





MEETINGS MINUTES OF THE 2012-2013 AIBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(July 8-10 in Bangkok, Thailand)

1. Opening Speech and Report by AIBA President

President welcomes and thanks EC members for their presence. Before the EC meeting, he would like the conduct the signing ceremony for a new WSB Franchise in Poland. He is pleased to welcome the 3 Polish delegates present. President adds that due to the great success of the 2nd WSB season, there will be at least 3 new Franchises, Argentina, Ukraine and Poland for the 3rd WSB season. The Memorandum of Understanding is then signed.

President then officially starts the EC meeting by briefing EC members on his activities since last September. First, the BBC allegations against AIBA were proved to be totally untrue. It was reported as such to the IOC Executive Board by its Ethics Commission which also confirmed that there was no evidence. Then, he attended all Olympic Qualifying Events (apart in Oceania) which started by the AIBA World Boxing Championships Baku 2011. The APB project was presented during these events. He also attended the signing ceremony for the WSB Franchise in Argentina and the WSB Team Finals and Individual Championships in London. In May, he was elected by ASOIF (Association of Summer Olympic International Federations) to the IOC Executive Board. He takes this opportunity to thank all EC members for their support in helping him making of AIBA an important International Federation now represented on the IOC EB. He just underlines that 286 boxers qualified for the London 2012 Olympic Games, 250 men and 36 women. For the choice of tripartite boxers, President mentions that the guidelines given by IOC were strictly followed. He congratulates Dr Charles Butler who has recently been elected as President of USA Boxing.

2. Roll Call

22 members are present so there is a quorum. Mr Timur Kulibayev, Gen. Evgeny Murov and Mr Kelani Bayor are excused.

3. Approval of Previous AIBA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

<u>The AIBA Executive Committee approves the Minutes of the 2011 AIBA Extraordinary Executive Committee Meeting held on September 23 in Baku, Azerbaijan.</u>

4. Approval of Proposed Amendments to AIBA Bylaws

Ms Aine Power, AIBA Legal Manager, explains that the rationale for further amending the AIBA Bylaws relates mainly in avoiding duplication with the AIBA Statutes as well as to the launch of the AIBA Professional Boxing (APB) Program. It is also necessary to review these proposed amendments before point on agenda regarding the AIBA New EC Memberships.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the Proposed Amendments to the AIBA Bylaws.

President takes this opportunity to announce the appointments of the APB Executive Board members: Dr Abdellah Bessalem, Dr Humbert Furgoni, Mr Franco Falcinelli, Mr Luiz Boselli, Mr Osvaldo Bisbal, Mr Tom Virgets and Mr Bekzhan Bektenov (from Kazakhstan). In addition, there are two non-voting members: Mr David Francis and Mr Ho Kim.

<u>The AIBA Executive Committee approves the Appointments of the APB Executive Board Members.</u>

President also announces the appointments of the AIBA Olympic Compliance Committee members: Mr Tom Virgets, Mr Terry Smith and Ms Aine Power.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the Appointments of the AIBA Olympic Compliance Committee Members.

(*) The summary of the Proposed Amendments to the AIBA Bylaws is in Appendix I.

5. Approval of AIBA New EC Memberships

Mr Ho Kim explains that on February 6, 2012, the AIBA President appointed Gen. Boonlert Kaewprasit from Thailand as a non-voting member of the AIBA EC following a recommendation of the WSB Board and as per article 34.1 of the AIBA Statutes.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves this Appointment.

On March 21, 2012, the AIBA President appointed Mr Timur Kulibayev from Kazakhstan as a non-voting Vice President of the AIBA EC following a recommendation of the APB Executive Board and as per article 34.1 of the AIBA Statutes.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves this Appointment.

On April 25, 2012, the AIBA President received a letter from the Ukraine Boxing Federation that its Executive Committee decided to withdraw the nomination and support of Mr Igor Gaidamak as a member of the AIBA EC. Therefore, following the AIBA Statutes and as Mr Gaidamak did no longer fulfill the eligibility criteria, the UBF EC decision was respected and Mr Gaidamak removed from the AIBA EC. In accordance with article 37.3 A) and B) of the AIBA Statutes, the AIBA President would like to appoint today Mr Volodymyr Prodyvus, President of Ukraine Boxing Federation, in replacement of Mr Gaidamak and seeks the AIBA EC approval on this proposal.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves this Appointment.

At this moment, Mr Volodymyr Prodyvus, who was waiting outside, is requested to join the AIBA EC meeting. He thanks all EC members for their support and their trust and promises he will do everything in his power to further develop boxing.

6. Ratification of AIBA Executive Committee Bureau Decisions

Decision N°1: 2011 AIBA Annual Awards

On October 18, 2011, the AIBA EC Bureau decided to grant the 2011 AIBA Annual Awards to the 5 recipients on November 27 during the London 2012 Test Event:

Decision N° 2: Amendments to the AIBA Bylaws

On November 20, 2011, the AIBA EC Bureau decided to agree to the new version of the AIBA Bylaws which was necessary further to the approval of the amendments of the AIBA Statutes by the 2011 AIBA Extraordinary Congress held on September 24 in Baku, Azerbaijan, especially with regard to the adoption of the Boxing 16 Project and AIBA Professional Boxing (APB).

Decision N° 3: Swap of One Olympic Quota from Asia to Europe

On January 20, 2012, the AIBA EC Bureau decided to agree to swap one Olympic quota from Asia to Europe in the 75kg weight category and one Olympic quota from Europe to Asia in the 49 weight category.

Decision N° 4: 2012 AIBA European Olympic Qualifying Event

On February 10, 2012, the AIBA EC Bureau decided to agree to move the 2012 AIBA European Olympic Qualifying Event previously supposed to be held in Istanbul to Trabzon (Turkey) and approved the changed room rates of Euros 60 for a single room and Euros 40 for a double room including 3 meals and therefore requested the approval of the AIBA EC on the increase.

Decision N° 5: Amendments of the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules

On February 22, 2012, the AIBA EC Bureau decided to agree to the amendments of the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules proposed by the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission further to the recommendations made by the various AIBA Commissions following the meetings held from January 19 to 22, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Decision N° 6: Amendments of the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules

On March 27, 2012, the AIBA EC Bureau decided to agree to the amendments of the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules proposed by the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission such as the inclusion of Women World Ranking and Seeding System (2 seeds in each weight category), the removal of Olympic Qualifying Events from the World Ranking Events, and finally for the "Non-Pregnancy Declaration Form" of women Boxers under 18 to be signed by one of the parents or the caretaker.

Decision N°7: Romanian Boxing Federation

On June 21, 2012, the AIBA EC Bureau decided to agree to order the Romanian Boxing Federation to carry out an election for presidency within 3 months (thus by the end of September 2012).

The AIBA Executive Committee ratifies all AIBA EC Bureau Decisions.

7. Report on London 2012 Olympic Games Preparations

Mr Ho Kim introduces the list of participants such as Technical Delegates, ITOs and R&Js. He confirms that 80 countries will take part (21 from Africa, 15 from America, 17 from Asia, 25 from Europe and 2 from Oceania) with 250 men and 36 women boxers. Mr Kim explains the qualification system once again as well as the tripartite selection process where 19 quotas were allocated (8 for men and 11 for women boxers). Mr Kim underlines that there are a few significant facts such as in the FOP, only AIBA ITOs will manage all functional duties except wiping the canvas, there will be no NTOs.

8. Report on WSB 2nd Season and Plan for 3rd Season

Mr Ivan Khodabakhsh, WSB CEO, first reports on the WSB 2nd season. There were 73 matches among 12 worldwide Franchises comprised of 273 Boxers from 44 countries.

On a medical point of view, there was a dramatic reduction on injuries due to cuts from season 1 to season 2 showing that boxers had a better transition from Olympic-style boxing to WSB-style boxing.

A minimum salary system was implemented (US\$ 1,500/month) and medical insurance was secured (boxers also had full board and free accommodation). The WSB Team Finals were held on May 2, 2012 at the ExCel Exhibition Centre in London where there were 1800 spectators and Dolce & Gabbana Milano Thunder won 4-1 over Dynamo Moscow. The WSB Individual Championships during which 5 WSB World Champions were crowned were held on June 9, 2012 at the same location in front of 1700 spectators. Mr Khodabakhsh then gives the details of the WSB Sport Department and WSB PR & Communications Department business plans for the 2012/2013 season.

President adds that it is very important to have full statistics and data on a medical point of view at the end of the 3rd season as IOC has requested to receive these in view of the removal of the headguards in all elite men competitions.

Mr Khodabakhsh would like to seize the opportunity to raise the issue of the future of the WSB Franchise in China. He explains that the Chinese Sports Bureau has not authorized WSB to compete in mainland China for season 2 so the Chinese Franchise had to move to Macau (huge additional cost for the Franchise). However, WBO and WBC regularly organize events and have offices in mainland China. Some events were held at the same time WSB matches were due to take place in mainland China. Mr Jianping Chang, AIBA EC Member and President of the Chinese Boxing Federation, expresses his astonishment with regard to all these professional competitions held in China. The Chinese Boxing Federation will try its best to have the WSB matches as well as APB matches to be held in mainland China in the future.

President requests Mr Chang to deliver a strong message to the Chinese Government and asks AIBA EC members for their support of WSB and APB in China.

The AIBA Executive Committee supports President's proposal for Mr Chang to deliver a strong message to the Chinese Government.

9. Progress Report on APB Program and Impact on AIBA

Mr Benoît Giran, APB Sport Director, first explains the APB work done so far and underlines the APB Business Plan outlines by explaining the foreseen schedule and the Business Plain main outcomes and the executive summary of the Business Plan results.

(*) The summary of the Progress Report on APB Program is in Appendix II.

10. Presentation of BMA Launch and Business Plan

Mr Khodabakhsh mentions that the mission of BMA is to generate a perpetual stabilized marketing success for the continuous growth of the sport of boxing and AIBA by enhancing commercial values of the three competition programs AOB, APB and WSB to maximize revenues in all marketing areas.

As this Business Plan on BMA is important and includes facts on budget, President proposes to Executive Committee members to exceptionally approve it.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the BMA Launch Business Plan.

(*) The summary of the Presentation of BMA Launch and Business Plan is in Appendix III.

11. Bidding Presentation for the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships

Mr Pat Fiacco, President of the Canadian Boxing Association, introduces Mr Robert Crête, Executive Director. He mentions that his country is indeed interested in hosting the 2014 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships but also, in conjunction, the 2014 AIBA Congress, this at the end of October. He presents the bid file which shows that 5 cities are interested in hosting these events: Montreal, Québec City, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves for the 2014 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships to be held in Canada (city to be confirmed to AIBA by the end of 2012).

With regard to the 2014 AIBA Congress, President mentions that AIBA will need to wait until the city is confirmed before a final decision is made. It might also be necessary to go through a bidding process with other countries/cities.

12. Approval of Confederation Constitutions

Ms Aine Power explains that following the review of the Constitutions of the different Confederations, it appeared that some amendments were necessary, mostly due to the introduction of APB and to the revision of the recognition of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in order to have consistency between these Constitutions and the AIBA Statutes approved and adopted at the last AIBA Extraordinary Congress held in October 2011 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the Confederation Constitutions.

13. Confederation Reports and Approval of Confederation Competition Calendars

Each Confederation President presents his report on general activities for 2011-2012, Extraordinary General Assembly, competitions, finances, business plan, budget, conclusions and recommendations.

<u>The AIBA Executive Committee approves the Confederation Reports and Confederation Competition Calendars.</u>

14. London 2012 Olympic Games – Sworn Statement by AIBA EC Members

President explains that a Sworn Statement with regard to the Code of Conduct to be adopted by AIBA EC Members attending the London 2012 Olympic Games will be distributed. All AIBA EC Members present sign the statement.

