

MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB) held on 23rd January 2025 at 13:00 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, Tom Liaw, Hiromi Miyake, Maria Jose Alcala - Members

Mohd Yousef Al Mana, Antonio Conflitti, Jose Quinones Continental Presidents

Forrester Osei AC representative,

Mr. William Ozuna – Ex Officio Executive Board Member,

19 Voting Board Members joined the meeting in person and 0 online, Quorum was formed.

IWF Secretariat Members

Guests: Mr. Gabriel Nigon – EDC Chair, Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand – Legal Advisor

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

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

	Topic	Speaker
	Welcome Words of IWF President and General Secretary	Mohammed Jaloud, Dr. Antonio Urso
1.	Matters related to the 2025 IWF Elections	Mohammed Jaloud
2.	Approval of digital transformation of the IWF	Achilleas Tsogas
3.	Bodyweight Categories	Mohammed Jaloud & Achilleas Tsogas
4.	Matters related to IWF Continental Federations	Mohammed Jaloud
5.	2028 IWF WWC Matters	Ioannis Mournianakis
6.	Any Other Business	Board Members

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

1. 2025 IWF Elections

The President gave the floor to Mr. Morand and Mr. Nigon to give a short update in relation to the 2025 IWF Electoral Congress procedures to the EB. Letter of Intents on hosting the 2025 IWF Elections received until the set deadline were also presented.

A motion was made to approve Riyadh, KSA as the city hosting the 2025 IWF Electoral Congress.

VOTE 1 To approve the city of Riyadh KSA as the city hosting the 2025 IWF Electoral Congress with 18 yes votes, 1 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.

2. 2028 IWF World Championships (WWC)

Venezuela had been approved hosting the 2028 IWF WWC with the condition to resolve the WADA issues. The Board was informed That Venezuela was unable to resolve those issues, thus, the IWF EB considered to allocate the referred event to Astana, KAZ who were ready to pay an event fee of 1.2 million USD based on the letters received from the Ministry of Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Kazakhstan as well as the Weightlifting Federation of Kazakhstan.

A motion was made to approve to re-allocate the 2028 IWF WWC to Astana, KAZ.

VOTE 2 to approve the aforesaid motion with 19 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

3. Approval of Digital Transformation of the IWF

Tsogas summarised the potential agreement to be signed with a Company on the digital strategy of the IWF. The EB discussed and it was agreed to create a Working Group consisting of: Dr. Antonio Urso, Jose Quinones, Matthew Curtain, Achilleas Tsogas from the Secretariat, with the purpose to check the proposal and make recommendations for the IWF Board.

4. Bodyweight Categories

The IWF EB was approached by two continents Oceania and Pan-America with the request to grant them exceptions for early implementation of the new bodyweight categories, having been approved by the Board in December 2024 in BRN at:

- Pan-American Junior Championships (March 2025, Cuba)
- Oceania Junior/Youth Championships (April 2025, Australia)

With the condition that the records would not be recognised from those events.

A motion was made to approve the early use of the new bodyweight categories for the Pan-American Junior Championships, Havanna, CUB (09-16 March 2025) and the Oceania Junior & Youth Championships, Melbourne, AUS (11-13 April 2025).

VOTE 3 to approve the aforesaid motion with 20 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

5. Continental Federations

A Motion was made to approve exceptionally, that Section 1.B Article 3 ("Funding") of the IWF By-laws enters into force on 1 January 2026. (I.e. to pay the CF contributions in a lumpsum in the upcoming days as most of the CFs would have major events in the upcoming months.

VOTE 4 to approve the aforesaid motion with 19 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.

6. Any Other Business

Sperl, joining the meeting from Geneva, informed the IWF EB about the IWF Refugee Team project presented to the UNHCR who agreed to support this projected.

It was decided to create a Commission for the Masters' to be chaired by Ursula Papandrea, Sam Coffa, Antonio Conflitti and Hidilyn Diaz.

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

Meeting ended 15:10 p.m. CET on 23/01/2025.



Mohammed Jalood
IWF President



Antonio Urso
IWF General Secretary

Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01 "Transcripts" of the voice record

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