

MINUTES of the IWF CONGRESS

2023 September 12 (10:00 am Riyadh, KSA)

In-person and by Video Conference via Zoom



At Head Table: **Mohammed JALOOD**, IWF President
Ursula GARZA PAPANDREA, IWF First Vice President
Mohammed Ahmed AL-HARBI, IWF Executive Board Member, and the President of the Saudi Weightlifting Federation
Jean-Pierre Morand, IWF Legal Advisor, speaker of the Congress
Alessandro Oliverio, IWF Legal Advisor

Online: **Number varied depending on the members' ability to connect to the link (35-40)**

In-Person: **98 members**

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.

Welcome speeches were held by Mohammed Jalood, Ursula Papandrea and Mohammed Al Harbi.

Grants of IWF awards:

- Intarat Yodbangtoey awarded with the title of Honorary Vice President
- Ursula GARZA PAPANDREA awarded with a gold collar for her contribution to weightlifting,
- Sam Coffa awarded with IWF Gold Collar for his contribution to weightlifting
- Craig Walker awarded with gold collar in appreciation for his contribution to weightlifting
- Chang Kuo awarded with the title of Honorary Vice President
- Kyle Pierce awarded to be inducted into IWF Hall of Fame
- Sabah Abdi Abdullah was awarded posthumous to be inducted into IWF Hall of Fame

Presentation of symbolical gifts by the President of the Saudi Weightlifting Federation, Mohammed Ahmed Al-Harbi to the IWF President, the 5 Continental Presidents of the IWF, to Sam Coffa and Harry Tchobanian. Presentation of awards/gifts to Mr Al-Harbi from the IWF, USA Weightlifting and Weightlifting Federation of Africa.

Presentation of awards to the IWF President by Ursula Papandrea, IWF First Vice President and General Secretary of and Paula Aranda Deputy General Secretary of USA Weightlifting on behalf of their federation.

Greetings on-line to all Congress participant by the IWF General Secretary, Dr. Antonio Urso, unable to attend the Congress in-person due to health issues.

After the awards and greetings, the roll call was completed for the first part of the Congress:

98 delegates in-person and 33 members online attended the Congress at the moment of the roll call, totalling **131 members in attendance representing 80.37%**. the applicable **regular quorum (50% + 1 of Full Members)** to decide the items (Vote 1 and 2) to be addressed in the first part of the Congress was reached.

VOTE 1 Do you approve the 2022 IWF Audited Financial Statements as well as the re-appointment of the auditor in the person of Grant Thornton? YES/NO

In person Votes (100 in total):

Yes votes: 93

No votes: 0

Online Votes (35 in total):

Yes votes: 35

No votes: 0

VOTE 1 – 128 votes cast were in favour of approving the audited financials of 2022 as well as re-appointed Grant Thornton to be the auditor of the IWF.

The required Simple Majority being reached, the report was APPROVED by the IWF Congress.

VOTE 2 Do you approve the report of all the IWF Committees – Technical, Medical, Coaching and Research – and the IWF Commissions: Development and Education as well asl Athletes of the IWF? YES/NO

In person Votes (102 in total):

Yes votes: 96

No votes: 0

Online Votes (35 in total):

Yes votes: 33

No votes:

VOTE 2 – 129 votes cast in favour of approval of the report of the Technical Committee Chair

The required Simple Majority being reached, the report was APPROVED by the IWF Congress.

LUNCH BREAK 13.30 – 14.30

After the lunch a new roll call was conducted in respect of this second part of the Congress:

99 members attended in-person, while 37 members joined online adding up to 136 participants which represent 83.44% of the MFs; the quorum required to adopt constitutional amendments (75 % of Full Members) was thus reached. This special quorum was required only in respect of Votes 3 and 4. The other voting item (n°5) was subject to the ordinary quorum which was reached *a fortiori*.

Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand explained to the Congress that the vote on the approval of the constitutional amendments could take place either as a block vote on the approval of the revised constitution including all proposed amendments or by a vote in respect of each amended article (practically all articles). The recommendation and proposal were that the IWF Executive Board amendment proposals of the IWF Constitution should be put to vote as a whole (block vote to approve the Constitution as revised with all amendments). However, if any of the MF Representatives would have an objection to this proposal, then a preliminary vote on the procedural question of whether to hold a block vote or a vote article by article would be held (to be decided by Simple Majority). Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand invited the MF Representatives to express whether any of them had an objection to the proposal to hold a block vote. No MF Representative raised such objection. Accordingly, the Congress would proceed to vote through a block vote in regard of the approval or not IWF Executive Board proposals for amendment of the IWF Constitution. The applicable majority to approve these proposals was the Special Majority (75 % of the whole).