15. Bidding Presentation for the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships

Ms Emilia Grueva, Chairperson of the Advisory Council of the Bulgarian Boxing Federation, presents the first bid file.

Mr Volodymyr Prodyvus, AIBA EC Member and President of the Ukrainian Boxing Federation, presents the second bid file. Mr Dmitriy Gaistruk, Executive Director, explains the details.

As there are two candidates to host this Championships and so far none to host the 2013 AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships, President proposes to award the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships to the winner and to propose to the runner-up to host the 2013 AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships. Both delegations accept this proposal.

President appoints scrutinizers and after the first vote which is carried out by secret ballot, both candidates have obtained the same number of votes thus 10. Therefore, there is a need to vote again and President mentions that if a casting vote is necessary, he will then vote. Further to the second vote also done by secret ballot, Bulgaria obtains 11 votes and Ukraine 9 votes.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves for the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships to be awarded to Bulgaria and for the 2013 AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships to be awarded to Ukraine.

16. Presentation of Boxing Academy Program Development

Mr Alimzhan Akayev, International Relations Coordinator of the Kazakhstan Boxing Federation, presents the progress report of the AIBA Boxing Academy being presently built in Almaty. All is according to the set construction plan and the Academy should be completed (including interior decoration and landscape work) as foreseen thus just ahead of the AIBA World Boxing Championships Astana 2013 in August/September.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the Boxing Academy Program Development.

17. Approval of Proposed Amendments to AIBA Technical & Competition Rules

Mr Franco Falcinelli, AIBA EC Member and Chairman of the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission, mentions that there is a need to have a new format for the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules due to the fact that these have been frequently amended and this has given problems for National Federations and boxing members to follow without any misunderstanding. In addition, with the launch of both APB and WSB, it is inevitable to have one set of Technical Rules and each different Competition Rules in order to enhance the operation excellence of boxing development within National Federations and for the boxing family to fully understand all Rules.

Therefore, it is proposed to separate current one combined set of Rules into two separate sets of Rules as:

- One set of Technical Rules to govern all AOB, APB and WSB
- Three different sets of Competition Rules:
 - AOB
 - APB
 - WSB

Technical Rules should be approved and should remain for a longer period without being amended so often; Competition Rules should consist of different operational guidelines of running AOB, APB and WSB competitions and could also be amended if necessary.

(*) The summary of the Proposed Amendments to AIBA Technical & Competition Rules is in Appendix IV.

<u>The AIBA Executive Committee approves Proposed Amendments to the AIBA</u> Technical & Competition Rules.

18. Membership Issues

Mrs Patricia Steulet, AIBA External Relations Director, goes through the various issues on memberships.

Requests for Provisional Membership

Malta

There is no confirmation that this Federation is responsible for boxing in Malta and the identity of the EC members is not confirmed. There is a document "Summary of Activities" which indicates that the MBF is mainly working with Green Hill regarding commercial partnership for boxing equipment (violation of AIBA Technical & Competition Rules). It is recommended to refuse the provisional membership of the Malta Boxing Federation for the time being.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the proposed Recommendation.

Kosovo

Mr Ramadan Selimi, President of Kosova Boxing Federation and Mr Besim Hasani, President of the Board for International Relations and President of Kosovo Olympic Committee, present their request for provisional membership. It is recommended to accept the provisional membership of the Kosova Boxing Federation.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the proposed Recommendation.

General Membership Issues

Lesotho

It is recommended to allow this National Federation back into AIBA in full membership once their Constitution is definitively approved by AIBA Legal Department.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the proposed Recommendation.

Uganda

It is recommended not to take any decision until further clarifications are done.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the proposed Recommendation.

Other Countries in Africa

There are several other issues going on in Africa with Comores, Guinea, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, South Africa, etc., mainly due to external / political interference in election process (two entities, one recognized by NOC and the other by the Ministry of Sports).

Americas – Panama and Paraguay

There are issues in America in Panama and Paraguay mainly due to external / political interference in election process or internal issues.

Asia - Pakistan

There are issues in Asia in Pakistan mainly due to external / political interference from the Government (election process within National Federations, imposing members for Executive Committees, etc.).

IOC is monitoring this issue as it is a serious violation of the Olympic Charter. There are also big issues between the President and Secretary General of the Pakistan Boxing Federation.

Asia - Korea

In September 2010, a new President, Mr Sang-Soo Ahn, was elected. Due to a political deal with his opponent, KABF has suffered serious internal political turmoil. Finally, KABF board boycotted 4 times the holding of its Board Meeting thus presented the National Federation as an incapable organization. As a consequence of this situation, Mr Ahn resigned from KABF Presidency mid-April, thus 3 months ago.

AIBA has ordered KABF to hold a new election for its President on April 25, 2012 following article 11 of the AIBA Bylaws. Based on this article of the AIBA Bylaws, AIBA has the right to exclude KABF by July 25 if no election is carried out. Current KABF Board is divided pro-Jae Joon Yoo and anti-Jae Joon Yoo which the pro-Jae Joon Yoo has the majority (9 out of 15 board members). This means that whoever becomes KABF President in the future, J.J. Yoo will continuously control KABF from the back. As Mr Yoo was once suspended by AIBA, the future of KABF is not bright and will not be an organization to cooperate and work with AIBA. The Korean Olympic Committee (KOC) is fully aware of this matter and has been communicating with AIBA to find a solution to reshape KABF.

It is recommended to exclude KABF by July 25 once again if there is no election following the AIBA Bylaws.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the proposed Recommendation.

Europe - Romania

The AIBA EC Bureau ordered the RBF to carry out an election for presidency by the end of September 2012 (3 months deadline). Failure to do so should result in a further suspension of the Romanian Boxing Federation (RBF) or even in an expulsion.

Oceania - Fiji

For many years Boxing Fiji was the National Boxing Federation in Fiji and was recognized by AlBA. There was a Military Coup in Fiji in 2006. In 2008, a new law (Boxing Commission of Fiji Promulgation) was passed in Fiji removing all powers of Boxing Fiji. AlBA wrote to the NOC in Fiji seeking clarification. FANASOC replied that it is ready to cooperate and will work in helping Boxing Fiji to function as in the past.

19. Approval of New APB Technical & Competition Rules

Messrs Franco Falcinelli and Luiz Boselli present these new Rules which are in the attached presentation for reference.

<u>The AIBA Executive Committee approves proposed New APB Technical & Competition Rules.</u>

(*) The summary of the New APB Technical & Competition Rules is in Appendix V.

20. Approval of Proposed Amendments to WSB Technical & Competition Rules

Mr Franco Falcinelli presents the proposed amendments to WSB Technical & Competition Rules which are in the attached presentation for reference.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves Proposed Amendments to WSB Technical & Competition Rules.

(*) The summary of the Proposed Amendments to WSB Technical & Competition Rules is in Appendix VI.

21. Approval of AIBA Commission Recommendations

Mr Ho Kim explains the AIBA Commissions met at the end of January 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. At the end of each individual Commission meeting, a list of recommendations was established and presented during the Joint Commission Meeting held on the last day. Mr Kim explains some of these recommendations.

Athletes & Youth Commission

• Development of Education Programs – specially on Anti-Doping

Medical Commission (presented by Dr Charles Butler)

- Medical Qualification for WSB Boxers
- Removal of Headguard
- Approval of New Medical Handbook

Women's Commission

- Lobby for Women Boxing to be part of all multi-sport events i.e. The All-Africa Games, etc.
- Help the poorest zones like Oceania and Africa with equipment support
- Gloves with Smaller Hand Compartment
- Smaller Sizes Headgear

Mr Ho Kim underlines that Article 34.3 of the AIBA Statutes does not mention the obligation to have women as EC Members and recommends not accepting this as it is incorrect. President underlines that National Federations should be encourage giving women more responsible and active roles. However, as a start, the Chairperson of the AIBA Women's Commission could participate to the activities of the AIBA EC, ex officio.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves proposed Recommendations.

22. Approval of Proposed Amendments to AIBA Disciplinary Code

Ms Aine Power explains that these AIBA Disciplinary Rules have not been reviewed for 2.5 years. Recent disciplinary and CAS cases have highlighted some "gaps" and problems within the existing Rules. Sometimes, the wording is unclear and creates interpretation problem. There is a need of uniformity across the AIBA Disciplinary Rules, the AIBA Procedural Rules and the AIBA Statutes and Bylaws to avoid inconsistencies. These changes will also ensure that all possible offences are covered and provide more flexibility to the AIBA Disciplinary Commission to apply appropriate sanctions. The AIBA Legal Department carried out a detailed review of the existing Rules and suggests following amendments:

General Changes

- Rules apply to all "AIBA Competitions"
- General change regarding suspension and bans from boxing activity:
 - Previously Rules used several different phrases (temporary ban, definite ban, suspension, exclusion) for different offences—caused confusion
 - Now just two concepts (1) suspension and (2) permanent ban

Specific Changes

- Removal of the "Reprimand" sanction Not required as same sanction as "Warning"
- List of Disciplinary Sanctions clarified
- New clause that allows the Disciplinary Commission to impose other sanctions that it deems appropriate in the circumstances – more flexibility
- Remove "Disqualification of a Boxer or expulsion of Seconds"
 - Already covered in the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules
- Disciplinary Commission can impose additional sanctions where a Boxer or Second has been disqualified/expelled
- Remove reference to "Appeal Body"
 - Previously, the AIBA EC was the appeal body but since the AIBA Extraordinary Congress Baku 2011, the AIBA EC is no longer the appeal body - No appeal from decisions of the Disciplinary Commission
- Clarify that the Disciplinary Commission can have matters referred to them by AIBA HQs
 Office and the AIBA EC
- Clarify consequences of the suspension if a National Federation is suspended from AIBA
 - No membership rights
 - No relations with other National Federations
 - All communication with AIBA suspended
 - Not permitted to participate in any AIBA Competition
 - Officials of suspended National Federation not permitted to participate in any AIBA Competition
 - Boxers must be sent to AIBA Competition by National Olympic Committee
 - Boxers participate at AIBA Competition under AIBA flag, AIBA anthem
- Increase potential sanction for a serious violation of the AIBA Statutes, Bylaws or Rules
 - Previously suspension for 6 months to 1 year
 - Now suspension for 6 months to 5 years
- Disparagement of AIBA's reputation and interest
 - Recent CAS decision decided that it would only be an offence if AIBA's reputation was harmed "externally"
 - New Rule clarifies that sanction can be imposed on anyone who adversely
 affects the reputation or interests of AIBA (1) internally amongst its National
 Federations, (2) externally amongst the general public or (3) which harms the
 image of boxing generally
- Discrimination and Racism
 - Previously offence to discriminate on account of religion, politics, ethnicity, gender
 - New Rules now also an offence to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation; needed to capture homophobic remarks/statements. Important in context of continued development of women's boxing
- Forgery and Falsification
 - Previously offence for individual to forge/falsify authentic documents eg. identification papers, etc.
 - Now if the Disciplinary Commission decides that a National Federation had overall responsibility for forgery/falsification, that National Federation can be fined and/or suspended for a period of 1 to 5 years
- Language
 - Remove the requirement to translate the Code into French English only.
- The new Code will apply to offences which take place after it is approved by the AIBA Executive Committee in July
 - Offences which take place before July 2012 will be dealt with under the old Code.

<u>The AIBA Executive Committee approves Proposed Amendments to AIBA Disciplinary</u> Code.

23. Approval of Proposed Amendments to AIBA Procedural Rules

Ms Aine Power explains that these Rules set out the procedures to be followed by the Disciplinary Commission when reviewing disciplinary matters (time limits, notices, etc.) and that minor changes are needed to ensure uniformity between these Procedural Rules, the AIBA Disciplinary Code, the AIBA Statutes and Bylaws.

