MEETINGS MINUTES OF AIBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 2008 FEBRUARY 17 AND 18 – BUSAN, KOREA

1. Opening Speech by President (Dr Ching-Kuo Wu)

First of all, Dr Ching-Kuo Wu welcomes his colleagues from IOC, AIBA Advisory Council members, and thanks them for their support.

2. Roll Call (Mr Ho Kim)

27 members are present so there is a quorum.

3. President Report (Dr Ching-Kuo Wu)

For the past year, AIBA received a lot of congratulations. Chicago was not only the place where the very successful AIBA World Boxing Championships 2007 were held, but also the birth place of the new AIBA on October 22, 2007 when ALL recommendations of AIBA Reform Committee were unanimously adopted by AIBA Extraordinary Congress. AIBA has now 2 major projects: The AIBA Boxing Academy (20 countries bidding, Selection Committee nominated and dealing with bidding proposals) and The AIBA World League (Commission composed of experts involved in professional boxing in the past). A full professional team is now working at AIBA HQs under the guidance of Mr Ho Kim, Executive Director who does not take any important decisions without prior approval.

4. Greeting from Mayor of the City of Busan

Mr Hur Nam-Sik, Mayor of the City of Busan, welcomes AIBA.

5. Greeting from President of Korean NOC

Mr Jung-Kil Kim, President of the Korean National Olympic Committee, welcomes everyone to the beautiful city of Busan which is also his home town.

6. Approval of the previous AIBA Executive Committee meeting minutes

The meeting minutes of AIBA Executive Committee held on October 20, 2007 in Chicago are unanimously approved.

7. Ratification of 4 Executive Committee Bureau Meeting Decisions

President Wu explains that the AIBA EC Bureau met 4 times since last October and took the following decisions/proposals (to be ratified by AIBA EC):

- A. 1st EC Bureau Meeting in Chicago, USA (October 31, 2007)
 - New AIBA Statutes effective immediately after AIBA Extraordinary Congress
 - Appointment of Technical Delegates for all 9 Olympic Qualifying Events
 - Discussions on Chairpersons' Situation in five Commissions
 - ✓ Medical Chairman and Vice Chairman were dismissed
 - ✓ Technical & Rules Mr Franco Falcinelli appointed as new Chairman and World Championships Commission now a Sub-Commission
 - ✓ Scientific and Research Dr Mohamed Soltani from Algeria appointed as Chairman
 - Setting up the Principle Guidelines of Commissions' Status
 - ✓ Fundamental role of Commissions is to be advisory and recommendation bodies to
 FC.
 - ✓ Right procedure for Commissions' work is to submit recommendations to EC and then
 to get decisions finalized and implemented by AIBA HQs
 - Appointment of AIBA League Commission Members (Dr Humbert Furgoni, Chairman, Dr Abdellah Bessalem, Mr Jianping Chang, Mr Osvaldo Bisbal and Mr Franco Falcinelli, members)

- Appointment of AIBA Disciplinary Commission Members (5 regular members i.e. 4 outside members with legal background out of which Prof. Piermarco Zen-Ruffinen is the Chairman and 1 AIBA member (Thomas Virgets) and 5 reserved members i.e. 4 outside members with legal background and 1 AIBA member)
- Discussion on Merge Process of Continental Confederation
 - ✓ AIBA HQs was requested to conduct a survey among National Member Federations

All above decisions/proposals are ratified by AIBA Executive Committee.

- B. 2nd EC Bureau Meeting in Beijing, China (November 19, 2007)
 - Agreed to launch the AIBA Disciplinary Code and the Commission

All above decisions/proposals are ratified by AIBA Executive Committee.

