

# MINUTES of the IWF ORDINARY CONGRESS

## 2024 December 04 (10:00 am Manama, BRN)

### In-person and by Video Conference via Zoom

**At Head Table:** Mohammed JALOOD, IWF President  
 Dr. Antonio Urso, IWF General Secretary  
 Ursula GARZA PAPANDREA, IWF First Vice President  
 Mr. Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq, BWF President, hosting the 2024 IWF WWC

**Online:** Number varied depending on the members' ability to connect to the link (35-43)

**In-Person:** 93 voting delegates

**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, Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq, Dr. Antonio Urso, Ursula Papandrea.

President Jalood also congratulated Presidents and General Secretaries on their election or re-election in their Member Federation, he named those federations one by one.

Grants of awards by the Host Mr. Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq, the President of Bahrain Weightlifting Federation, who presented awards to:

- Mohammed Jaloud, IWF President
- Antonio Urso, IWF General Secretary,
- Ursula Garza Papandrea, IWF First Vice President,
- Mohammed Al-Harbi, IWF Executive Board Member, AWF General Secretary,
- Antonio Conflitti, EWF President,
- Paul Coffa OWF President,
- Jose Quinones, PAWF President
- Khaled Mehalhel, WFA President.
- Matthew Curtain, IWF Executive Board Member and Paris 2024 OG Technical Delegate

Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq was also presented with an award by the IWF.

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

**93 voting delegates attended the Congress in-person, while 41 voting delegates joined online adding up to 135 participants which represent 80,47% of the Member Federations with the right to vote; the qualified quorum required to adopt constitutional amendments (2/3 - that is 66% - of Full Members with the right to vote at the Congress according to Article 15.22 of the IWF Constitution) was thus reached. This special quorum was required only in respect of Votes 1 and 2. The other voting item (n°5) was subject to the ordinary quorum which was reached *a fortiori*.**

Mournianakis informed the Congress that the remaining proposal by the ITA MF was withdrawn before the start of the Congress.

Mournianakis 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 25 separate individual votes as this is the number of articles which are amended in the revised constitution).

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). Mournianakis invited the MF Representatives to express whether any of them had an objection to the proposal to hold a block vote. Representative of LUX raised such objection. Accordingly, a motion was made to decide on the matter of procedure (whether to hold the vote to approve the amendment as a block vote or a vote article by article):

**VOTE1– Do you approve to vote on the approval of the Executive Board proposals amending the IWF Constitution as a block vote?**

**In person Votes (93 in total):**

Yes votes: 92

No votes: 1

**Online Votes (43 in total):**

Yes votes: 43

No votes:

**VOTE 1 – 136 votes cast in favour and 1 vote cast against of approving the Constitution amendment as a block vote.**

**This being a procedural matter and subject to approval by Ordinary Resolution, and the required Majority (50%+1 of the votes cast) being reached the motion for the revised Constitution including all its amendments to be approved with a single vote (by a block vote) has been APPROVED by the IWF Congress.**

After the first vote the Congress would proceed to vote through a block vote in regard of the approval or not of the IWF Executive Board proposals for amendment of the IWF Constitution. The applicable majority to approve these proposals was the Special Majority (2/3 - 66% of the votes cast).

**VOTE 2 – Do you approve the Executive Board proposals amending the IWF Constitution?**

**In person Votes (93 in total):**

Yes votes: 92

No votes: 1

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

Yes votes: 39

No votes:

**VOTE 2 – 131 votes cast in favour of approving the Constitution amendment as proposed by the IWF Executive Board.**

**The required Special Majority (2/3 - 66%) being reached (99.24%), the revised Constitution including all amendments proposed by the Executive Board has been APPROVED by the IWF Congress.**

**VOTE 3 Do you approve the reports 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 (93 in total):**

Yes votes: 93

No votes: 0

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

Yes votes: 33

No votes:

**VOTE 3 – From the total of 133 votes 133 votes cast in favour of approval of the reports of all the IWF Committees.**

**The 100% majority could be attained; the reports were APPROVED by the IWF Congress.**

After the lunch 93 voting delegates members attended in-person, while 30 members joined online adding up to 126 participants which represent 83.44% of the MFs; the quorum was attained.