Specific Changes

- Remove reference to "The Appeal Authority"
 - Previously was the AIBA EC but the EC no longer acts as the appeal authority
- Language of the proceedings
 - Changed from English or French to just English
 - The Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission has the power to decide, on a case by case basis, to allow the proceedings to be in another language
 - Remove requirement to translate the Organizational and Procedural Rules into French
- Archives
 - Changed the time for retaining records from 10 years to 6 years
- Urgent Cases
 - Previously in urgent cases, the Disciplinary Commission can order provisional measures
 - Now clarifying that urgent cases particularly apply to issues that occur during all AOB/WSB/APB Events where immediate action may be required; gives more flexibility to deal with crisis issues
- Time limit for the Disciplinary Commission to issue decisions
 - Previously no upper time limit for decisions to be issued
 - Now except in exceptional cases, the Disciplinary Commission must notify the decision within 3 months of the date the complaint was made OR 3 months from the end of the hearing
- Appeal
 - Confirm that the decision of the Disciplinary Commission is final
 - Amend the Court of Arbitration for Sport appeal clause so that it matches the AIBA Statutes
 - Appeal to CAS only on matters related to Anti-Doping and Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter (disputes concerning the Olympic Games)

<u>The AIBA Executive Committee approves Proposed Amendments to AIBA Procedural</u> Rules.

24. Report on AIBA/WSB Legal and Disciplinary Cases

Ms Aine Power explains the completed and current legal and disciplinary cases.

Romania - Completed

RBF appealed against the decisions of AIBA to suspend and then exclude the RBF from AIBA Membership because of their failure to hold elections for a new president to replace Mr Rudel Obreja. Both of RBF's appeals at CAS were successful and the suspension and exclusion decisions were cancelled by CAS.

Thailand (ABAT) - Completed

ABAT appealed the decision of AIBA to exclude ABAT and CAS decided that the decision to exclude ABAT was not valid. However, CAS stated that ABAT cannot be considered to be a full member of ABAT because it is not recognized by the relevant authority in Thailand – the Sports Authority of Thailand. CAS decision, therefore, does not prevent AIBA recognizing the Thailand Boxing Association.

WSB Americas - Eric Parthen - Completed

Former manager of WSB Americas, Eric Parthen, had his employment by WSB terminated in January 2011. Parthen sued WSB in the United States for wrongful termination and the case was settled in December 2011 as both sides released all claims against each other under a settlement agreement.

Former Disciplinary Commission Members - Current

On May 31, 2011, Prof. Zen Ruffinen, Mr Schoeb and Mr Rigozzi, former members of the AIBA Disciplinary Commission, applied to the Swiss court for an order that they be paid for their services to AIBA between July-December 2009. AIBA has settled the claim brought by Prof. Zen Ruffinen; however, AIBA has filed a defense against the claims of Messrs Schoeb and Rigozzi arguing there was no agreement to pay these costs. AIBA offered to pay 50% of the fees but this offer has been refused. Court hearings are taking place and it is expected a decision will be made later in the year

Thailand (ABAT) - Current

ABAT proposes to take a case against AIBA in the court in Lausanne to get a ruling that AIBA can no longer recognize Thailand Boxing Association. ABAT is arguing that AIBA's recognition of TBA violates its own statutes which do not allow for AIBA to recognize more than one Federation from each country. ABAT has a deadline of July 22, 2012 to file its full case with the court and there is a good chance of success for AIBA because of the CAS decision which states that ABAT cannot be considered a full member of AIBA.

General Manager Baku Fires Franchise - Current

Mr Rizvan Genzhiyev – 1st leg WSB Semi Final – Baku Fires v Milano Thunder – protested against result; Protest was rejected. He accused WSB R&Js of manipulation and was aggressive to R&Js in their hotel. He then threatened to withdraw Baku Fires team from 2nd leg of Semi-Final if WSB did not change result but the result did not changed and Baku Fires gave 3 walkovers in 2nd leg of Semi-Final. Previously, in season 1, Mr Genzhiyev threatened a WSB R&J and the WSB Board suspended him from all WSB involvement for 1 year. The case is currently under review by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission. In addition, Mr Genzhiyev also acts as Team Manager for Azerbaijan women's team.

Ivory Coast Boxing Federation - Current

Two women Boxers from Ivory Coast Boxing Federation left the Road to London Training Camp I overnight without informing any AIBA or training camp personnel. Despite several requests, ICBF provided no information regarding Boxers even though one of the Boxers is the daughter of the ICBF President. The Police in Cardiff was contacted and a brief sent to the AIBA Disciplinary Commission. The decision of the AIBA Disciplinary Commission taken in June 2012 is to suspend the Federation for 6 months (starting July 12, 2012) and fine it CHF 4'800 (equivalent of cost of Boxers' attendance at Training Camp). The Federation's President, Mr Arsène Yoboue Kouassi) is suspended for a period of six months (starting July 12, 2012) and fined CHF 1'000.

Mr Ho Kim thinks that in case like the one of Ivory Coast Boxing Federation, strong measures should be taken not only towards the National Federations but also towards the Boxers.

<u>The AIBA Executive Committee approves the Report on AIBA/WSB Legal and Disciplinary Cases.</u>

25. Approval of 2011-2012 Audit and AIBA/WSB 2012-2013 Budgets

Mr David Francis, AIBA Treasurer, reads the various reports issued by the Audit Company (KPMG) both for AIBA and WSB (up to June 30, 2012). He reads out the balance sheets, income statements and proposals for appropriation of available earnings. The Audit Company concluded that based on its limited statutory examination, nothing has come to its attention that causes it to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law and the company's articles of incorporation. As a consequence, the Audit Company concluded that the Association's ability to continue as a going concern can be assumed.

Mr Francis then explains the AIBA/WSB 2012-2013 budgets by showing/explaining potential incomes and expenses.

<u>The AIBA Executive Committee approves the 2011-2012 Audit Reports and the 2012-2013 AIBA/WSB Budgets.</u>

26. AIBA HQs Business Plan

Mr Ho Kim explains that following the adoption of APB, a new organizational structure was clearly set based on KPMG's proposal. There is a new Administration Department in place which now includes an IT sub-department. There is an additional department which is the APB Sport Department.

Mr Kim then lists the main objectives of the AIBA HQs which are:

- To manage the Olympic boxing competition as the best one ever in the AIBA history
- · To prepare all areas for most successful launch of APB program next year
- To manage finance in the most productive manner to maintain our financial target
- To improve all areas in Human Resources at HQs in order to enhance the operational excellence
- To perform the best PR & Communication program to assist the success of the APB Launch and BMA programs
- To create a much improved office management in all operational aspects in order to meet all goals with the support of the new Administrative Director

Mr Kim mentions the core strategies which will be deployed to reach above objectives:

- To develop an IT and digitalized management
- To integrate a database system for all 3 programs, AOB, APB and WSB
- To create a new image and promote new messages of AIBA by strengthening the external PR programs
- To improve the communication tactics with National Federations and Confederations in order to maximize their participation
- To focus on Boxing HR areas to develop highly professional officials and certified members for the success of all competitions launch of the new membership program

He then introduces each AIBA HQs department plan.

The AIBA Executive Committee approves the AIBA HQs Business Plan.

27. Closing Remarks by AIBA President

President Wu closes the meeting by thanking everyone especially the Thailand Boxing Association for its hospitality as well as the AIBA Executive Director, the AIBA HQs Office staff and the interpreters.

Approved by:

December 2012

Ching-Kuo Wu AIBA President

APPENDIX I

Summary of Proposed Amendments to the AIBA Bylaws

Chapter 2: Congress / Article 3 - Expenses

Already covered in the AIBA Statutes (paragraph 22.2).

Remove – "(1) For the Ordinary Congress, the cost of a return economy class airfare, accommodation and meals incurred by one (1) delegate per National Federation will be paid by AIBA"

Chapter 2: Congress / Article 4 - Delegates

Already covered in the AIBA Statutes (paragraph 22.2).

Remove – "(1) Each National Federation is permitted to take a maximum of 3 delegates to the Congress. Only one (1) delegate has the right to vote at the Congress"

Chapter 2: Congress / Article 8 - Votes on a Decision

• Should be amended so that it is consistent with the AIBA Statutes (paragraph 28.5)

Amend – "(1) Voting shall be carried out either by electronic count or raising hands. Voting with hands can include raising color panels (green, red and white)."

Chapter 3: Maintenance of Membership and Voting Rights / Article 10 – Membership

Add new article regarding membership of National Federations

Add – "(1) A National Federation can only be responsible for governing the sport of boxing. It is prohibited for a National Federation and/or its President to be responsible for governing any other sporting activity, including mixed martial arts (MMA), UFC, Kickboxing, K-1 and other similar combat sports as may be determined by AIBA.

(2) A National Federation President and Executive Committee members must be national passport holders of the National Federation country. In the event the President or Executive Committee member holds a dual nationality, he or she must decide upon one country they wish to represent and provide proof that it is their country of residence if requested to do so."

Chapter 3: Maintenance of Membership and Voting Rights / Article 11 - Leadership within the National Federation

· Should be amended to achieve better clarity.

Replace with – "(1) No National Federation is authorized to remain without a President for a period exceeding six (6) months."

- (2) If the President of the National Federation is absent due to any cause or is incapable of carrying out his or her functions as President or has been suspended by AIBA or any other body, the AIBA Executive Committee may call upon the National Federation to organise a new presidential election.
- (3) The new presidential election must be held within 3 months of notification by AIBA.
- (4) Should a National Federation fail to comply with Article 11 above, the National Federation may be provisionally suspended and the case sent for a decision by the AIBA Executive Committee, which may decide to provisionally exclude the National Federation."

Chapter 4: Exclusion of National Federations / Article 13

 Add a new article authorizing AIBA to immediately replace an excluded National Federation with a new Provisional Member

Add – "(1) If a National Federation is excluded by the EC in accordance with article 18.2 of the AIBA Statutes, AIBA will no longer recognize that National Federation as responsible for governing the sport of boxing in that country.

(2) In such circumstances the EC may decide to admit and recognize a new Provisional Member to replace the excluded National Federation until the next Congress.

3) If the EC decision to exclude the National Federation is ratified by the Congress, the new Provisional Member shall be eligible to have its membership ratified in accordance with article 9.2 of the AIBA Statute."

Chapter 5: Permanent Commissions / Article 23 - Removal of an AIBA Commission Member

Include a new article dealing with absent Commission members.

Add – "The President has the power to remove any AIBA Commission member from a Commission should he or she be absent (without any valid reason) from two (2) Commission meetings and appoint a replacement."

Chapter 7: International Competitions / Article 26 – Authorization

- (2) If a National Federation fails to request the authorizations set out in this article, stipulated in the AIBA Competition Guidelines (Appendix C of the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules) and in Article 57.2 of the AIBA Statutes or within the specified time, the AIBA Disciplinary Commission will review the case and issue sanctions."
- Should be amended so that it is consistent with the AIBA Statutes (paragraph 57.2). **Replace with** – "(1) In the event authorization for an International Competition is sought in between two AIBA EC meetings, such authorization may be granted by the Confederation on whose territory the competition is intended take place."

Chapter 9: AIBA Professional Boxing / Article 30(1) – Composition

Add new articles relating to the organization of APB

Add – "(1) Further to Article 59.3 of the AIBA Statutes, the APB Executive Board consists of a maximum of 12 (twelve) voting members including the AIBA President who shall act as Chairman of the APB Executive Board (the "Chairman"). The AIBA Treasurer and the AIBA Executive Director shall be non-voting members of the APB Executive Board."

Chapter 9: AIBA Professional Boxing / Article 30(2) – Appointment

Add – "The members of the APB Executive Board are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Chairman. The Chairman has the power to remove and/or replace any member of the APB Executive Board upon the recommendation of the APB Executive Board."