- C. 3rd EC Bureau Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand (January 30, 2008)
 - Evaluation of AIBA Commissions
 AIBA will support commissions with well performance by providing sufficient budget and administrative support i.e. for 2008 Technical & Rules, Refereeing & Judging and Medical Commission by setting up a total of US\$ 300.000 budget for their projects
 - ✓ Safety & Equipment Commission is now a Sub-Commission to the Technical & Rules Commission
 - ✓ Appointment of Mr Franco Falcinelli, Chairman of Technical & Rules Commission as a non-voting EC member (seating EC meeting)
 - Report on Oceania Qualifying Tournament and Recommendations
 AIBA will not host any Olympic Qualifying Tournament in a different manner from the others
 following the IOC charter. Thus, AIBA will not allow Australia's demand of sending its two
 boxers in each weight category to the Olympic Qualifying Tournament. Australia has
 brought this case to CAS. Another location must be found.
 According to the President of Oceania Bureau, Mr Lohial Nuau, Samoa could be the new
 host country. It is later on confirmed by Mr Nuau that Samoa will host the tournament from
 April 21 to 25, 2008 (arrival April 20, departure April 26).
 - Report on SEA Games Issue and Recommendations
 After presentation of the reports by the Technical Delegate, Organizing Committee and
 President of The Philippines Boxing Federation, it was decided to put this case in front of
 AIBA Disciplinary Commission for further investigation.

All above decisions/proposals are ratified by AIBA Executive Committee.

- D. 4th EC Bureau Meeting in Busan, Korea (February 15, 2008)
 - EC Bureau supported President's decision to definitively withdraw Dr Edwin van Wijk as Chairman of AIBA Medical Commission. It was agreed to withdraw the decision to expel Dr Charles Butler and to appoint him as Acting Chairman of AIBA Medical Commission
 - AIBA 2008 budget was approved
 - The appointment of 23 ITOs for the Beijing Olympic Games was approved
 - EC members' participation to the Beijing Olympic Games
 - ✓ In principle all EC members should be invited
 - ✓ The number of rooms will be reduced thus EC members should share rooms
 - ✓ AIBA will pay only 50% of the room if not sharing with another EC member as additional budget requirement to accommodate all EC members is of around US\$ 150,000
 - ✓ AIBA will not pay any per diem
 - ✓ No EC meeting should be held during the Games; however, AIBA might consider holding an Extraordinary EC meeting if any issue arises
 - ✓ The total Olympic spending could reach US\$ 460,000!

All above decisions/proposals are ratified by AIBA Executive Committee.

For the Olympic Games, EC members decide that to share rooms is a better alternative than to share periods.

8. Report on 2008 Olympic Games Preparation

- 286 boxers will compete from August 8 24, 2008
- AIBA Family will stay at Asia Hotel and ITOs at Landmark Hotel
- R/Js Selection Status
 - √ 11 R/Js were chosen after the AIBA World Boxing Championships Chicago 2007
 - √ 20 further R/Js will be chosen through the 1st Olympic Qualifying Tournament in each continent
 - √ 3 R/Js from the host country (China)
 - ✓ AIBA will hold an Olympic R/J workshop in May in Beijing
- Adidas will be the exclusive official licensee

9. AIBA Bylaws / Presentation on AIBA Disciplinary Commission

Professor Piermarco Zen-Ruffinen emphasizes that more time is needed to finalize the Bylaws as well as the Code of Discipline. President Wu underlines that the final approval could happen during the Beijing Olympic Games in which case AIBA would call for an Extraordinary Executive Committee meeting.

10. Discussion with AIBA Advisory Council Members

12 IOC members were chosen as AIBA Advisory Council members, representing sport at the highest level, including Presidents of International Federations, Presidents of Continental National Olympic Committees, IOC Executive Board and various IOC Commissions. The following 5 members attended: Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti, Mr Ottavio Cinquanta, Prof. Arne Ljungqvist, Mr Toni Khoury and Int. Gen. Lassana Palenfo.

President Wu thanks his colleagues from IOC for the very fruitful first joint session being an excellent opportunity to share opinions and experiences.

11. Progress Report on AIBA World Boxing Championships Milan 2009

Mr Ho Kim mentions that the AIBA World Boxing Championships Milan 2009 will be held from August 21 to September 6, 2009. It is foreseen for the Agreement to be signed by the end of March. The LOC Organizational Structure still has to be submitted to and approved by AIBA. The Venue is the Datch Sports Forum with a total of 13'000 seats. A joint marketing team (AIBA-LOC) will be formed in order to obtain maximized marketing opportunities.

12. Proposal for Hosting the 2009 Executive Committee Meeting

President Wu received a proposal for hosting the 2009 EC meeting in February in Milan.

