the EB, and explained the MF proposals for modifying the Constitution having been circulated to the EB Members prior to the meeting as well as how such modifications were incorporated into the IWF EB Constitution draft by the Legal Team.

The EB agreed to define the term of office of Executive Board Members in **article 21.2** by replacing the sentence: "This notwithstanding, any term served as ex officio Executive Board Members and/or Appointed Executive Board Members shall only count as one (1) term if it has lasted two (2) years or more" with a definition as follows: "Term of office for all Executive Board Members shall be a period of not less than three (3) years". As a result thereof, the new provision of article 21.2 would read:

"21.2 Any period served as an Executive Board Member prior to the general election held in 2022 shall be counted as one (1) term served, regardless the actual period of time served by that person as an Executive Board Member. Term of office for all Executive Board Members shall be a period of not less than three (3) years."

1. Consideration of proposals by CAN, DOM, USA on gender diversity on the Executive Board.

A motion was made to approve the update of the proposal of the EB regarding **article 19** by adding section **d)** – which would read:

“(d) There shall be at least one (1) member of both genders amongst the Executive Board Appointed Members in accordance with Article 16.2 (h) and (i).”

VOTE 1 to approve the above motion with 25 yes votes and 2 not online – PASSED.

2. Consideration of proposals by DOM, USA on athletes voting rights in committees and commissions.

A motion was made to approve the update of the EB proposal in article **35.2. sections a, b, c** by striking out the phrase “however, without voting rights” - which would read:

“In addition to the above, two (2) members designated by the Athletes Commission amongst its members.”

VOTE 2 to approve the above motion with 23 yes votes, 1 no vote, 1 abstention and 2 not online – PASSED.

3. Consideration of proposals by DOM, USA on women’s representation the Executive Board.

A motion was made to approve the update of the EB proposal regarding **article 3.2.** by adding section **t)** – which would read:

“... (t) To increase women’s representation in the bodies of IWF, including as an objective a representation of 30% of women in the Executive Board.”

VOTE 3 to approve to approve the above motion with 25 yes votes and 2 not online – PASSED.

Lunchbreak: 13:30 – 14:30

21 Voting Board Members joined the meeting after the lunch. Quorum was formed.

Meeting started at 14:30 p.m. Havana time (CET-6h).

Excuses from: Mohd Y. Al Mana, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo

4. Consideration of proposals by CAN, DOM, USA on the appointment of an Interim CEO.

A motion was made to approve the update of the EB proposal regarding **article 33.1** which would read after the modification:

“33.1 The Executive Board shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on terms to be set by the Executive Board. Until such appointment and in case of vacancy, the functions of the CEO are exercised by an interim CEO appointed by the Executive Board amongst or outside its members for a reasonable limited period of time, but not more than six (6) months.”

VOTE 4 to approve the above motion with 21 yes votes and 6 not online – PASSED.

5. Consideration of proposal by CHN on publishing Congress and EB Minutes in the IWF web site.

A motion was made to approve the update of the EB proposal regarding **article 10.1 section b)** by adding the following:

“and no later than, respectively, sixty (60) days and thirty (30) days.”

VOTE 5 to approve the above motion with 21 yes votes and 6 not online – PASSED.

6. Consideration of proposal by KOS on including the two disciplines of weightlifting in the Constitution.

A motion was made to approve the update of the EB proposal regarding the definition of “**Sport**” in **article 2.1** which would read:

“**Sport** means the sport of weightlifting in its two disciplines: Snatch and Clean & Jerk. It may include modified forms of the Sport for development.”

VOTE 6 to approve the above motion with 21 yes votes and 6 not online – PASSED.

7. Consideration of proposal by RUS on amending article 13.12 of the Constitution in force (which would be article 13.10 in the Executive Board proposal).

A motion was made to approve the update of the EB proposal regarding the **article 13.10** by replacing “opening of” with “submission date of candidatures for” which would then read:

“13.10 Suspension of the right to nominate.

In addition to any other provision of this Constitution, when persons representing a Member together incur at least six (6) Anti-Doping Rule Violation sanctions (where each of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation sanctions resulted in the person concerned having a period of ineligibility of at least six (6) months imposed pursuant to the Anti-Doping Rules) during the period of four (4) years before the submission date of candidatures for an Electoral Congress, the right of the Member to nominate and/or to support candidates shall be suspended for the concerned elections. For the avoidance of doubt, sanctions which are under appeal at the time of the eligibility review shall count for the purpose of enforcement of this provision, regardless of the appeal. Any issue in respect of the implementation of this provision shall be decided by the Eligibility Determination Panel as a prejudicial issue when reviewing the eligibility of candidates.”

VOTE 7 to approve the above motion with 21 yes votes and 6 not online – PASSED.

8. Consideration of proposal by MDA regarding the calculation of terms served by an Ex Officio Executive Board Member.

A motion was made to approve the update of the EB proposal regarding **article 21.2** by adding: “Notwithstanding the above, a member of the Executive Board can never serve more than four (4) terms.” which would then read:

“21.2 Any period served as an Executive Board Member prior to the general election held in 2022 shall be counted as one (1) term served, regardless the actual period of time served by that person as an Executive Board Member. Term of office for all Executive Board Members shall be a period of not less than three (3) years. Notwithstanding the above, a member of the Executive Board can never serve more than four (4) terms.”

VOTE 8 to approve the above motion with 21 yes votes and 6 not online – PASSED.

The EB agreed to define the experience, required by the Treasurer under **article 26.7 section a)** which then would read as follows:

“The appointees must have special academic qualifications, professional experience, professional expertise and acumen which may substantially benefit to the Executive Board. As regards the Treasurer, such experience must include university or professional qualification and experience in economics, financial management, accounting or audit.”

The EB also agreed to modify the quorum for IWF Commission meetings under **article 34.3.2** which then would read as follows:

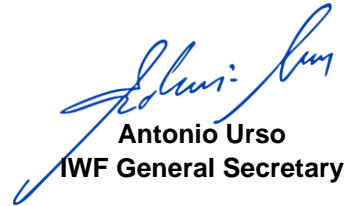
“34.3.2 Unless otherwise specified in Policies or terms of reference, the quorum for a Commission meeting is 50%+1 of the total number of the Commission members in attendance.”

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

Meeting ended 16:00 p.m. (CET-6h) on 10/06/2023.



Mohammed Jalood
IWF President



Antonio Urso
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01 Package of documents on the proposals of the MFs with respect to the amendment of the Constitution

Annex 02 "Transcripts" of the voice record

Notice: *Annex 02. the "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.*