Chapter 9: AIBA Professional Boxing / Article 30(3) – Eligibility

Add – "(1) In order to be eligible to be appointed as an APB Executive Board member, a person must:

- not have been sanctioned for a violation of the Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules or the Disciplinary Code;
- not be a paid employee of any National Federation or Confederation; and
- not, at the time of appointment to the APB Executive Board, hold any position in any "outside" professional boxing/combat sport organizations other than the World Series of Boxing and APB, it being understood that a National Federation which has both Olympic Boxing and professional divisions within its structure shall not be considered as an "outside" professional boxing organization.
- (2) The APB Executive Board shall not include more than one member from any jurisdiction in which a National Federation is established."

Chapter 9: AlBA Professional Boxing / Article 30(4) – Powers of the APB Executive Board, Duties of Members, Oversight of AlBA Executive Committee

Add – "(1) The APB Executive Board shall have the power to make decisions (subject to ratification by the AIBA Executive Committee) on all matters relating to the APB program which do not fall within the legal or statutory jurisdiction of the Congress, the AIBA Executive Committee or the Disciplinary Commission.

2) In particular, the APB Executive Board shall be responsible for overseeing the APB competition management, the development of APB Boxers and Officials and for overseeing the relationships between APB and each Confederation and National Federation.

The APB Executive Board may propose changes to the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission for onward proposal to the AIBA Executive Committee.

- (3) The APB Executive Board members shall attend meetings of the APB Executive Board when requested to do so by the Chairman.
- (4) The APB Executive Board members shall act at all times in the best interests of APB and AIBA and shall refrain from any action whatsoever which could be contrary to the interests of AIBA and APB and upon their appointment to the APB Executive Board shall sign a declaration to that effect."

Chapter 9: AIBA Professional Boxing / Article 30(5) –APB Executive Board Bureau

Add – "(1) The Chairman has the power to establish an APB Executive Board Bureau ("APB EB Bureau).

- (2) The APB EB Bureau will function in place of the APB Executive Board for all urgent matters that fall under the authority of the APB Executive Board requiring settlement between two meetings of the APB Executive Board.
- (3) The APB EB Bureau shall consist of 5 (five) voting members:
- the Chairman; and
- 4 (four) voting members of the APB Executive Board appointed to the APB EB Bureau by the Chairman.

The AIBA Executive Director shall be a non-voting member of the APB EB Bureau.

(4) The Chairman shall notify the APB Executive Board of the decisions passed by the APB EB Bureau. All decisions taken by the APB EB Bureau shall be ratified by the APB Executive Board at its next meeting."

Chapter 9: AIBA Professional Boxing; Article 30(6) – Meetings

Add – "(1) The APB Executive Board shall meet at least once a year. The Chairman shall convene the meetings of the APB Executive Board and shall draw up the agenda.

(2) As a general rule, no other person other than the APB Executive Board members may attend a meeting of the APB Executive Board. However, the Chairman, when he deems appropriate, may invite third parties to attend. For the avoidance of doubt, such third parties shall not have the right to vote."

Chapter 9: AIBA Professional Boxing / Article 30(7) – Quorum

Add – "(1) The APB Executive Board can convene once 50% (fifty per cent.) plus 1 (one) of the voting members of the APB Executive Board (including the Chairman) are present. Only APB Executive Board members present at the meeting are permitted to vote.

(2) The APB EB Bureau can convene once three (3) members of the APB EB Bureau are present in person or by telephone."

Chapter 9: AIBA Professional Boxing / Article 30(8) – Voting

Add – "(1) Each APB Executive Board member present at an APB Executive Board meeting must either cast a positive or negative vote or abstain.

- (2) A simple majority is sufficient for a vote to be valid. Abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority. The Chairman shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.
- (3) On important matters and at the discretion of the Chairman, the APB Executive Board or APB EB Bureau may be invited to make a decision by an email vote. In such cases the AIBA Headquarters shall distribute the relevant information to all APB Executive Board or APB EB Bureau members.

- If, within 5 days of being called upon to vote, an absolute majority of the APB Executive Board or APB EB Bureau members, state in writing that they support the decision, the decision will be passed and will deemed to be an effective decision of the APB Executive Board or APB EB Bureau.
- (4) The APB Executive Board or the APB EB Bureau shall fix the date for a decision to take effect.
- (5) All decisions of the APB Executive Board are subject to ratification by the AIBA Executive Committee.
- (6) APB Executive Board members must abstain from taking part in deliberations and/or decisions on any matter involving the National Federation with which such APB Executive Board member is associated or on any matter involving a conflict of interest. Where there is a doubt as to whether an APB Executive Board member is conflicted in relation to a particular issue, the Chairman shall decide on the right of such member to vote."

Chapter 9: AIBA Professional Boxing / Article 31 – Professional Boxing

Need to define the term "professional boxing organization"

Add – "(1)Where the term "professional boxing organization" is used in the AIBA Statutes, AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, Code of Ethics, Disciplinary Code, Procedural Rules or these Bylaws, such term shall be interpreted as referring to any organization or entity, including any regulatory, licensing or sanctioning bodies, involved in a professional sports activity where boxing is a component part of such activity and shall include such sports activities as mixed martial arts (MMA), UFC, kickboxing, K-1 and other similar combat sports as may be determined by AIBA.

• Need to define the term "professional boxing match"

Add — "(2) Where the term "professional boxing match" is used in the AIBA Statutes, AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, Code of Ethics, Disciplinary Code, Procedural Rules or these Bylaws, such term shall be interpreted as referring to any professional sports activity where boxing is a component part of such activity and shall include such sports activities as mixed martial arts (MMA), UFC, kickboxing, K-1 and other similar combat sports as may be determined by AIBA."

Chapter 10: National Federation Statutes, Bylaws, Constitutions, Elections / Article 33(c)

Article should be amended to add clarity

Amend – "the affiliation to a professional boxing organization of any elected officer of a National Federation, it being understood that where any such elected officer has held any position within, or has been affiliated to, any professional boxing entity (other than World Series of Boxing and/or APB), including as a Boxer, coach or trainer, such officer must have resigned from such position no later than one (1) year prior to the relevant election....."

Chapter 11: Executive Committee Member Eligibility / Article 34

 Add a new article that covers a situation where the President may be required to remove an EC member who is no longer eligible to serve on the EC.

Add – "(1) Upon election as an EC Member, each EC Member must continue to fulfill all of the eligibility criteria set out in Article 35 of the AIBA Statutes.

- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, where an EC Member no longer fulfills all of the eligibility criteria set out in Article 35 of the AIBA Statutes, or, if a National Federation removes their nomination for an EC Member or a National Federation informs AIBA that the EC member is no longer a member of the National Federation, the President shall have the power to remove such EC Member and appoint a replacement in accordance with Article 37.3 (A) and (B) of the AIBA Statutes.
- (3) The replacement EC Member will receive full EC Member status immediately after the EC meeting at which that EC Member's appointment is approved by the EC.

(4) The President has the power to remove any EC Member should he or she be absent (without any valid reason) from two (2) EC meetings and appoint a replacement in accordance with Article 37.3 (A) and (B) of the AIBA Statutes."

Chapter 12: Honorary Positions and Awards / Article 35 – AIBA Order of Merit

 Add a new article setting out the procedures for selection as required by the AIBA Statutes (paragraph19.3)

Add – "(1) An Order of Merit may be awarded to individuals who have a distinguished contribution to boxing or have otherwise achieved remarkable merit in the sport.

- (2) When the occasion is necessary, the AIBA President will send to Officials requests for recommendations for suitable candidates for the AIBA Order of Merit.
- (3) When all applications have been received, the President will decide to whom he will award the Order of Merit.
- (4) An honorary position may be bestowed upon an individual together with the AIBA Order of Merit."

Chapter 13: AIBA Olympic Compliance Committee / Article 36

- Add a new article that gives authority for the new AIBA Olympic Compliance Committee
 Add "Prior to the commencement of the Olympic Games, the AIBA President may establish an ad hoc committee in order to evaluate and make any recommendation to the AIBA President for his decision during the Olympic Games on the following issues:
- (a) Disciplinary matters or violations
- (b) Betting, manipulation or corruption matters or violations
- (c) Ethical matters or violations
- (d Crisis management relating to issues raised outside of the Field of Play
- (d) The media
- (e) Any other matter deemed appropriate by the AIBA President

The President shall appoint 3 members to the ad hoc committee.

APPENDIX II Summary of Progress Report on APB Program

Mr Benoît Giran, APB Sport Director, first explains the APB work done so far and underlines the APB Business Plan outlines by explaining the foreseen schedule and the Business Plan main outcomes and the executive summary of the Business Plan results. *Main Outcomes:*

- A fragmented and poorly managed pro boxing market
- A large, passionate but increasingly disillusioned fan base
- Multiple avenues into the media and sponsorship markets exist
- Capturing revenue from these markets requires a coordinated, integrated, transparent and easily understood product and approach
- Agency revenue shares in Television, Sponsorship and Athletes' representation
 Executive Summary of Business Plan Results:
 - Displace current actors in the sport
 - Establish a new structure with a single governing body, AIBA for unified rules, formats and titles
 - Target marketing strategy to achieve opportunities in a large market, a stronger growth opportunity in the sports industry
 - Plan clear reform in boxing and integrity to compete in the current market
 - Portfolio approach to maximize touch points with fans and meet their needs
 - Strategic plan to focus roll-out in 30 countries
 - Strong strategy to build television deals
 - Launch a pure marketing body to drive the business, BMA
 - Proposal with significant investment in long terms

Evaluation of boxers took place from November 2011 to May 2012; the compensation strategy from November 2011 to June 2012 and Phase I of the contracts during which the best AOB boxers to enter APB world level started in May 2012 and will last until September. Phase II of contracts during which current professional boxers with less than 15 bouts are selected and approached to sign started in May 2012 and will last until May 2013. APB will be present during the London 2012 Olympic Games to sign as many boxers as possible. APB Rules have been developed and will be submitted to the AIBA EC for approval. Boxing equipment (gloves, rings and uniforms) is also under study.

Mr Giran then explains the development phases of the competition schedule, mainly that some of the APB Boxers who signed before September-October 2012 will be put in the draft for WSB Season 3 and others will participate to APB Exhibition Bouts from January to May 2013. At the end of the WSB Season 3, all Boxers will be starting the APB Pre-Ranking Bouts (12 Boxers per category) for 4 months thus until September 2013 and then the first bouts for the World Champions will start and last until the end of the year. From January 2014, the APB National Bouts will start, 6 months later, the APB Continental Bouts so that at the end of 2014 a full APB competition program is implemented.

The ranking system is then detailed as well as the competition calendar and the competition cards system which will consist in packaging bouts into cards. 1 card will equal to 5 bouts and the different levels of bouts will be mixed for competition and media reasons. Basically, when the 3 different levels will be implemented, there will be 490 cards per year and some title bouts will be mixed with some ranking bouts and continental ranking bouts.

There will be intercontinental titles in which some world ranking bouts and continental ranking bouts could be included and also continental titles will be mixed with world ranking bouts and continental ranking bouts in order to have more visibility on one title bout by putting some interesting ranking bouts into the card so that the competition can be sold in an easier way and have a better spread.

At the continental level, a lot of national ranking bouts will be included and this will be important for NFs.

There are 30 Potential NFs for APB Joint Program. Where there is interest and support, AIBA will help any potential NF to join by organizing an orientation workshop. All NFs will have to include an APB functional body inside their organization. All management and operational work will be done in concert with NFs which will have to follow the Technical Rules and principles of APB Management.