AIBA Executive Committee unanimously approves for the 2009 EC meeting to be held in February in Milan.

13. Report on AIBA World Boxing Championships Chicago 2007

Mr Franco Falcinelli and Mr Kishen Narsi established a detailed report on AIBA World Boxing Championships Chicago 2007. Mr Falcinelli emphasizes the R&Js' work greatly improved as 80 boxers from 37 countries qualified for the Olympic Games and only one protest was registered. The presence of IOC President, Dr Jacques Rogge, also made of this tournament one of the most important sporting events of 2007.

14. Progress Report on AIBA Boxing Academy

Mr Ho Kim explains the Selection Process Schedule. A Selection Committee of 3 persons was nominated (Sir Craig Reedie, IOC Member, Mr Andrew Ryan, ASOIF Director and Mr Claude Stricker, AISTS Director) and 20 countries sent their Letter of Interest to participate in the bidding process.

A first RFP questionnaire (Request for Proposal) was sent to all interested federations. Sir Craig Reedie, Chairman of the Selection Committee proposed to short list continents and 2 final bidding cities for each continent. These will be sent the final bidding RFP.

All chosen candidate cities will present their bidding file to the final Selection Committee meeting who will draft a final proposal to AIBA for the final decision on all host cities.

15. Proposals of Enhancing AIBA Competition and Technical Rules

Mr Franco Falcinelli opens the floor by mentioning that the AIBA Extraordinary Congress in Chicago gave the right to AIBA Executive Committee to produce, modify and update the Competition and Technical Rules. A Task Force team from the AIBA Technical & Rules Commission was created and met on numerous occasions. The new AIBA Competition & Technical Rules will be written along with the rules approved during AIBA Extraordinary Congress in Chicago and/or present Busan AIBA Executive Committee meeting.

Final proposals are as follows:

Rules for Competition Management

- Win on Points At the end of a contest, the winner shall be determined on the basis of the total
 number of correct hits scored ruing the bout. The boxer having scored the most correct hits shall
 be declared the winner. If both boxers are injured and cannot continue the contest, the judges
 shall record the points gained by each boxer up to its termination, and the boxer who was leading
 on points to termination, or the actual end of the contest, shall be declared the winner.
- AIBA Scoring System The scoring system and its associated equipment is named as the "AIBA Scoring System". This rule to be moved under new rule "AIBA Scoring System". If the AIBA Scoring System becomes defective, the procedure shall be:
 - ✓ The Chairman of the Jury shall stop the bout for 1 (one) minute. If, during that period the system cannot be repaired, the score at the time of the breakdown must be saved and the 5 (five) Judges shall use hand held scoring devices and record the bout for the rest of its duration on scoring pads. At the end of the contest, the Chairman of the Jury shall collect the scoring papers from the 5 (five) Judges, add on the scores from the AIBA Scoring System up to the breakdown and after examination by the Jury, the winner should be announced accordingly.
 - ✓ If the AIBA Scoring System cannot be repaired, then the Jury can decide to continue the session / tournament allowing the Judges to score the bouts with hand held scoring devices and bout scoring pads.

Duration of Bouts

- ✓ In all Elite Men Boxing Competitions, the bouts shall consist of 3 (three) rounds of 3 (three) minutes in international contests, 4 (four) and 6 (six) rounds of 3 (three) minutes only if previously agreed
- ✓ In all Elite Women and Youth Boys Boxing Competitions, the bouts shall consist of 4 (four) rounds of 2 (two) minutes
- ✓ In all Junior Boys and Youth Girls Boxing Competitions, the bouts shall consist of 3 (three) rounds of 2 (two) minutes
- ✓ In all Junior Girls Boxing Competitions, the bouts shall consist of 3 (three) rounds of 1.5 (one and a half) minute
- 1 (one) minute rest should be observed after each round in all categories.

