

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB)

held on 28th August 2024 at 13:00 p.m. CET

ONLINE – by Video Conference via Zoom

PARTICIPATING

Mohammed Jaloud, President and Chairperson of the Meeting

Antonio Urso, General Secretary

Ursula Papandrea, First Vice President

Doris Marrero, Attila Adamfi, Pyrros Dimas, Petr Krol Vice Presidents

Mohamed Alharbi, Sam Coffa, Yassiny Esquivel, Matthew Curtain, Florian Sperl, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Gardencia Du Ploy, Tom Liaw, and Hiromi Miyake, Maria Jose Alcala Members

Antonio Conflitti, Jose Quinones, Khaled Mehalhel Continental Presidents

Forrester Osei, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, Luisa Peters AC representatives

Mr. William Ozuna – Ex Officio

23 Voting Board Members joined the meeting online, Quorum was formed.

IWF Secretariat Members

Meeting started at 13:00 p.m. CET.

Agenda of the Meeting

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Welcome Words of the IWF President and General Secretary	M. Jaloud, A. Urso
2.	Approval of the EB proposal on IWF Constitution Amendments	U. Papandrea
3.	Participation of AIN Individuals holding BLR and RUS passport in future IWF events	M. Jaloud, A. Tsogas
4.	Update on Safeguarding Matters	U. Papandrea, A. Tsogas
5.	Any Other Business	

After the Roll Call, the President and the General Secretary welcomed the EB Members attending the meeting online.

1. Report of the President and the General Secretary

The President after welcoming the participants thanked the work of the Secretariat and the support of the EB Members for the successful Games in Paris, he underlined that the Paris Olympic Games showed a great success with high number of audiences, and great number of honourable guests attending, and many records were attained. The future goal was to increase the number of weight categories.

Given the floor, the General Secretary first congratulated and thanked the hard work and dedication of President Jaloud, then the fellow EB members and the Secretariat.

Other highlights about the 2024 Paris Olympic Games included:

- High attendance and interest from IOC, government officials, and other international federations
- No doping issues or other major problems during the competition
- Strong performance by athletes from all continents, with medals distributed widely
- Positive feedback from IOC leadership on the IWF's improved governance and operations The President and leadership team were commended for their hard work and dedication in making the Olympic events a success.

2. Approval of the EB proposal on IWF Constitution Amendments

Before the meeting, the EB Members received the Amendments to the Constitution proposed by the Constitution Working Group (CWG) to review and make remarks and to discuss during the meeting. (**Annex 01**). Given the floor, Papandrea, the Chair of the CWG summarised the changes and informed the EB that the IWF Bylaws would be ready by December 2024 (IWF WWC – BRN) to be approved during the EB meeting in BRN for approval. Those amendments were including but not limited to removing schedules and moving rules to the bylaws for easier updates; clarifying definitions of simple majority and relative majority voting; Increasing the number of women on the Executive Board from 6 to 8 (out of 27 total); transitioning the 5 Continental Federation Presidents to become Vice Presidents.

Adamfi proposed to reconsider the number of EB members and the elected GS for financial reasons, also proposed the objective annual review of the Committees and Commissions based on KPIs, etc.

A motion was made to approve the Constitution draft with amendments as of this day as proposed by the IWF CWG Members.

VOTE 1 to approve the Constitution draft with amendments as of this day as proposed by the IWF CWG Members with 23 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

3. Participation of AIN Individuals holding BLR and RUS passport in future IWF events

Before the meeting, the EB Members received the updated “*IWF Policy Concerning the Participation in IWF Events of Participants with a BLR or RUS passport, including Athletes, Athletes’ Support Personnel and Technical Officials*” as well as the draft of the Declarations to be signed by those individuals wishing to participate in future IWF Events holding BLR or RUS passports. **Annex 02.**

A motion was made to approve:

- 1) The updated IWF Policy on the Participation in IWF Events of Athletes, Athletes’ Support Personnel and Technical Officials with a Russian or Belarusian passport, and the updated text of the Declaration
- 2) The appointment of the AIN Eligibility Panel in accordance with the provisions of the Policy consisting of: Mr. Antonio Conflitti, chair of the Panel, as representative of the EWF, Mr. Sam Coffa, as representative of the Technical Committee, Mr. Forrester Osei as representative of the Athletes’ Commission, Mr. Matthew Curtain as representative of IWF and Mr. Achilleas Tsogas, IWF CEO.

VOTE 2 to approve the above motion with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

4. Update on Safeguarding Matters

A motion was made to approve to terminate the engagement of the safeguarding officer and to appoint temporarily another (IM) integrity and safeguarding officer as well as maintaining an independent intake process through the IOC’s safeguarding website

VOTE 3 to approve terminating the engagement of the existing safeguarding officer and to appoint temporarily another integrity and safeguarding officer with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

5. Any Other Business

The President requested to arrange a short meeting for the Membership Commission to be held on 30 August 2024. The President also informed the EB having received complaints from different MFs facing difficulties to obtain the visa for the upcoming 2024 IWF WJC to be held in Leon, Spain in September. The EB discussed that there was a need for stronger guarantees from organizing committees in future bids.

Krol, provided an update on the progress of the IWF's new International Coaching License programme. Key points included:

- The programme was about to be finalised with a target launch date of January 2025.
- A short questionnaire would be sent to member federations to gather information on existing coaching education programmes.
- The goal was to establish consistent global standards and a licensing system for weightlifting coaches.

A motion was made to approve to send a Questionnaire to the MFs regarding the education, level, and possibilities available in the respected MF for the coaches (related to the IWF licensing programme).

VOTE 4 to approve to send a Questionnaire to the MFs with 22 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

The President informed the Board he was checking the potential dates for an EB meeting to be held in in Baghdad, Iraq in November 2024.

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

Meeting ended 17:00 p.m. CET on 28/08/2024.



Mohammed Jalood
IWF President



Antonio Urso
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01	Constitution Draft
Annex 02	Proposal of Updated AIN Policy of IWF
Annex 03	"Transcripts" of the voice record

Notice: Annex 03 "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.