APB Promotion:

- Guidelines to National Federations (May June 2012)
- Promotion Brochure to the London 2012 Olympic Games (June 2012)
- Developing APB Promotion Video
- Publicity Insert in major magazines and website (Sport Business, Around the Rings)

Promotion during the London 2012 Olympic Games

- PR Agency Media training PR activities during the Olympic Games
- Distribution of APB Brochure
- Contact National Federations
- Contact Boxers

Press release regularly through www.aiba.org

Social media (Facebook, Tweeter, etc.): from August 2012

The APB Video is then presented. President is asking Executive Committee members to recommend any potential National Federation which could join this program. Mr Ho Kim adds that if any National Federation is willing to host the orientation workshop, it would be more than welcome and is requested to contact the AIBA HQs Office by the end of August.

APPENDIX III Summary of Presentation of BMA Launch and Business Plan

Mr Ivan Khodabakhsh first list the main objective of BMA which is the founding and integration of a seed investment. The SWOT analysis has shown that boxing is generating over US\$ 1.9 billion per year (gross revenue) and that it is now time to build a new momentum for boxing as it is still the number one "combat" sport with long tradition and Olympic roots.

Mr Khodabakhsh adds that the mission of BMA is to generate a perpetual stabilized marketing success for the continuous growth of the sport of boxing and AIBA by enhancing commercial values of the three competition programs AOB, APB and WSB to maximize revenues in all marketing areas.

BMA will deliver high quality and authentic boxing events, secure key partnerships for core services, create differentiation through transparency and consistency and be a powerful business model leveraging AIBA and NF strengths.

Then, he explains the BMA structure and implementation plan and strategy which is to ensure that BMA hires the right human capital, gets the best strategic partners, identify the best and cost sensitive suppliers globally, always focus on an innovative approach and try to be market leading in a way to surprise, incorporate all stakeholders at AIBA for the success of the movement and stay in line with the budget depending on the financial backing (investor entry).

First, Athletes Representation goals and projects are presented such as secure a Sports Marketing Agency as sales partner, find an experienced Director to develop mid-term strategies, hire a motivated Scouting Team (4 languages) to identify best marketable talent quickly, identify the first set of prosperous athletes for future development and assist in the further adjustments of the boxers' database.

The Media goals and projects are to secure a Sports Marketing Agency as sales partner, find strong Media Sales / Production Director, identify a potential supplier for TV and Event Production and develop TV sales strategy together with the appointed Sports Marketing Agency in cooperation with Marketing, deliver TV production for a substantial part of the WSB matches and the APB pre-season as well as set up an international research and date monitoring project together with Marketing.

Apart from the above, the Marketing goals and projects are to find an experienced Senior Communication Manager with a creative mind to build the different platforms, design a broad digital platform as an unique communication tool in the world of sports, develop a clear brand portfolio for WSB and APB as the major revenue generators, get a betting partner for WSB and APB, find a WSB Title Sponsor with a long term commitment, find a music content partner for all APB events, integrate all WSB Franchisees as national event organizers for APB, select communication agency, define entertainment concept for the different event types, establish an ambassador program to use media strength of former boxers, set up a digital platform for own ticketing system, set up E-commerce such as merchandising an betting, develop a global hospitality concept in different layers and design together with Media an Event and TV production product that allows to cover as well the future high number of events in a high qualify but very cost effective way.

The Fitness Boxing goals and projects are to find an experienced Fitness Boxing Manager with an understanding of the beauty of such a global product, develop a first program for a launch mid-2013, contact different apparel suppliers to partner up and create an unique new offering for the fitness lovers to become part of the movement and follow the most difficult sport in training, develop an ambassador program and design a sales program to attract clubs, gyms and other potential subscribers of Fitness Boxing.

The Legal goals and projects are to find a Legal Director beginning of 2013, establish a successful signing process for boxers' contracts, define lean and effective supplier process, project (cards) related together with accounting and support all other department with legal matters

The Finance / Administration goals and projects are to find an experienced CFO to build a functional and highly effective finance and administration department at BMA, set up accounting, controlling and administrative functions, define a lean and effective supplier process, project (cards) related together with legal, implement a separate finance structure for BMA, interact with AIBA to run shared services and find an highly functional project management software.

Mr Khodabakhsh briefly introduces the BMA budget for the first season by indicating that BMA is starting only now but that APB will not start in this fiscal year but in the next one which means that this fiscal year there is a CHF 2.2 million as revenues which will be generated mainly by WSB and AOB events and by some APB exhibition matches. However, investments will be made for APB headquarters day-to-day work, marketing activities, signing of boxers, preparation of event organization, and provision of license fees to AIBA for providing all the services to BMA.

This is the reason why the costs are so much higher than revenues because APB events have not yet started. This will be covered through all investments BMA will receive (guarantees on revenues).

As this Business Plan on BMA is important and includes facts on budget, President proposes to Executive Committee members to exceptionally approve it.

APPENDIX IV Summary of Proposed Amendments to AIBA Technical & Competition Rules

Mr Franco Falcinelli, AIBA EC Member and Chairman of the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission, mentions that there is a need to have a new format for the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules due to the fact that these have been frequently amended and this has given problems for National Federations and boxing members to follow without any misunderstanding. In addition, with the launch of both APB and WSB, it is inevitable to have one set of Technical Rules and each different Competition Rules in order to enhance the operation excellence of boxing development within National Federations and for the boxing family to fully understand all Rules.

Therefore, it is proposed to separate current one combined set of Rules into two separate sets of Rules as:

- One set of Technical Rules to govern all AOB, APB and WSB
- Three different sets of Competition Rules:
 - AOB
 - APB
 - WSB

Technical Rules should be approved and should remain for a longer period without being amended so often; Competition Rules should consist of each different operational guidelines of running the AOB APB and WSB competitions which could also be amended if necessary.

The proposed contents of each set of Rules are as follow:

Technical Rules

Rules for Competition Management

- Classification of Boxers
- Eligibility of Boxers
- Registration of Boxers for Competition
- Decisions
- Fouls
- Boxer «Down» (Mr Falcinelli proposes to change this to Boxer "Counted")
- AIBA Anti-Doping Regulations

Rules for Competition Officials

- Rules for both Referees & Judges
 - Referees
 - Judges
- Rules for Coaches
 - Seconds
- Medical Jury
- Timekeeper
- Official Announce

Rules for Competition Equipment

- Use of AIBA Licensed Equipment
- Gloves
- Headquards
- Bandages

- Gumshield
- Protectors
- Competition Uniform

Appendixes

- AIBA Code of Conduct
- World Ranking Guidelines
- AIBA Referees & Judges' Management System
- Terminology for Weight Categories and Weight Range
- AIBA Coaches' Management System

Competition Rules

Rules for Competition Management

- Medical Examination
- Weigh-In
- Substitution of Boxers at General Weigh-In
- Official Draw
- Duration and Number of Rounds
- AIBA Scoring System
- Scoring Points
- AIBA Competition Approval
- · Competition Venue

Rules for Competition Officials

- Technical Delegate (TD)
- Deputy Technical Delegate (DTD)
- Competition Manager (CM)
- International Technical Official (ITO)

Rules for Competition Equipment

- Ring and Accessories
- · AIBA Scoring System Equipment

Appendixes

- Duties of and Guidelines for Competition Officials
- AIBA Approved Event Guidelines
- · Seeding Procedure for the Draw Ceremony
- Boxers' Uniform Guidelines
- Ring Specifications and Guidelines
- Field of Play (FOP) Management
- · Gloves and Headguards Specifications and Guidelines
- AIBA Scoring System
- Declaration of Non-Pregnancy

It is believed that the newly formatted Technical Rules & Competition Rules should be effective as soon as possible after the London 2012 Olympic Games and that each set of Rules should have one series of numbering as well as be translated in French, Spanish and Russian; however, it might be difficult to translate the Competition Rules since these Rules might be amended often.

With regard to the <u>AIBA Ranking and Seeding Rules</u>, Mr Franco Falcinelli proposes for the following competitions to be the "Ranking Competitions":

- World Championships
- Continental Championships
- Olympic Games
- Approved AIBA 3-Star Competitions

And to change the point system due to the following reasons:

- Too much point difference between gold and silver medallists
- Too close point difference between silver and bronze medallists
- The winners from different Continental Championships should have different points and priority in ranking due to the competitiveness and number of participants

He underlines that there should no longer be a Ranking Sub-Commission more due to the fact that the computerized database should calculate the rankings and all ranking Rules should be developed by the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission directly.

For the point system, Dr Abdellah Bessalem, AIBA Vice President and AFBC President, proposes not to penalize any Continental Championships and to award the same number of points to all winners.

The following organization of a Seeding Commission is proposed:

- A Seeding Sub-Commission should be formed before each competition (where seeding applies) as follows:
 - Proposed Members
 - Representative from T&R Commission
 - Representative from AIBA HQs Office
 - Representative from WSB HQs Office if applicable
 - Sizes of Commission
 - 3 members for Continental Championships
 - 5 members for all other competitions

With regard to the <u>AIBA Anti-Doping Rules</u>, a Boxer who currently violates the Anti-Doping Rules is getting a maximum of 2 years and the sanction is only applied to the Boxer. With the launch of APB, it is proposed to strengthen this Rule as follow:

- Apply the sanction to the Coach if any substance used is in the official banned list from WADA (Dr Humbert Furgoni, AIBA Vice President, proposes to add "if it is proven the Coach gave that substance to the Boxer or knew the Boxer was taking it")
- In addition, there is also a need to limit their participation in certain designated competitions after the 2 year ban has ended thus:
 - The Boxer will only be allowed in National Competitions for 1 year after the ban period is completed
 - Then, the Boxer will be allowed in Confederation Competitions for 1 year but the Boxer will only be allowed to participate in AIBA Competitions 2 years after the ban is completed

Mr Falcinelli then proposes a <u>New World Championships System</u> with the World Championships not to be one of the Olympic Qualifying Competitions any more and to adopt the following new system:

- For the year before the Olympic Games:
 - World Championships with Boxers qualified from all Continental Championships
 - The year should be 2015, 2019, 2023, etc.

 For the year of 2017, 2021, 2025, the World Championships should be the "AIBA Open World Championships" like the current one in which all National Federations can participate. This is an important fact since the NFs would have an opportunity to be in World Championships at least once in every 4 years

It is also proposed to have New Olympic Qualifying Competitions for Men Boxers as follows:

- Order of Qualifying Competitions:
 - WSB 2015
 - APB 2015
 - Continental Olympic Qualifying Competitions 2016
 - World Olympic Qualifying Competitions 2016
- Quota Allocations: Total 250 Men Boxers
 - WSB 10 Boxers
 - APB 56 Boxers
 - Continental Olympic Qualifying Competitions
 - Total 120 Boxers (4 continents x 30 Boxers)
 - 30 Boxers for each continent
 - 3 Boxers in each weight category
 - World Olympic Qualifying Competitions
 - Total 56 Boxers:
 - 6 Boxers for 8 weight categories
 - 4 Boxers for 2 weight categories (91 & 91+)
 - 8 Tripartite Selections

and to have the World Olympic Qualifying Competitions at the end of all Qualifying Process in order to have a last chance to qualify.

It is then suggested to add the following articles in the <u>Weigh-In Rules</u> in order to make them clearer:

- Test scales must be prepared
- Zero tolerance on any weight over the designated weights
- At the Daily Weigh-In, only the maximum weight limit should be controlled, not the minimum weight limit
- Rule 6.1 «A Boxer will be allowed to be present at the official scales only once» should be moved to Rule 5.1.8
- Rule 5.1.8 shall also include «This is the weight for the Competition».

Dr Abdellah Bessalem proposes to take out 3rd point as the minimum weight limit is also important.

For the <u>Medical Examination</u>, it is proposed for a New Annual Medical Examination Form to be used for all AIBA Competitions and for National Federations to send the form for each Boxer during the online registration.