**VOTE 4 Do you approve the reports of all IWF Commissions: Development and Education as well as Athletes of the IWF? YES/NO**

**In person Votes (93 in total):**

Yes votes: 93

No votes: 0

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

Yes votes: 33

No votes:

**VOTE 4 – From the total of 133 votes 133 votes cast in favour of approval of the reports of the IWF Commissions.**

**The 100% majority could be attained; the reports were APPROVED by the IWF Congress.**

**VOTE 5 Do you approve the reports of Florian Sperl on the Sustainability Project as well the IWF Refugee Team**

**In person Votes (93 in total):**

Yes votes: 93

No votes: 0

**Online Votes (30 in total):**

Yes votes: 30

No votes:

**VOTE 4 – From the total of 123 votes 123 votes cast in favour of approval of the reports.**

**The 100% majority could be attained; the reports were APPROVED by the IWF Congress.**

After the Reports, countries hosting IWF Weightlifting Academies in the Continents were represented as follows:

- Oceania: Paul Coffa show a presentation on the training centre in Samoa for being a dedicated weightlifting academy for training, coaching learning in Oceania.
- Europe: Azerbaijan, the representatives of AZE Team show a presentation on the training centre in Baku for being a dedicated weightlifting academy for training, coaching learning in Europe.
- The representative from CHN showed a presentation on the training centre in Maijing, China for being a dedicated weightlifting academy for training, coaching learning in Asia.
- PanAmerica: Jorge Luis Barcelan together with Jose Quinones, PAWF President, showed a presentation on the training centre in Samoa for being a dedicated weightlifting academy for training, coaching learning in PanAmerica.

**VOTE 6 Do you approve the IWF Weightlifting Academies as presented by the countries hosting such facilities, YES/NO?**

**• In person Votes (93 in total):**

• Yes votes: 93

• No votes: 0

**• Online Votes (30 in total):**

• Yes votes: 30

• No votes:

**• VOTE 4 – From the total of 123 votes 123 votes cast in favour of approval IWF Weightlifting Academies presentations.**

**The 100% majority could be attained; the motion was APPROVED by the IWF Congress.**

After the IWF Weightlifting Academies presentations, the representatives of the barbell companies made their presentations:

- Erik BLOOMBERG, Andreas ANDREN, Matthieu GRATEREAU from ELEIKO
- Tadamasa UESAKA, Anastasios PAPPAS from UESAKA
- Yu ZHANG from ZKC.
- William ISLIP and Ben BANKS from SBD.

The Company presentations were followed by the presentation of IWF MFs hosting future IWF events:

- Mr Arayik Haratunyan, Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister's Office of Armenia, on behalf of the ARM WF signed a Memorandum of Understanding to host the IWF WWC in 2027 in Armenia
- On behalf of the **Chinese Weightlifting Association**, Meng BO, made a presentation on the 2026 IWF World Championships to be held in Hangzhou, CHN
- On behalf of the **Albanian Weightlifting Federation**, Elez Gjoza, - Ilva..... made a presentation on the 2027 IWF World Junior Championships to be held in Tirana, ALB
- On behalf of the **Peruvian Weightlifting Federation**, Jose Quinoes, the President of the PANAM Weightlifting Federation made a presentation on the 2025 IWF World Youth and Junior Championships to be held in Lima, PER

Grants of IWF awards:

- Michel Raynaud, Awar of merits for his contribution to weightlifting
- Waldemar Gospodarek awarded with gold collar in appreciation for his contribution to weightlifting
- Taisto Kuppola awarded with gold collar in appreciation for his contribution to weightlifting
- Stian Grimseth awarded with gold collar in appreciation for his contribution to weightlifting
- Karl Rimböck awarded to be inducted into IWF Hall of Fame
- David Montero awarded to be inducted into IWF Hall of Fame

Professor Dario Silvestri from ASOMI College of Sciences made a presentation about his institute.

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

**Meeting ended 18:30 p.m. Manama, BRN time on 04 December 2024.**

#### **Annexes to the Minutes**

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| ANNEX 1 | Roll Call of Representatives of Member Federation participating In-Person |
| ANNEX 2 | Roll Call of Representatives of Member Federation participating Online    |