

# MINUTES of the IWF Executive Board Meeting (EB)

held in person on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 10:30 in Lima PER  
during the Joint 2025 IWF World Youth & Junior Championships  
and 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, Wen Hsin Chang, Gardencia Du Plooy, Tom Liaw, Boukar Tikire, Maria Jose Alcalá in person, Hiromi Miyake online - Members  
Astrit Hasani, Antonio Conflitti, Jose Quinones, Khaled Mehalhel in person - Continental Presidents  
Forrester Osei in person, Hidilyn Diaz and Luis Peters online AC representatives,  
Mr. Willian Ozuna – Ex Officio Executive Board Member,

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

Excuses: Mohd Yousef Al Mana, AWF President

IWF Secretariat Members

Guests: *Ivan Dibos, Honorary IOC Member, Renzo Manyari, PER NOC President, Manuel Del Castillo PER WF President, Eduardo Dibos, PER WF General Secretary in-person  
Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director*

**Meeting started at 10:30 p.m. CET.**

## **AGENDA OF THE MEETING**

	Topic	Speaker
	Welcome Words of IWF President & the IWF General Secretary	Mohammed Jaloud, Antonio Urso
1	Address by the IOC Sports Director	Kit McConnell
2	IWF Executive Board Membership Update	Mohammed Jaloud
3	Membership Commission Update	Mohammed Jaloud
4	Paralympic Working Group Update	Ursula Papandrea
5	Gender Working Group Update	Ursula Papandrea
6	Governance Commission Update	Ursula Papandrea
7	Athletes Change of Nationality: BRN	Ioannis Mournianakis
8	Paris 2024 Olympic Games - Time-Data	Achilleas Tsogas, Pedro Adrega
9	2024 IWF WWC BRN TV & OTT Media Research	Achilleas Tsogas, Pedro Adrega
10	CAS Update	Ioannis Mournianakis
11	Any Other Business	

After the Roll Call, the President and the General Secretary welcomed the EB Members attending the meeting. Mr. Ivan Dibos, Honorary IOC Member, Manuel del Castillo, President of PER WF as well as Jose Quinones PAWF president also offered greetings.

### **1. Address by the IOC Sports Director**

The President gave the floor to Mr Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director, who joined the meeting online. Mr McConnell expressed his gratitude for the invitation and for being able to share some thoughts with the IWF leadership.

He then explained to the EB the rationale behind the recent decision of the IOC concerning the definitive sports programme for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Mr McConnell underlined that one of the IOC priorities is to keep the overall athlete quota at 10'500 for the traditional sports, in order to keep the sustainability of the event. Moreover, he added that the five new sports in the programme (proposed by LA OCOG) will have an additional quota of 700 athletes, bringing the total number at 11'200 competitors.

Given these requirements, it was extremely difficult to increase the quota for the traditional sports – two exceptions were however done, in sports climbing and 3x3 basketball.

On the topic of increasing the number of bodyweight categories in weightlifting, the IOC Sports Director explained that this would imply a reduction in the number of athletes in each of the categories. According to the IOC standards, a medal event with less than 12 athletes cannot be accepted for a question of "credibility". Therefore, the IWF's proposal to increase the number of events while keeping the same number of athletes, could not be considered.

Mr McConnell encouraged the IWF to keep its firm stance on good governance and fight against doping, and to continue making its best efforts to deliver appealing weightlifting competitions.

Finally, he addressed his best wishes to the IWF Family concerning the upcoming Electoral Congress, to take place in Riyadh (KSA) on May 24-25, 2025.

## **2. IWF Executive Board Membership Update**

Antonio Conliffi, the previous EWF President was recognized for his tremendous efforts and significant contributions to the sport of weightlifting during his tenure on the current board, and he received an IWF award in acknowledgment of his work. Conliffi left the meeting. After that, Astris Hasani was welcomed as the newly elected EWF president.