For the Nationality Rules, it is proposed to add the following additional Rules:

- Once the Boxer's nationality Rules are violated, both the National Federation and the Boxer's will be reviewed by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission
- When the nationality is in question, AIBA has the right to request the following documents as a proof:
 - Birth Certificate
 - Proof of Residence
 - NOC Confirmation

In <u>Rules for Women Boxers</u>, it is suggested for the use of a cap or hair net under the headguard to be mandatory.

Mr Ted Tanner, AIBA EC Member, proposes to also apply this Rule to Men Boxers with long hair. This Rule should apply to both genders.

With regard to <u>Coaches Eligibility</u>, it is strongly proposed that all AIBA certified Coaches should NOT be allowed to coach in current professional boxing; in addition, there is a need to add a Rule that any current professional coach will not be allowed to coach AOB, WSB and APB Boxers.

For the <u>Second Equipment</u>, it is proposed to have a Rule in which the Second should only use the water or drink which is provided by the LOC; this will prevent any Coach to bring his/her own drink to the ring corner and that in case of cut, Seconds are allowed to use adrenaline 1/1000.

In the <u>FOP Set-Up</u>, it is suggested for tables and chairs for R&Js to be standardized for all AIBA Competitions

- Width: 80 -100 square centimeters
- Height: 80cmDrape color: White

With regard to the <u>Annual Awards Selection</u>, it is proposed to include the following guidelines in the Competition Rules:

- Award Criteria:
 - Best AOB Elite Boxer (Men for every year and Women for every other year)
 - Best AOB Youth Boxer (Men and Women every other year)
 - Best AOB Junior Boxer (Men and Women every other year)
 - Best AOB Referee & Judge
 - Best AOB Coach
 - Best Technical Official
 - Best WSB Boxer
 - Best WSB Referee & Judge
 - Best WSB Coach
 - Best WSB Supervisor
 - Special Sportsmanship Award

and to have a special award for media or anyone else as and when necessary (to persons who have contributed to the development of AIBA) thus all categories. The Award Selection Committee should be composed by the AIBA President and by the Chairpersons of AIBA Commissions (apart from Medical Commission).

The selection process should be by mean of a mail vote. President proposes to have the same Award each year, the same trophy (only to change the name and year).

Reinforcement of AIBA Rules

As this is one of the most important issues, the following Rules should be added:

- Events should be changed to "Competitions" in the Rules
- AIBA Approved Events should be changed to "AIBA Competitions" which will include the following competitions:
 - All AIBA Approved Competitions
 - All AIBA Controlled Competitions
 - All Confederation Competitions
 - All National Level Competitions

New Scoring System

Mr Falcinelli explains that with the launch of APB and its Boxers' participation in the Olympic Games, it is imperative as mentioned above to have one set of Rules for all AOB, APB and WSB Competitions. In addition, when the headguard will be removed for the elite level competitions in AOB, there will also be a need to change the scoring system to accommodate this change. However, the ultimate reason should be to make boxing more attractive, safe and transparent at the same time

It is therefore proposed that the new future scoring system should be the same system as the current WSB Scoring System thus R&Js should use current WSB Scoring Pads to score points and the 10 vs 9 or less should be allowed in the list of scoring possibilities (Draw should not be allowed).

The number of Judges should be maintained to a total of 5 Judges and for all these 5 Judges to be assigned to each Bout. Just before the Bout starts, the computer shall randomly select only 3 Judges from whom the computer shall take the scores – the other 2 Judge's scores shall be ignored.

President emphasizes that the right timing should be chosen to announce this new scoring system but that the new scoring system should be registered as AIBA Property immediately.

Headquard Removal

It was previously decided by the APB Executive Board to propose to the AIBA Executive Committee for the headguard to be removed from AIBA, WSB and APB Competitions in all Elite Men Competitions. The statistics in AIBA vs WSB Competitions are reviewed and the AIBA Medical Commission final recommendations are for the headguard to be removed in all Elite AOB, WSB and APB Competitions and for the 2013 AIBA World Boxing Championships to be the 1st AIBA Competitions to be held without any headguard.

Mr Serik Konakbayev, AIBA EC Member and former boxer, suggests for the headguard to be removed starting January 1, 2013 in order to be ready for the AIBA World Boxing Championships Astana 2013. However, President is of the opinion that the 3rd WSB season should first be completed, further statistics reviewed and then AIBA should decide if it is the right time to start with the removal of the headguard at the AIBA World Boxing Championships Astana 2013 as AIBA must secure its position within the Olympic program.

APPENDIX V Summary of Proposed New APB Technical & Competition Rules

Technical Rules

Rule 1. Classification of Boxers

- 1.1. Age Classification
- 1.1.1. Only persons aged nineteen (19) through forty (40) may compete as Boxers in APB.
- 1.1.2. Notwithstanding APB Technical Rule 1.1.1., BMA may sign a Boxer Promotional Agreement with a person aged seventeen (17) or above provided that such person may not start competition in APB until reaching the age of nineteen (19).
- 1.1.3. The age of a Boxer is determined using his year of birth.

Mr Godavarisingh Rajcoomar, AIBA EC Member, is concerned by the fact that APB Boxers may compete in AOB Competitions where the age limit is thirty four (34) and not forty (40). Mr Kim advises to clarify this Rule by specifying that in case an APB Boxer participates in an AOB Competition, the AOB Rules will apply.

Rule 2. Eligibility of Boxers

- 2.1. General Eligibility
- 2.1.1. Any Boxer licensed to participate in APB Competitions must be a member of a recognized AIBA National Member Federation.
- 2.1.2. Any Boxer participating in any APB Bout must have competed in at least one AIBA Competition prior to such participation, unless APB otherwise consents.
- 2.1.2.1. National Federation Competitions include sanctioned National Championships and National Qualifying Events.
- 2.1.3. Each Bout Card has to be submitted to the AIBA HQs Office prior to each Event as follows:
- 2.1.3.1. For National Level Events at the latest seven (7) days prior to the Event.
- 2.1.3.2. For Continental and World Level Events at the latest thirty (30) days prior to the Event.
- 2.2. Eligibility Professional Boxers
- 2.2.1. Any Boxer with more than 15 official professional recorded boxing Bouts shall not be eligible for registering for an APB License.
- 2.3. Eligibility of APB Boxer for other permitted AOB Competitions
- 2.3.1. APB Boxers have the right to participate in the following AOB competitions:
- 2.3.1.1. The boxing tournament that forms part of the Olympic Games.
- 2.3.1.1.a World Olympic Qualifiers or any Continental Olympic Qualifier Event and any prerequisite to the Boxer's qualification for a participation to an Olympic Qualifier.
- 2.3.1.2. The boxing tournament that forms part of the Continental Games
- 2.3.1.2.a Any boxing tournament which is a pre-requisite to the Boxer's qualification for a participation to the Continental Games.
- 2.4. Medical Eligibility
- 2.4.3. Boxers aged thirty-five (35) to forty (40) shall be subject once a year to a special Medical Examination before the granting of an APB License.

Mr Jianping Chang, AIBA EC Member, mentions that every 4 years, after the Olympic Games, Chinese Boxers do participate to National Games, an important event. If the APB Boxers are not allowed to participate in such Games, he thinks that no Chinese Boxer will be allowed to get involved in APB.

President underlines that this is not only the case in China and that a motion should be put forward to the APB Executive Board to accept for these Boxers to participate to their National Games/Events. Mr Kim adds that for example in Korea, there are different provinces paying huge salaries to Boxers to participate to National Test Events. He fully agrees with President that it must be up to the APB Executive Board to decide if these Boxers may participate to National Special Events.

Rule 4. The Decisions

- 4.1. If a Boxer exceeds the weight limit of his category, the decision will be made in accordance with the APB Competition Rule 3.
- 4.2. Win on points WP

At the end of a Bout, the winner will be determined on the basis of the total score of the Judges and will be the winner on points in accordance with the APB Scoring System by either unanimous or split decision.

- 4.2.1. In a Bout that consists of eight (8) rounds or less:
- 4.2.1.1. If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs after the start of the third round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the Judges will record the points gained by each Boxer up to the time of the termination of the Bout and the Boxer who is ahead on points will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance with the APB Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.
- 4.2.1.2. In case of both Boxers being injured at the same time, after the start of the third round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the Boxer with the higher score at this time will be the winner on points in accordance with the APB Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.
- 4.2.1.3. The Bout may be terminated by the Referee owing to an issue taking place outside the responsibility of the Boxers, or the control of the Referee, such as the destruction of the ring, the failure of the lighting supply, accidents of nature and other similar unforeseen events. In such circumstances, if the issue occurs after the start of the third round, the Bout must be terminated. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round. The Boxer with the most points will be declared the winner on points in accordance with the APB Scoring System.
- 4.2.2. In a Bout that consists of more than eight (8) rounds:
- 4.2.2.1. If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs after the start of the fourth round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the Judges will record the points gained by each Boxer up to the time of termination of the Bout and the Boxer who is ahead on points will be declared the winner of the Bout on points in accordance with the APB Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.
- 4.2.2.2. In the case of both Boxers being injured at the same time, after the start of the fourth round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the Boxer with the higher score at this time will be the winner on points in accordance with the APB Scoring System. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round.
- 4.2.2.3. The Bout may be terminated by the Referee owing to an issue taking place outside the responsibility of the Boxers, or the control of the Referee, such as the destruction of the ring, the failure of the lighting supply, accidents of nature and other similar unforeseen events. In such circumstances, if the issue occurs after the start of the fourth round, the Bout must be terminated. The round in which the Bout is stopped will be scored, even if it is a partial round. The Boxer with the most points will be declared the winner on points in accordance with the APB Scoring System.
- 4.7. Technical Draw TD
- 4.7.1. In a Bout that consists of eight (8) rounds or less:
- 4.7.1.1. If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs before the start of the third (3rd) round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the decision will be a TD.

- 4.7.1.2. In the case of both Boxers being injured at the same time, before the start of the third (3rd) round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the decision will be a TD.
- 4.7.2. In a Bout that consists of more than eight (8) rounds:
- 4.7.2.1. If an injury caused by an unintentional foul occurs before the start of the fourth (4th) round and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, the decision will be a TD.
- 4.7.2.2. If the case of both Boxers being injured at the same time, before the start of the fourth (4th) round, and as a result the contest is topped by the Referee, the decision will be a TD
- 4.7.2.3. The Bout may be terminated by the Referee owing to an issue taking place outside the responsibility of the Boxers, or the control of the Referee, such as the destruction of the ring, the failure of the lighting supply, accidents of nature and other similar unforeseen events. In such circumstances, if the issue occurs before the start of the fourth (4th) round, the decision will be a TD.
- 4.9. No contest NC
- 4.9.1. A Bout that consist of eight (8) rounds or less:
- 4.9.1.1 In the event a Double KO occurs, the Bout will be declared NC. Both Boxers will have to respect sanitary procedure as declared in the APB Medical Rules.
- 4.9.1.2. The Bout may be terminated by the Referee owing to an issue taking place outside the responsibility of the Boxers, or the control of the Referee, such as the destruction of the ring, the failure of the lighting supply, accidents of nature and other similar unforeseen events. In such circumstances, if the material happening occurs before the start of the third (3rd) round, the decision will be an NC.
- 4.9.2. In a Bout that consist of more than eight (8) rounds:
- 4.9.2.1. The Bout may be terminated by the Referee owing to an issue taking place outside the responsibility of the Boxers, or the control of the Referee, such as the destruction of the ring, the failure of the lighting supply, accidents of nature and other similar unforeseen events. In such circumstances, if the material happening occurs before the start of the fourth (4th) round and cannot be fixed in a reasonable time period, the Bout will be declared NC.
- 4.9.2.2. In the event of a Double KO, before the start of the fourth (4th) round, and as a result the contest is stopped by the Referee, then the Bout will be declared NC. Both Boxers will have to respect sanitary procedure as declared in APB Medical Rules.