Weight Classifications

- ✓ For Elite Men and Youth Boy boxers, there shall be 11 weight categories: 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 64, 69, 75, 81, 91 and 91+ kg
- ✓ For Elite Women and Youth Girls boxers, there shall be 11 weight categories: 46, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 64, 69, 75, 81 and 81+ kg
- ✓ For Junior Boys boxers, there shall be 13 weight categories: 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 70, 75, 80 and 86 kg
- ✓ For Junior Girls boxers, there shall be 13 weight categories: 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 70, 75 and 80 kg

- AIBA Sanction (with appropriate *Conditions of Sanction*)
 - ✓ Sanction Any boxing competition involving more than 2 countries have to obtain either a confederation sanction or the AIBA Sanction. All sanctions should be obtained 3 months before the competition.
 - ✓ AIBA Sanction Boxing competitions involving countries from different continents should obtain an AIBA Sanction. Continental events approved by the respective Confederation can also apply for AIBA sanction. All AIBA controlled events will be AIBA sanctioned events.
 - ✓ **Confederation Sanction** All inter-continental events involving more than 2 (two) countries will have to get the respective Confederation Sanction.
 - ✓ Host Nation Sanction The host nation sanction from the respective National federation is compulsory for all boxing events.

Rules for Competition Officials

- International Technical Official (ITO) All Officials working with the Field of Play (FOP) but not including the Referees & Judges are called ITOs.
 AIBA Executive Committee members, Chairpersons of AIBA Commissions as well as members of AIBA Technical & Rules commission, AIBA Refereeing & Judging Commission and AIBA Medical Commission are the main candidates for ITO appointment.
- Competition Director The name of Technical Delegate is changed to Competition Director who, for all AIBA sanctioned events, must be nominated by the Continental bureaus but reviewed, approved and appointed by AIBA President. In the case of 2 CDs, the first CD should be the one appointed by AIBA President and the second CD has to be a member of AIBA Technical & Rules Commission.
- Competition Manager All AIBA sanctioned events and Confederation sanctioned events must appoint a Competition Manager within the LOC, who should be competent in one of AIBA official languages. However, an English interpreter is compulsory.
- Classification / Qualification of Boxers
 - ✓ **Age Category / Sex** The age limit to take part in all AIBA sanctioned events must be the year of birth and not the day of birth. For 2008 competitions, Youth are boxers born in 1990 and 1991 and Junior are boxers born in 1992 and 1993. Men and women boxers between the age of 19 and 34 (i.e. born between 1974 and 1989) are categorized as Elite boxers but for the Olympic Games, the boxers' age starts from 17.
 - ✓ Gender A gender test can be used if appropriate in AIBA competitions to ascertain gender compliance to the event.
 - ✓ Nationality Only boxers who are selected and nominated by National Federations that are AIBA members will be authorized to compete in AIBA competitions.
 - ✓ Medical Condition A complete medical check is mandatory for all boxers competing in AIBA competitions. The AIBA authorized Medical Doctor / AIBA Medical Jury will determine the extent and scope of medical testing required for each boxer.
 - ✓ Certificate of Non Pregnancy A certificate of non-pregnancy shall be presented by women boxers.
 - ✓ Beards and Moustaches Only thin moustaches are authorized i.e. not to exceed the length
 of the upper lip. However, no type of body piercings and body accessories are allowed to be
 worn during a bout.
- Qualifying for Admission to the International List of AIBA R/Js
 - ✓ Re-entry R/Js from Professional Boxing to Olympic Boxing must obtain the agreement of their respective National Federation (affiliated to AIBA).
 - ✓ **Maintenance and Procedure** The validity of the first certification as an AIBA R/J is of 3 years. All AIBA officials must officiate successfully in at least 1 (one) AIBA Confederation sanctioned tournament per year. Failure to comply with this condition will render the Official liable to an AIBA control test. During the holding of a course or test, the qualifying international R&J or candidate for the international list should officiate as a Referee in at least 5 (five) contests and as a Judge in at least 10 (ten) contests.

The Jury

- ✓ Appointment During the Olympic Games, World Championships, etc, the President's representative shall appoint the Jury. At each boxing session, the Jury shall consist of 3 (three) persons including an Acting Chairman. No other person or off duty Jury Member should sit at the table during that session. The rotation for the Jury for each session shall be arranged prior to the commencement of the tournament by the President's representative. Members wishing to change places on the rotation must first obtain the consent of the President's representative.
- ✓ Jury Members The Jury should be composed of AIBA Executive Committee members, AIBA Refereeing & Judging and Technical & Rules Commission members but all aforementioned persons must obtain AIBA official certification as R/J (Judge).

