

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB) held on 2nd December 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Manama, BRN in person from the 2024 IWF WWC and ONLINE – by Video Conference via Zoom

PARTICIPATING

Mohammed Jaloud, President and Chairperson of the Meeting, in-person
Antonio Urso, General Secretary, in-person
Ursula Papandrea, First Vice President, in-person
Doris Marrero, Attila Adamfi, Pyrros Dimas, Petr Krol Vice Presidents, in-person
Mohamed Alharbi, Sam Coffa, Yassiny Esquivel, Matthew Curtain, Florian Sperl, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Gardencia Du Ploy, Tom Liaw, Hiromi Miyake, Meco Chang, Boukar Tikire, Maria Jose Alcalá in-person and - Members
Antonio Conflitti, Jose Quinones, Khaled Mehalhel in-person - Continental Presidents
Forrester Osei, Hidilyn Diaz-Naranjo, Luisa Peters AC representatives, in-person
Mr. William Ozuna – Ex Officio Executive Board Member, in-person
25 Voting Board Members joined the meeting in person and 0 online, Quorum was formed.

IWF Secretariat Members

Excuses Mr. Mohd Yousef Al Mana

Guests: Mr. Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq, BRN WF President

Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. Manama, BRN time.

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Welcome Words of IWF President	Mohammed Jaloud
2.	Welcome Words of IWF General Secretary	Dr. Antonio Urso
3.	Welcome Words of the President of BRN WF hosting the event	Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq
4.	Constitution – Voting Procedure (Block-vote)	Ioannis Mournianakis
5.	Technical Committee Report	Sam Coffa
6.	Coaching and Research Committee Report	Petr Krol
7.	Medical Committee Report	Dr. Fathi Masmoudi
8.	Development and Education Commission Report	Khaled Mehalhel
9.	Athletes' Commission Report	Melody Exhenry
10.	Innovation Commission Report	Forrester Osei
11.	Membership Commission Report	Mohammed Jaloud
12.	CEO Report	Achilleas Tsogas
13.	Collaboration with Multi-Sport Events and Organisations	Mohammed Jaloud & Achilleas Tsogas
14.	2025 IWF World Championships Matters	Mohammed Jaloud
15.	Update on Legal Affairs	Ioannis Mournianakis
16.	Any Other Business	Board Members

After the Roll Call, the President and the General Secretary welcomed the EB Members attending the meeting both in person and online, Mr. Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq, the President of Bahrain Weightlifting Federation hosting the 2024 IWF World Championships in Manama, BRN, also offered greetings and gave a short presentation on the preparations and innovations introduced in the event; he underlined that the first-ever World Championships of an Olympic Sport in Bahrain was to be held which was a great honour for Him and His beautiful country, His presentation attached hereto as **Annex 01**.

1. Constitution – Voting Procedure (Block-vote)

The Constitution Working Group (CWG) Chair informed the EB about the constitutional changes prepared by CWG and gave the floor to Mournianakis who presented the potential procedures of voting during the Congress – “*block vote*” – related presentation attached hereto as **Annex 02**.

VOTE 1 To approve the option for the Congress to vote on the proposal to amend the IWF Constitution as a whole (by a single vote) with 25 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

2. Technical Committee (TC) Report

TC Chair was made a summary and reported about what had been discussed the TC meeting. **Annex 03**.

A motion was made to approve the report of the TC Chair.

VOTE 2 to approve the report of the Technical Committee with 25 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

3. Coaching and Research Committee (CRC) Report

CRC Chair given the floor reported on the CRC Meeting held the previous day; his presentation attached hereto as **Annex 04** covered the items below:

- IWF Weightlifting Academies
- Technology issues (installing sensor in the bar, data collection)
- Refugee Programme
- International Coaching Licence commencing on 01/01/2025
- MF Questionnaire about coaching education
- Olympic Solidarity Projects

The CRC Chair asked the EB to approve Colin Buckley to be the programme administrator of the coaching licence for an annual fee of 6,000 USD. A Motion was made to approve the CRC Report. There was one abstention hiring Mr. Buckley due to conflict-of-interest matters.

VOTE 3 to approve the above motion with 25 yes votes, 1 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

4. Medical Committee (MC) Report

Dr. Fathi, gave a report about the MC meeting held the previous day, the discussions included: tightening gender identity policy, especially for youth athletes and a proposal to include karyotype testing if questions arise about an athlete's gender. It was agreed to modify the IWF Transgender Policy. A Motion was made to approve the MC Report attached hereto as **Annex 05**.