Rule 6. Knockdowns

- 6.1. A Boxer will be considered to be Knocked Down if:
- 6.1.1. The Boxer touches the floor with any part of the body other than the Boxer's feet as the result of a blow or series of blows;
- 6.1.2. The Boxer hangs helplessly on the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows;
- 6.1.3. The Boxer is outside or partly outside the ropes as the result of a blow or series of blows.
- 6.9. Compulsory count limits
- 6.9.1. A maximum of three (3) eight counts shall be given in one round.
- 6.9.2. No limit of the amount of eight counts will be applied in one Bout.

Rule 7. Eligibility of R&Js

- 7.7. For World and Continental Level Bouts, the APB Referee & Judge must not be from the same country as either Boxer;
- 7.8. Any person who acts in any capacity including as an office holder in any professional boxing organization other than AIBA, and organizations or associations affiliated to AIBA, will be ineligible to serve as an APB Referee & Judge in any APB Competition.

Rules 8. Referees

- 8.2. The Duties of the Referee will be as follows:
- 8.2.12. If an injury occurs, and if the Referee did not clearly understand the cause of the injury, the Referee must follow the steps set out below:

- 8.2.12.1. Ask the non-injured Boxer to go to the neutral corner.
- 8.2.12.2. Ask the APB Ringside Doctor if the injured Boxer is fit to continuer; if the APB Ringside Doctor informs the Referee that he is fit to continue, then the Referee may decide to continue the Bout.
- 8.2.12.3. If the APB Ringside Doctor informs the Referee that the Boxer is not fit to continue, then the Referee may decide to stop the Bout. In this case, he must request the opinion of each of the three (3) Judges to see whether all or a majority have seen a foul or a correct blow and the Referee must then make his own decision:

Rule 10. Coaches

10.3.4. The Second can use only water in a transparent bottle and in case of cut can use adrenaline 1/1000.

Competition Rules

Rule 2. Weigh-In

- 2.1.1. All Boxers must attend the Weigh-in. The Weigh-In must be organized not less than twenty-four (24) hours or more than thirty (30) hours before the start of the Bout. The APB Supervisor reserves the right to relax this condition, if unavoidable circumstances occur.
- 2.1.3. The weight of the Boxer is the weight in kilograms as shown on the scale, the body being naked except for underwear. When necessary, the Boxer may take off the underwear. Electronic scales shall be used. The APB Supervisor or authorized APB Representative will certify the official scale.
- 2.1.4. At the Weigh-In, the Boxer's weight must not exceed the maximum of the Boxer's Weight Category nor be below the minimum of the Boxer's Weight Category. A Boxer may only box in the weight for which this Boxer has qualified during the Weigh-In.
- 2.1.5. Test scales will be officially open for two (2) hours before the Official Weigh-In.

Rule 3. Non-Compliance of Weight Limits

- 3.1. For ranking Bouts, the following Rules shall apply:
- 3.1.1. If the Boxer exceeds or is under the weight limit of his category at the Official Weigh-In by 500 grams or less the Boxer will be permitted to compete in the relevant Match. The Boxer will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules.
- 3.1.2. If the Boxer exceeds or is under the weight limit of his category at the Official Weigh-In by more than 500 grams the Boxer will not be permitted to compete in the relevant Match and the Bout will be awarded as a win by walkover to the opponent of the Boxer.
- The Boxer will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules.
- 3.1.3. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit of their category at the Official Weigh-In by 500 grams or less both Boxers will be permitted to compete in the relevant Match. Both Boxers will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules.
- 3.1.4. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit of their category at the Official Weigh-In by more than 500 grams then the Bout must be declared as No Contest. Both Boxers will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules.
- 3.2. In case of Title Bouts, the following Rules will apply:
- 3.2.1. If the Champion exceeds or is under the weight limit of his category at the Official Weigh-In by up to 1000 grams the Champion will be permitted to compete in the Title Match. If the Champion wins the Bout, the Title will become vacant. If the Challenger wins the Bout, he will be the new Champion.

The Champion will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules.

- 3.2.2. If the Champion exceeds or is under the weight limit of his category at the Official Weigh-In by more than 1000 grams the Champion will not be permitted to compete in the Title Match and the Title shall become vacant. The Champion will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules.
- 3.2.3. If the Official Challenger exceeds or is under the weight limit of his category at the Official Weigh-In by up to 1000 grams the Official Challenger will be permitted to compete in the Title Match. If the Official Challenger wins the Bout, the Title will become vacant. The Official Challenger will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules
- 3.2.4. If the Official Challenger exceeds or is under the weight limit of his category at the Official Weigh-In by more than 1000 grams the Official Challenger will not be permitted to compete in the Title Match and the Title shall remain to the Champion. The Official Challenger will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules.
- 3.2.5. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit of their category at the Official Weigh-In by up to 1000 grams both Boxers will be permitted to compete in the Title Match and will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules.
- 3.2.6. If both Boxers exceed or are under the official weight limit of their category at the Official Weigh-In by more than 1000 grams then the Bout will be declared as No Contest and the Title will become vacant. Both Boxers will be subject to sanctions determined by the AIBA Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the AIBA Disciplinary Rules for violating the APB Competition Rules.

Rule 4, Duration and Number of Rounds

- 4.1. All National Regular Ranking Bouts must consist of six (6) rounds of three (3) minutes each
- 4.2. All National Title Bouts must consist of ten (10) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.3. All Continental Regular Ranking Bouts must consist of eight (8) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.4. All Continental Title Bouts must consist of ten (10) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.5. All World Regular Ranking Bouts must consist of eight (8) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.6. All World Title Bouts must consist of twelve (12) rounds of three (3) minutes each.
- 4.7. In all Bouts one (1) minute of rest must be given to the Boxers between the end of a round and the beginning of the next round.

Rule 6. APB Supervisor

- 6.4. For World and Continental Level Bouts, the APB Supervisor must not be from the same country as either Boxer.
- 6.5. Any person who acts in any capacity including as an office holder in any professional boxing organization other than AIBA, and organizations or associations affiliated to AIBA, will be ineligible to serve as an APB Supervisor in any APB Competition.

Rule 8. The Ring

- 8.1. Approved Label
- 8.1.1. For all APB Bouts, Continental Confederations and BMA must use the rings manufactured by one of the APB Official Boxing Equipment Licensees.

- 8.2. Ring and Canvas Size
- 8.2.1. For all level Bouts, the ring must be 5.10 6.10m square inside the line of the ropes.
- 8.2.2. For all level Bouts, the size of the apron must extend for 60cm to 85cm outside the line of the ropes on each side, including additional canvas necessary to tighten and secure it.
- 8.3. Height of Ring

For all Bouts, the height of the ring must be 100cm from the ground.

- 8.4. Platform and Corner Pads
- 8.4.2. The platform must be 6.30 7.80m squared.
- 8.6. Ropes
- 8.6.3. The heights of the four (4) ropes must be 40cm, 70cm, 100cm, and 130cm from the canvas.
- 8.6.5. The tension of each section of the rope must be strong enough to absorb the impact of the Boxer's contact with the rope. However, in any case, the Referee and/or the APB Supervisor will reserve the right to adjust the tension if necessary.

Rule 9. Ring Accessories

The following accessories of the ring will be required for all Bouts:

- 9.1. Gona
- 9.2. Two (2) plastic receptacles which can be used for spitting.
- 9.8. Sanitary Bags
- 9.8.1. In the two neutral corners outside of the ring, a small plastic bag, no transparent, must be fixed in each corner in which the Medical Jury, Doctors or Referees must drop the cotton or tissue pads used to nurse bleedings.
- 9.9. Three (3) chairs for Coaches on each corner.

Rule 10. Gloves

- 10.1. All APB Bouts must be contested using new boxing gloves that meet the requirements of Appendix A and that are manufactured by one of the APB Official Boxing Equipment Licensees.
- 10.2. At Continental and World Level Bouts, BMA will be responsible to provide identical pairs of new gloves to the Boxers to be used in the Bout. At National Level Bouts, National Federation will be responsible to provide identical pairs of new gloves to the Boxers to be used in the Bout.
- 10.3. Boxers must put on their boxing gloves in the respective locker rooms in the presence of an authorized APB Inspector.
- 10.6. Specifications
- 10.6.1. Eight (8) oz gloves must be used for the Light Flyweight, Flyweight, Bantamweight, Lightweight and Light Welterweight Categories.
- 10.6.2. Ten (10) oz gloves must be used for the Welterweight, Middleweight, Light Heavyweight, Heavyweight and Super Heavyweight Categories.

Rule 11. Bandages

- 11.1. Use of Bandages (Crepe and Gauze)
- 11.1.1. Bandages must be applied in the dressing room, in the presence of an authorized APB Inspector. The APB Inspector will sign off directly on the bandage verifying its compliance with APB Competition Rule 11.2.
- 11.2. Specifications
- 11.2.1. In all categories, the bandage must be made of no more than twelve (12) meters by five (5) centimeters wide of crepe and gauze, and no more than two and half (2.50) meters of surgeon's tape of two and half (2.50) centimeters wide for each hand.
- 11.2.2. In all categories, surgeon's tape, no more than five (5) millimeters wide, may be applied between fingers.

- 11.2.3. The binding of the surgeon's tape must not be applied less than two and half (2.50) centimeters from the knuckles of the contender's hands. A Boxer may use his bandage as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hands are not covered by the surgeon's tape.
- 11.2.4. The use of any substance on the bandages will be prohibited.

Mr Benoît Giran, APB Sport Director, presents the Competition Structure.

Rule 12. Competition Structure

- 12.1. APB World Level Regular Cycle (starts from June 2014)
- 12.1.1. There will be one hundred and thirty (130) Boxers in total at the World Level.
- 12.1.2. Boxers will be divided into three (3) Tiers of four (4) Boxers: positions from one (1) to four (4), positions from five (5) to eight (8), positions from nine (9) to twelve (12), plus the Champion who is not part of these groups.
- 12.1.3. The highest ranked Boxer will fight against the lowest ranked within the Tier (Initial Bout). The two Boxers ranked in the middle of the Tier will fight against each other. The winners of these two first Bouts will fight against each other (Finals A); as well as the losers of the two first Bouts will fight against each other (Finals B).
- 12.1.4. For the Tier 1 (ranked 1 to 4), the winner of the Finals A will become the Challenger to the Champion.
- 12.1.5. At the end of each APB Cycle, the record of wins and losses of each Boxer will be considered to establish the next Cycle ranking. The ranking positioning will be defined in the following order:
- 12.1.5.1. The Winner of the Title Bout will be declared Champion; and the loser of the Title Bout will go to position number one (1).
- 12.1.5.2. In Tier 1, the Loser of the Finals A of the group of Boxers positioned from one (1) to four (4) will go to position number three (3).
- 12.1.5.3. In Tier 2, Boxers who will have two (2) wins and no loss will go up to position number two (2) of Tier 1.
- 12.1.5.4. In Tier 3, Boxer who will have two (2) wins and no loss will go up to position number five (5) of Tier 2.
- 12.1.5.5. Boxers who will have one (1) win followed by one (1) loss will take the third positions in their initial groups positions seven (7) and twelve (12).
- 12.1.5.6. In Tier 1, Boxers who will have one (1) loss followed by one (1) win will take positions six (6) of Tier 2.
- 12.1.5.7. In Tier 2, Boxers who will have one (1) loss followed by one (1) win will take positions ten (10) of Tier 3.
- 12.1.5.8. In Tier 3, Boxer who will has one (1) loss followed by one (1) win within the last group will go down to Continental Level.
- 12.1.6. Principle of moving down to Continental Level
- 12.1.6.1. In Tier 1, Boxers who will have two (2) losses will go down to position four (4) at their Continental Level in the next Cycle ranking.
- 12.1.6.2. In Tier 2, Boxers who will have two (2) losses will go down to position eight (8) at their Continental Level in the next Cycle ranking.
- 12.1.6.3. In Tier 3, Boxers who will have one (1) lose followed by one (1) win will go to position nine (9) at their Continental Level in the next Cycle ranking.
- 12.1.6.4. In Tier 3, Boxers who will have two (2) losses will go to position eleven (11) at their Continental Level in the next Cycle ranking.
- 12.1.7. At the end of each Cycle, four positions (numbers 4, 8, 9, 11) will be vacant for the inclusion of four (4) new Continental Champions. For this inclusion, an Intercontinental Championships will be organized to define the position of each Continental Champion in the World ranking as explained in APB Competition Rule 12.2.2.1.
- 12.1.8. In order to define transparent ranking and competition structure for the first regular Cycle, three development stages of competition will take place as described in Appendix B.