Rules for Competition Equipment

- Canvas Space In all AIBA sanctioned tournaments, the competition ring should be of 6.10 m square inside the line of the ropes.
- Height of Ring In all AIBA sanctioned events, the height of competition ring shall not be less than 91cm (3 feet) or more than 1.22m (4 feet) above the ground or base.
 Existing rings are ok until 2010 but then will fall under AIBA approved label (standards and specifications will have to be given to National Federations).
- **Gloves** In all AIBA sanctioned events, gloves made by one of the official AIBA glove licensees should be used. Gloves can be used more than 1 time a day but should be wiped by a solution equivalent to 19% sodium hypocloxidate or bleach.
- **Bandages** In all AIBA sanctioned events, bandages made by one of the official AIBA licensees should be used. Bandages must not be longer than 4.5 meters and not be shorter than 2.5 meters. Bandages should be of 5.7 cm (2½ inches) wide.
- Headguards In all AIBA sanctioned events, headguards made by one of the official AIBA licensees should be used.
- **Cup Protectors** Should not cover any part of the target area.
- Competition Uniform (for Boxers) In all AIBA sanctioned events, competitors may wear vest and trunks of any color which can be their national colors. The vest and the belt area of the trunk should be in distinctively different colors.
- Competition Uniform (for Referees) Must be further studied.
- Beards and Moustaches Only thin moustaches are authorized i.e. not to exceed the length of the upper lip. However, no type of body piercings and body accessories are allowed to be worn during a bout.

Future Proposed Projects

- Development of New Scoring System
- World Ranking System
- AIBA Competition Equipment Qualification Standards
- AIBA Competition Uniform Manual
- Development of AIBA World League Competition & Technical Rules
- Further studies on a few medical aspects such as bleeding of boxers, etc.

In addition, it is emphasized that school boys competitions should only be at national level.

It is also proposed to add in the AIBA Competition & Technical Rules that the organizers of AIBA competitions must have proper insurance (not only for athletes but for all officials), etc.

The Age Category rule is applicable immediately.

AIBA Executive Committee unanimously approves these new rules, amendments and updates.

16. AIBA New Confederation

In order to merge in the best possible way the two bodies governing each continent, surveys were conducted. The first survey was conducted among EC members in Chicago. The total number of replies received was 20 out of which 13 supported for Continental Bureau President to become President of New Confederation. The second survey was conducted among National Federations early January 2008 (deadline January 25, 2008). The total number of replies received was 68 out of which 39 supported for Continental Bureau President to become President of New Confederation (against 29 for Continental Association President). However, it has always been emphasized that both ECs (from the Bureau and the Continental Association) would form each Confederation's new EC. Mr Rudel Obreja proposes that the President of each Confederation should be the person who received the highest Vice-President's vote during the Santo Domingo AIBA Congress. Mr Manuel Lopez proposes to wait until the next AIBA Congress in 2010.

After voting, 22 EC members are in favor of Mr Obreja's proposal and 1 EC member in favor of waiting until the next AIBA Congress in 2010.

AIBA Executive Committee approves that the President of AIBA New Confederation on each continent will be the person who received the highest Vice President's vote from the Santo Domingo AIBA Congress.

17. Progress Report on AIBA World League

Dr Humbert Furgoni reports that the 1st AIBA World League Commission meeting was held on February 15, 2008.

- Business Plan Development was confirmed
- Overall Launch Schedule was set, important dates being
 - ✓ April 30, 2008 2nd AIBA World League Commission meeting and report on review of 1st draft of the business plan
 - ✓ June 30, 2008 3rd AIBA World League Commission meeting and report on review of 2nd draft of the business plan
 - ✓ August 6, 2008 Final approval of business plan by AIBA World League Commission and AIBA EC Bureau
 - ✓ August to December 2008 Process of finding investors and TV & Commercial partners
 - ✓ January 2009 Announcement of AIBA World League
 - ✓ November 2009 Launch of AIBA World League with beginning of 1st season
- Competition Format was discussed
 - ✓ Consists if both Team League and Individual Championships Tournament
 - √ Team League
 - a total of 8 cities league
 - each team has 6 boxers in 6 weight categories
 - 2 group preliminary league (4 teams in each group)
 - at the end of group league, 1st and 2nd places in each group will go into play-offs
 - play-off consists of semi-finals and finals
 - Individual Championships
 - 2 months after the Team League, there will be a total of 6 championships matches in each category between 1st and 2nd places in World Ranking