VOTE 4 to approve the Medical Committee Report with 25 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

Lunch break: 13:30 – 15:30

After the lunchbreak the roll call was completed: **25** Board members joined the meeting in person and 0 online.

5. Development and Education Commission (DEC) Report

DEC Chair gave a report about the DEC meeting held the previous day attached hereto as **Annex 06**. A Motion was made to approve the DEC Report including to increase the DP amount to 850,000 USD payable to MFs in 2025, to bring forward the remaining balance of 2024 to 2025 if any, and to differentiate the supported amount depending on the situation of the country (from 4k upto 10k war, etc.)

VOTE 5 to approve the aforesaid motion with 25 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

DEC Chair, also being the President of WFA, informed the EB about the Youth African Games to be held in Angola and he would do his best to include weightlifting in the programme.

6. Athletes' Commission (AC) Report

AC Chair given the floor gave an update on their work and projects, attached hereto as **Annex 07**, in this year including but not limited to: a request of translating the important documents of the IWF – Constitution, TCRR, ADR etc. to 6 languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

He also showed a project of implementing an IWF Application – as platform of important info on MFs, Athletes, ITOs ...etc.

A motion was made to approve the Report of the AC Chair.

VOTE 6 to approve the aforesaid motion with 25 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

7. Innovation Commission Report

The Innovation Commission Chair introduced the new 8W-8M IWF Bodyweight Categories as follows:

WOMEN (8): 48kg, 53kg, 58kg, 63kg, 69kg, 77kg, 86kg, +86kg

MEN (8): 60kg, 65kg, 71kg, 79kg, 88kg, 98kg, 110kg, +110kg

A motion was made to approve the above IWF bodyweight categories with their commencement from 01 June 2025.

VOTE 7 to approve the aforesaid motion with 25 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

8. Membership Commission Report

The Chair gave general information on membership issues and asked the Commission Secretary, Mournianakis, to inform the EB via making an update on membership issues attached hereto as **Annex 8**.

A Motion was made to approve to release the temporary suspension of ISV and SUR and advise the Congress on the following day to become Saint Kitts and Nevis a provisional member.

VOTE 8 to approve the aforesaid motion with 25 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

9. CEO Report

The CEO presented his Report about the first nine months of his work in the IWF to the Board attached hereto as **Annex 09**.

10. Collaboration with Multi-Sport Events and Organisations

The President and the CEO made their report on the matter. It was proposed to create a Commission to work on the IPC matter – Commission Chair: Ursula Papandrea, Members: Sam Coffa, Matthew Curtain, Mohammed Alharbi, Forrester Osei, Commission Secretary: Achilleas Tsogas. The President informed the Board on the appointment of Sam Coffa to be the Technical Delegate of the Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2026, while Dr. Antonio Urso for the Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026, and Michel Raynaud for the Francophone Games, Yerevan 2027.

11. 2025 IWF World Championships Matters

The IWF President informed the IWF EB about potential cancellation by UZB hosting the 2025 IWF WJC due to unforeseen internal matters. Following the discussions by the Board, Quinones expressed Peru's readiness to combine and host 2 events (2025 IWF WYC and WJC) at the same time; proposing and asking to allocate the 2025 IWF WJC to Peru already having been selected to host the 2025 IWF WYC. The 2025 Competition Dates proposed for the combined event were fixed to be held 30 April - 06 May 2025. However, the decision was cancelled to be made on the following day of IWF EB meeting.

12. Dates of the 2025 IWF Elections

The President proposed a motion to approve the dates for the 2025 IWF Elections to be held between 23 – 26 May 2025. The country hosting the elections would be decided following the candidacy-offers received after the call being circulated soon.

VOTE 09 to approve the aforesaid motion with 25 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

13. Update on Legal Affairs

Mournianakis gave an update on ongoing legal matters, such as the Hungarian case and the CAS 10834 case between Marin & NOC Moldova vs. IWF & Pizzolato. Before the start of the briefing on the Hungarian case, Mr. Attila Adamfi excused himself, while before the start of the briefing on the CAS 10834 case, Mr. Antonio Urso and Mr. Antonio Conflitti excused themselves because of a conflict of interest.

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

Meeting ended 19:00 p.m. Manama, BRN time on 02/12/2024.



Mohammed Jalood
IWF President



Antonio Urso
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01	BRN LOC presentation
Annex 02	Constitution Voting Procedure Report - Block-vote
Annex 03	TC Report
Annex 04	CRC Report
Annex 05	MC Report
Annex 06	DEC Report
Annex 07	AC Report
Annex 08	Membership Commission Report
Annex 09	CEO Report
Annex 10	"Transcripts" of the voice record

Notice: Annex 10 "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.