- 12.1.9. Bouts Location
- 12.1.9.1. AIBA will only authorize and certify Bouts held in those locations where the APB Rules are respected.
- 12.1.9.2. World and Continental Titles Bouts will be held in a Venue designated by BMA with the approval of AIBA.
- 12.2. APB Continental Level
- 12.2.1. APB Continental Level will be organized with the same format as APB World Individual Ranking Competition.
- 12.2.2. Principle of moving up to World Level
- 12.2.2.1. An Intercontinental Championships will be organized to define the ranking of the Continental Champions in the following Cycle of the APB World Individual Ranking Competition.
- 12.2.2.2. All four (4) Continental Champions will be randomly drawn.
- 12.2.3. Principle of moving down to National Level
- 12.2.3.1. In Tier 1, Boxers who will have two (2) losses will go down to their National Level in the next Cycle ranking.
- 12.2.3.2. In Tier 2, Boxers who will have two (2) losses will go down to their National Level in the next Cycle ranking.
- 12.2.3.3. In Tier 3, Boxers who will have one (1) lose followed by one (1) win will go to their National Level in the next Cycle ranking.
- 12.2.3.4. In Tier 3, Boxers who will have two (2) losses will go to their National Level in the next Cycle ranking.

Rule 13. Elevation of Boxers

- 13.1. In case the following occurs in respect to World Level Boxers, Boxers will be lowered to National Level:
- (A) A Boxer withdraws from the competition for more than one (1) year (two (2) Cycles) due to medical reasons;
- (B) A Boxer voluntarily retires from the competition for more than one (1) year (two (2) Cycles);
- (C) Suspension for disciplinary issue or doping positive test for more than one (1) year (two (2) Cycles);
- 13.2. In respect of Rule 3.1, Boxers will be automatically elevated by one position and the last position will be declared as vacant. At the discretion of the APB Ranking Commission, a Wild Card will be proposed to a Continental Boxer.
- 13.3. In case of a full retirement or death of a World Level Boxer (except for the Champion), lower ranked Boxers will be automatically elevated by one position and the last position of the ranking will be declared as vacant. At the discretion of the APB Ranking Commission, a Wild Card will be proposed to a Continental Boxer.

Rule 14. Bout Postponement

- 14.1. For any Regular Ranking Bout, no postponement will be allowed.
- 14.2. For a Title Bout:
- 14.2.1. A 30-days period will be allowed to postpone a Title Bout.
- 14.2.2. Either the Champion or the Challenger will be allowed to ask for the postponement of the Title Bout. However, it will only be allowed one (1) time.
- 14.2.3. After this 30-days period and one (1) postponement:
- 14.2.3.1. In case the Champion is unable to take part in the rescheduled Title Bout, the Official Challenger will compete against the Final A loser of Tier 1. The ex-Champion will go to position number one (1) in the future ranking and the loser of the Title Bout will be replaced at number two (2) in the future ranking.
- 14.2.3.2. In case the Official Challenger is unable to take part in the rescheduled Title Bout, the loser of the Final A of the top ranked group will be declared as the new Official Challenger and will fight for the Title Bout.

Rule 15. Purses

- 15.1. For each Ranking Bout, the purse must be divided as 60 percent to the winner and 40 percent to the loser.
- 15.2. For Title Bouts, the purse must be divided as 70 percent to the Champion and 30 percent to the Challenger regardless of the Bout result.
- 15.3. In case of 14.2.3.1, the purse must be divided as 60 percent to the winner and 40 percent to the loser.

APPENDIX VI Summary of Proposed Amendments to WSB Technical & Competition Rules

Rule 1. Classification of Boxers

Current Rule 1.4 - The minimum number of international Boxers per squad is:

Proposed Rule 1.4 - The amount of international Boxers per squad cannot exceed forty (40)% of the total squad size.

Rationale - Next season's Franchises will not represent a city anymore, but a country. Therefore, there is a need to oblige the Franchises to include more national Boxers in their squad.

Rule 2. Eligibility of Boxers

Current Rule 2.1.4 - Any Boxer who has competed or taken part in professional boxing and/or any combat sport will not be eligible to compete in the World Series of Boxing.

Proposed Rule 2.1.4 - Any Boxer who has competed or taken part in professional boxing and/or in any professional combat sport will not be eligible to compete in the World Series of Boxing unless he signs a contract to compete in the AIBA Professional Boxing (APB) competition.

A Franchise may be allowed to recruit a maximum of 5 current Professional Boxers with a record of a maximum of 15 Professional Bouts.

Rationale - APB Boxers will be allowed to compete in the World Series of Boxing.

Current Rule 2.1.5 - A minimum of one (1) international Boxer per Franchise has to take part in each World Series of Boxing match; in case of non-compliance with this Rule, the violating team will lose one Bout by Walk-Over.

Proposed Rule 2.1.5 - Delete above Rule.

Rationale - Franchises in season 3 will not represent a city anymore, but a country. Therefore, Franchises should no longer be obliged to have international Boxers in their line-up.

Current Rule 2.1.6 - Each Franchise has to submit its team roster of five (5) Boxers to WSB at the latest seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start time of the upcoming WSB match.

Proposed Rule 2.1.6 - Each Franchise must submit its team roster of five (5) Boxers to WSB at the latest **hundred and twenty (120) hours** prior to the start time of the upcoming WSB Match.

Rationale - It will allow WSB as well as Franchises 2 extra days of promotion / communication of their event and this will be beneficial for WSB as a whole.

Proposed Rule 2.1.8 - Each Boxer who will or may represent a Franchise as a competitor during a WSB Season must be registered within any of the two (2) WSB registration periods set out below; however, each Franchise will be allowed five (5) exceptions to below mentioned registration periods for national Boxers. Boxers' registration periods are the following: July 1 until one (1) month before the first match of the season with exceptions being allowed in an Olympic year. Mid-season break: the exact dates will be notified to the Franchises at the beginning of every WSB Season.

Rationale - By allowing Franchises to add 5 (average 1 per weight category) Boxers outside the registration periods, there is flexibility and this will avoid a certain number of Walk-Overs during the season. The reality of the first two seasons is that Franchises were not ready two months before the start of the season. In season 3, there will again be new Franchises. Therefore, there is a need to have a rule in place that can be followed by all Franchises instead of allowing exceptions to the Rules.

Proposed Rule 2.1.10 - No Boxer will compete in successive Matches or Exhibition Matches at an interval of less than 10 days.

Rationale - Currently, this Rule is only mentioned in the WSB Medical Rules and it should also be mentioned in the WSB Rules as it is directly related to the eligibility of the Boxers. In the WSB Medical Rules, it is 12 days; however, in current professional boxing in many countries, it is 10 days. If it is 10 days, it will allow WSB additional flexibility in terms of calendar and accommodate certain requests from broadcasters.

Competition Equipment: Bandages

Proposed Rule 4

- 4.1. Use of Bandages (Tape and Gauze)
- 4.1.1. All bandages of the 5 Boxers of each team shall be applied in the locker room before the start of the Match, in the presence of the WSB Supervisor.

The WSB Supervisor will sign off directly on the bandage verifying its compliance with WSB Technical & Competition Rules.

- 4.2. Specifications
- 4.2.1. The bandage must be of crepe or gauze, and its length shall be enough to protect the Boxer's hands.
- 4.2.2. The binding of the surgeon's tape must not be applied for less than two and half (2.50) centimeters from the knuckles of the contender's hands. A Boxer may use his bandage as he likes, provided that the knuckles of his hands are not covered by the surgeon's tape.
- 4.2.3. Bandage requirements are as follows:
- 4.2.3.1. In all weight categories, the bandage must be made of no more than twelve (12) meters of soft gauze, must not be more than five (5) centimeters wide, and must not have more than two and half (2.50) meters of two and half (2.50) centimeters wide surgeon's tape for each hand.
- 4.2.3.2. In all weight categories, no more than five (5) millimeters wide surgeon's tape may be applied between fingers.
- 4.2.4. The use of any liquid or other substance on the bandages is prohibited.

Rationale - Bandages should be the same in APB and WSB so that Boxers are well prepared for APB after one or several seasons in WSB. Furthermore, this type of bandages has already been used in the USA during the first 2 seasons of WSB.

Duties of the Competition Manager

Current Rule - To register all competition officials (Competition Manager, Official Announcer, Timekeeper, Scoring System Operator, local Ringside Doctor) in the entry system no later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the Match.

Proposed Rule - To register all competition officials (Competition Manager, Official Announcer, Timekeeper, Scoring System Operator, local Ringside Doctor) in the entry system no later than **hundred and twenty (120)** hours prior to the start of the Match.

Rationale - See Rule change 2.1.6.

Team Ranking

Proposed Rule 2.1.1 - During the regular season the following points will be attributed:

Score 5-0, 4-1, 4-0, 3-0, 3-1, 2-0, 1-0 - the winning team will get three (3) points and the losing team will get zero (0) points

Score 3-2 or 2-1 - the winning team will get three (3) points and the losing team will get one (1) point

Draw - each team will get two (2) points

Cancellation: The Franchise that cancels a Match (in case such cancellation is not due to Force Majeure - as defined in the Franchise agreement) will be automatically deemed to have lost by 5-0 and above mentioned allocation of points will apply.

Rationale- During season 2, Bangkok as well as Beijing had to cancel Matches due to force majeure and above Rule was applied although not specifically stipulated in the Rules.

Proposed Rule 2.1.2 - In case the cancellation of a Match is not caused by Force Majeure, the Franchise responsible for the cancellation will, in addition to the consequences of Rule 2.1.1., have 3 points deducted from its team ranking. The relevant Franchise will also be subject to a sanction to be determined by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules.

Rationale - Teams cancelling a Match without Force Majeure circumstances must be sanctioned in addition to losing the Match.

Proposed Rule 2.1.3 - For each Walk-Over a Franchise gives during the regular season, one (1) point will be deducted from its team ranking. In addition to this sanction, the infringing Franchise will have to pay a financial penalty of 10,000 US\$ per Walk-Over.

In case of more than one (1) Walk-Over during the same Match, the relevant Franchise will be subject to a sanction determined by the Disciplinary Commission in accordance with the WSB Disciplinary Rules. If an injury takes place onsite and the neutral Ringside Doctor certifies the injury, this Rule will not apply.

Rationale - In addition to certain cancellations mentioned in the previous slide, WSB Season 2 has had again a lot of Walk-Overs which damaged heavily its image towards fans, media, TV, etc. A strong position has to be taken in this regard in order to reduce the amount of Walk-Overs in WSB Season 3 to zero.

Individual Championships

Proposed Rule - Organize the WSB Individual Championships only in the year preceding the Olympic year.

Rationale - With APB starting, there is no need to organize WSB Individual Championships anymore.