18. Report on AIBA Olympic Boxing Qualifying Tournament Progress

Mr Ho Kim confirms that the total AIBA Olympic Boxing Qualifying Tournaments is 10 (as it includes AIBA World Boxing Championships Chicago 2007). So far, a total of 128 boxers from 47 countries have qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. 286 boxers will participate.

19. Evaluation Report on AIBA Commissions in 2007

After having evaluating AIBA Commissions' Business Plans and discussions with AIBA EC Bureau, Mr Ho Kim proposes that:

 More specific and clearer management guidelines should be sent to all Commissions' Chairpersons

- The funds at disposal should be allocated differently based on the importance and priority of the Commissions' projects
- Commissions should be merged thus number of Commissions reduced in order to enhance the efficiency of Commissions' performance
- There should be a designated staff at AIBA HQs only to support communication with all AIBA Commissions.

All above proposals are adopted by AIBA Executive Committee.

20. 2008 Business Plans / Reports of AIBA Commissions

The following Commissions' Chairpersons, present in Busan, explain their business plans and report on goals and objectives, review of 2007 performance, current situation analysis and plans for 2008 with implementation plan:

- AIBA Finance Commission, Mr Adi Narayan
 - ✓ President advises not to meet 4 times/year as suggested but to use other means of communication (video conference, etc)
- AIBA Legal Commission, Mr Ricardo Contreras
 - ✓ President thanks Mr Contreras for the excellent review of the very difficult 2007 year in terms of legal aspects
- AIBA Marketing Commission, Dr Thomas Virgets
 - ✓ Image of amateur boxing must be enhanced as non violent and very technique, promotion must be made (for TV "Route to Beijing", etc)
- AIBA Medical Commission, Acting Chairman Dr Charles Butler
 - ✓ Commission will be reduced to 15 members (with women doctors)
- AIBA Refereeing & Judging Commission, Mr Terry Smith
 - ✓ President suggests to have standardized seminars and workshops
- AIBA Technical & Rules and World Championships Commission, Mr Franco Falcinelli
 - ✓ Main goal for 2008: Complete AIBA Competition & Technical Rules but also guidelines/manuals on boxing equipment, event organization, bidding, uniforms, etc.
- AIBA Women's Commission, Mrs Joyce Bowen
 - ✓ President advises to build a road map for women boxing to be accepted at the 2012 Olympic Games and to continue promotion during all major AIBA events

AIBA Media and PR Commission and AIBA Youth Commission business plans can be found in the EC binder.

President suggests having Commissions' meetings around the end of each year for work to be prepared and presented at the EC meetings more likely to be held in February each year.

All above reports are adopted by AIBA Executive Committee.

21. Bidding for 2008 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships and Decision - Presentation from China

The City of Ningbo presents a video of introduction on Ningbo. It is proposed to hold the 2008 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships from October 30 (arrival) to November 10, 2008 (first competition day November 1). Accommodation, international return flight tickets and per Diem for AIBA appointed Officials will be covered up to 30 persons. Hotel for teams will be US\$ 80/per day for a single room and price for a double room will be US\$ 45/per day including 3 meals per day. US\$ 80/per day for a single room is considered as being too high. Price for single room must be lower than US\$ 70/per day including 3 meals. The City of Ningbo confirms that the price for a single room will be lowered to US\$ 70/per day including 3 meals.

AIBA Executive Committee unanimously approves for the 2008 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships to be held in Ningbo, China.