Mr Morand explained that after this first vote, a second vote concerning would be held in connection with the proposal of the Russian Weightlifting Federation which was the only proposal by a member which had been maintained. Such proposal concerned one specific provision (13.12 in the Constitution 2021 and 13.10 in the proposed revised Constitution). Depending on the outcome of the first vote, the proposal would be a proposal to amend either the existing art. 13.12 or the revised art. 13.10 provided such would have been accepted in the previous vote). The applicable majority to approve the proposal was also the Special Majority (75 % of the whole).

VOTE 3 – Do you approve the Executive Board proposals amending the IWF Constitution?

In person Votes (102 in total):

Yes votes: 100

No votes: 0

Online Votes (39 in total):

Yes votes: 39

No votes:

VOTE 3 – 139 votes cast in favour of approving the Constitution amendment as proposed by the IWF Executive Board.

The required Special Majority (75 % percent of the whole) being reached, the revised Constitution including all amendments proposed by the Executive Board has been APPROVED by the IWF Congress.

VOTE 4 – Do you approve the Russian Weightlifting Federation proposal to amend Article 13.10 of the revised IWF Constitution?

In person Votes (96 in total):

Yes votes: 9
No votes: 87

Online Votes (40 in total):

Yes votes: 3
No votes: 37

VOTE 4 – From the total of 136 votes cast, 12 votes were in favour and 124 votes were against the Russian Weightlifting Federation proposal to amend Article 13.10 of the IWF Constitution.

The required Special Majority (75 % percent of the whole) having not being reached, the Russian Weightlifting Federation proposal has been REJECTED by the IWF Congress.

VOTE 5 – Do you approve the IWF Strategic Plan 2024-20232?

In person Votes (84 in total):

Yes votes: 84
No votes: 0

Online Votes (30 in total):

Yes votes: 30
No votes: 0.

VOTE 5 – 114 vote cast in favour of approving the IWF Strategic Plan 2024-2032.

The required Simple Majority being reached, the IWF Strategic Plan has been APPROVED by the IWF Congress.

Matthew Curtain and Moira Lassen, the Technical Delegates for Paris 2024 Olympic Games then gave an update on the preparations of the Olympic Games.

Representatives of the Member Federations hosting the IWF events in 2023 and 2024 gave a presentation on the preparation and advancements on their events:

- On behalf of the **Weightlifting Federation of Mexico**, Carlos Gonzales made a presentation about the 2023 IWF World Junior Championships to be held in Guadalajara, MEX.
- Abdullah Al Jarmal on behalf of the **Qatar Weightlifting Federation** gave an update on the 2023 IWF Grand Prix II, to be held in Doha, QAT.
- Nippon Limboonsuebsai of **Thai Weightlifting Association** showed a video on the advancement of preparations in Phuket hosting 2024 IWF World Cup in Phuket, THA.
- On behalf of the **Peruvian Weightlifting Federation**, Jose Quinoes, the President of the PANAM Weightlifting Federation made a presentation on the 2024 IWF World Youth Championships to be held in Lima, PER
- Juan Lama, the General Secretary of the **Spanish Weightlifting Federation** hosting the 2024 IWF World Junior Championships in Leon, ESP made his presentation,
- Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq, the President of the **Bahrein Weightlifting Federation** gave a presentation about the 2024 IWF World Championships to be held in Manama, BRN.

After the presentation of the host countries, the representatives of the barbell companies made their presentations:

- Mr. Andreas ANDREN from ELEIKO
- Mr. Tadamasa UESAKA from UESAKA
- Mr. Kemal ÖZKUL, WERKSAN
- Mr. Mr. Zhao BOJUN from ZKC

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

Meeting ended 18:30 p.m. Riyadh, KSA time on 12 September 2023.

Annexes to the Minutes

ANNEX 1 Roll Call of Representatives of Member Federation participating In-Person

ANNEX 2 Roll Call of Representatives of Member Federation participating Online