

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB)

held on 3rd 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

Sam Coffa, Yassiny Esquivel, Matthew Curtain, Florian Sperl, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Gardencia Du Ploy, Tom Liaw, Hiromi Miyake, Meco Chang, Boukar Tikire, Maria Jose Alcala 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. Willian Ozuna – Ex Officio Executive Board Member, in-person

24 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. Rune Andersen, ADC Chair; Benjamin Cohen, ITA Director General

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

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

	Topic	Speaker
1.	Antidoping Matters	Benjamin Cohen, Rune Andersen
2.	Candidature Procedures of the 2025 IWF Elections	Ioannis Mournianakis
3.	JTA Communications Partner Presentation	Pedro Adrega, JTA Representative
4.	ASOIF Market Research Data Paris 2024 OG	Pedro Adrega
5.	Commercial and Licencing Programme	Achilleas Tsogas
6.	N3XT Sport Presentation Proposal – on “Digital transformation”	Hisham Shehabi
7.	SBD Partnership Proposal	Benjamin Banks, William Islip
8.	IWF Weightlifting Academies	Mohammed Jaloud
	Asia	Mohammed Alharbi
	Europe	Antonio Conflitti
	PanAmerica	Jose Quinones
	Oceania	Paul Coffa
9.	Refugee Programme Report	Florian Sperl
10.	Sustainability Report	Florian Sperl
11.	Financial Update	Maxat Dastanov, Maria Cseresnyes
12.	Cooperation of the IWF and the ASOMI College of Sciences	Dario Silvestri
13.	Hall of Fame	Sam Coffa
14.	Any Other Business	

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

1. Antidoping Report

Mr. Rune Andersen gave a report on the matters discussed in the ADC meeting held the previous day. Mr. Benjamin Cohen also gave a summary about the ITA activities in 2024, attached hereto as **Annex 01**, which included:

- ITA reported on comprehensive testing programme, with over 1,000 tests conducted in 2023
- Focus on changing culture around doping, not just testing
- Concerns raised about athletes retiring to avoid testing then returning to competition
- All Olympic qualifying athletes were tested before Paris 2024

2. Candidature Procedures of the 2025 IWF Elections

Mournianakis informed the EB about the timeline and procedures to consider for the 2025 IWF Elections to be held between 24-26 May 2025 – related presentation attached hereto as **Annex 02**. The Call for hosting the upcoming 2025 IWF Elections should be sent to the Member Federations in the following days.

3. JTA Communications Partner Presentation

The representatives of JTA joining the meeting online and gave a presentation on the IWF Communication past – present and future attached as **Annex 03**.

4. ASOIF Market Research Data Paris 2024 OG

Pedro Adrega summarised the ASOIF Olympic Report regarding TV and Social Media attached hereto as **Annex 04**.

Lunch break: 13:10 – 14:30

After the lunchbreak the roll call was completed: **24** Board members joined the meeting in person and **0** online.

5. Commercial Licensing Programme

CEO presented the new licensing and partnership structure for various product categories future licensing and commercial programme attached hereto as **Annex 05**.

6. N3XT Presentation

The representative of N3XT made a presentation on possible digital transformation of the IWF attached hereto **Annex 06**. Presentation focused on developing IWF's digital strategy and capabilities, goals include improving fan engagement, data collection, and digital products.

7. SBD Presentation

Representatives of SBD made a commercial proposal in 8-year run, for technical accessories and apparel, their presentation attached hereto **Annex 07**.

A motion was made to approve the commercial proposal of SBD as presented to the IWF Executive Board.

VOTE 1 to approve the aforesaid motion with 24 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

8. IWF Weightlifting Academies

8.1 Europe: Azerbaijan, the reps of AZE Team show a presentation on the training centre in Baku for being a dedicated weightlifting academy for training, coaching learning in Europe.

- 8.2 Oceania: Paul Coffa show a presentation on the training centre in Samoa for being a dedicated weightlifting academy for training, coaching learning in Oceania.
- 8.3 Asia: 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.
- 8.4 PanAmerica: Jorge Luis Barcelan showed a presentation on the training centre in Cuba for being a dedicated weightlifting academy for training, coaching learning in PanAmerica.

9. Refugee Programme Report

Sperl given the floor gave an update on the IWF Refugee Team programme and the sustainability project attached hereto as **Annex 08** and **Annex 09**.

A motion was made to approve the report on the IWF Refugee Team programme and the sustainability project.

VOTE 2 to approve the aforesaid motion with 24 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

10. Financial Update

Dastanov and Cseresnyes gave an update on Financial matters informing the EB about that the budget would be ready in the beginning of next year (when following the receipt by and its presentation to the Board it could be approved online). The reason of delay was that the largest event of the IWF, the senior WWC were ongoing in BRN, representing substantial costs and items in the budget.

11. Hall of Fame

Karl Rimböck (GER) was proposed to enter the IWF Hall of Fame. A motion was made to approve him to enter the Hall of Fame of the IWF.

VOTE 3 to approve the aforesaid motion with 24 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

12. 2025 IWF World Championships Matters

Due to unforeseen matters, for reasons beyond IWF control the reallocation of the 2025 IWF WJC became necessary. 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 with competition dates 30 April - 06 May 2025.

A motion was made to approve to have a combined event of IWF WYC and WJC in Lima, Peru.

VOTE 4 to approve the aforesaid motion with 24 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

13. 2025 IWF Elections - EDC Matters

The EB decided to update the 2022 EDC Terms of Reference to align with Article 15.5.2 of the 2023 IWF Constitution in the sense that the EDC members are appointed until the next Electoral Congress which is to be held in 2025 in accordance with Article 15.5.2.

A motion was made to approve to extend the Terms of Reference of the EDC. Summary in **Annex 10**.

VOTE 5 to approve the aforesaid motion with 24 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

14. Collaboration with ASOMI University

Prof Dario Silvestri made a presentation of a possible cooperation with ASOMI University in Malta, his presentation attached hereto as **Annex 11**.

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

Meeting ended 19:00 p.m. Manama, BRN time on 03/12/2024.



Mohammed Jalood
IWF President



Antonio Urso
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01	Anti-Doping matters
Annex 02	2025 IWF Elections - Timelines
Annex 03	JTA presentation
Annex 04	ASOIF Olympic Report regarding TV and Social Med
Annex 05	IWF Licensing and Partnership Programme 2025-28
Annex 06	Next Co presentation
Annex 07	SBD commercial offer
Annex 08	Refugee Team update
Annex 09	Sustainability update
Annex 10	Summary of EDC TOR
Annex 11	ASOMI College presentation
Annex 12	"Transcripts" of the voice record

Notice: Annex 12 "Transcripts" of the voice record of the IWF EB online meeting was generated by the ZOOM programme.