## **3. Membership Commission Update**

After an introduction by the President, Mournianakis and Horvath gave an update on MC matters and presented a spreadsheet containing all African Member Federations and their status which was updated considering their activity (results of the 2025 African Championships), attached hereto as **Annex 01**. They informed the EB that Member Federations which had been suspended but had an activity to show, could submit all the required documents including an activity report and, as long as they met all the requirements, their applications to lift their suspension could be submitted for review to the Membership Committee and, eventually, to the Executive Board and the Congress, if necessary.

Also, there was a proposal by the President on behalf of the Membership Commission to update the status of the two following member federations: Norfolk Islands Weightlifting Federation and Zanzibar Weightlifting Federation, which had been currently both full IWF members. Considering that Norfolk Islands are a territory of Australia and Zanzibar belongs to UR Tanzania; the proposal was to change their status from Full Members to Associate Members.

A motion was made to approve the proposal and to move Norfolk Islands Weightlifting Federation and Zanzibar Weightlifting Federation into the category of Associate Members.

<b>VOTE 1 To approve the above motion with 25 yes votes, 0 abstention, 0 no vote – PASSED.</b>
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## **4. Paralympic Working Group (PWG) Update**

The Chair of the PWG gave an update and summary on their works until date attached hereto as **Annex 02**.

## **5. Gender Working Group (GWG) Update**

The Chair of the GWG gave an update and summary on their works until date attached hereto as **Annex 03**.

## **6. Governance Commission Update**

The Chair of the **Governance Commission** gave an update and summary on their works until date.

## **7. Athletes Change of Nationality: BRN**

Mournianakis presented the request on the nationality change of 3 athletes from COL to BRN attached hereto as **Annex 04**

- Jhon Esteban MURILLO LOPEZ (D.o.B. 21.02.2008, COL/BRN)
- Ingrid Vanesa SEGURA GRUESO (D.o.B. 29.06.2006, COL/BRN)
- Adrian Norman BONILLA GRANJA (D.o.B. 11.03.2008, COL/BRN) (no previous international participation with COL)

A motion was made to approve the nationality change of the 3 athletes from COL to BRB as specified above and in Annex 04.

<b>VOTE 2 to approve the aforesaid motion with 25 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.</b>
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## 8. Paris 2024 Olympic Games - Time-Data

Tsogas and Adrega made an update on the 2024 Paris OG viewership, broadcasting, social media etc. attached hereto as **Annex 05**.

## 9. 2024 IWF WWC BRN TV & OTT Media Research

Adrega made an update on the 2024 IWF WWC BRN viewership (broadcasting, social media etc.) attached hereto as **Annex 06**.

## 10. CAS Update

Mournianakis gave an update on ongoing legal matters, the CAS 10834 case between Marin & NOC Moldova vs. IWF & Pizzolato.

## 11. Any Other Business

President Jalood invited the representatives of PAR WF to give their presentation for hosting the 2027 WYC. After the presentation, the representatives of PAR WF left the room, and the members discussed the proposal. Following an invitation by the President, who stressed the importance of the support of the state and sport authorities of PAR, no EB member objected to holding a vote on the approval of the request of the PAR WF.

A motion was made to approve PAR to host the 2027 IWF WYC in Paraguay.

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

Given the floor Adamfi raised the question when the List of eligible Member Federations including the voting delegates would be published on the IWF web site as it had been in 2022.

Coffa given the floor, proposed the following people to enter to the Hall of Fame of the IWF:

- Jose Quinones (PER)
- Dr. Antonio Urso (ITA)
- Frank Mantek (GER)

A motion was made to approve the proposal of Sam Coffa.

**VOTE 4 to approve the aforesaid motion with 25 yes votes, 0 abstentions, 0 no vote – PASSED.**

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

**Meeting ended 15:10 p.m. CET on 01/05/2025.**

  
**Mohammed Jalood**  
IWF President

  
**Antonio Urso**  
IWF General Secretary

## Annexes to the Minutes

Annex 01	Membership Spreadsheet Table
Annex 02	Paralympic Working Group Update
Annex 03	Gender Working Group Update
Annex 04	Athletes' Nationality Change Request (COL – BRN)

Annex 05      2024 Paris OG Media Data

Annex 06      2024 IWF WWC BRN viewership (broadcasting, social media etc.) Data