22. Bidding for 1st 2008 AIBA World Cup - Presentation from Russia

The Boxing Federation of Russia presents a video of introduction on Moscow. It is proposed to hold the 1st 2008 AIBA World Cup from December 5 (arrival) to 15, 2008 (first competition day December 8). Moscow Government being the owner of all venues and hotels proposed, a financial support of up to US\$ 250'000 is guaranteed as well as any shortfall during the event. Moscow being a very expensive city, and despite that fact, hotel for teams will be US\$ 80/day for a single room and price for a double room will be of less than US\$ 50/per day including 3 meals. If there need be, discounts can be provided. President advises that a Selection Committee will nominate the best 88 boxers (77 selected and 11 from Russia) who will compete in 11 categories. On the occasion to the World Cup, which must be considered as an academic, cultural and sport event, a new ceremony will take place to present trophies/certificates to the best boxer, best R/J, best coach, best medical doctor, etc. It could be done in conjunction with the final banquet. President also announces that a symposium and/or seminar to develop boxing at the highest level will be organized with lecturers who have a worldwide academic expertise.

Mr Ho Kim informs that AIBA is willing to invite all boxers participating to that 1st AIBA World Cup meaning that AIBA would pay for 77 flight tickets (out of TV and sponsorship revenues) and wonders if the organizers would agree to pay for their accommodation which is confirmed. Mr Ho Kim mentions that the total of prize money for this event will reach US\$ 210'000 and since the organizers are willing to offer a financial support of up to US\$ 250'000, it leaves a balance of US\$ 40'000 which will be used for the boxers.

AIBA Executive Committee unanimously approves for the 2008 1st AIBA World Cup to be held in Moscow, Russia.

23. Status of Bidding for 2008 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships

Mr Ho Kim announces that the bid will be reopened as no federation showed interest in hosting the 2008 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships so far. It is decided that March 15, 2008 will be the new deadline to confirm interest in hosting this event.

24. Approval of 2008 AIBA Competition Calendar

The events which have been confirmed by the different bureaus are listed month by month at a continental level. For Africa, it is mentioned that the Zone 5 Championships will now be held in Egypt and that the Morocco King's Cup will be not be held in Fès but either in Casablanca or Marrakech on April 23, 2008. For Europe, the Schoolboy Championships have been canceled. For Asia, the King's Cup in Bangkok, Thailand, will now be held from April 4-10, 2008.

AIBA Executive Committee unanimously approves the 2008 AIBA Competition Calendar.

25. Launch of AIBA President Cup

Mr Ho Kim underlines that the City of Taipei proposed to hold annually an international boxing competition for celebrating the Presidency of Dr Ching-Kuo Wu "AIBA President Cup". This year, it will be held from May 25 to 31, 2008

- All Olympic R/Js will be invited to officiate at this event
- The total proposed number of boxers is 120
- The boxers in designated weight category from each selected federation will be invited
- The competition is for elite men category
- There will be a prize money
- The event needs to receive the AIBA Sanction
- AIBA Technical & Rules Commission will develop a list of weight categories for each different federation to invite the boxers

AIBA Executive Committee unanimously approves for the AIBA President Cup to be organized each year in Taipei.

26. AIBA Headquarters Business Plan

Mr Ho Kim presents AIBA HQs' Business Plan and

- Mission for 2008
- Main Goals
- Organization Structure
- Administration, External Relations & Development, Sports, PR & Communication, Marketing, Finance and General Affairs projects

AIBA Executive Committee unanimously adopts above AIBA HQs Business Plan.

27. Presentation of 2007 Finances and Approval of 2008 Budget

Mr Adi Narayan reads out the 2008 Budget. AIBA Financial Regulations can be found in the EC Binder. Oceania budget should be increased to US\$ 30'000 (and no longer US\$ 20'000). Mr Ho Kim explains that US\$ 100'000 will be allocated to assist the federation bidding to host the 2008 World Youth Boxing Championships.

AIBA Executive Committee unanimously approves the 2008 Budget.

28. Autonomy of National Member Federations

Mr Ho Kim emphasizes that some AIBA Member Federations are having problems to conduct the "Good Governance" due to the influence of their governments, Therefore, AIBA should clearly define the sole representation of its sport by one united federation (not allowing any national federation to represent multi-sports at the same time) as well as demand to receive the constitutions of each member federation and approve it before the decision of a membership status is granted. AIBA should also set the constitutions of future continental confederations in line with its statutes and bylaws and establish a system for sending AIBA representatives to national federation election to observe the process.

AIBA Executive Committee unanimously approves the above suggestions.

29. National Member Federations Issues

- Ivory Coast President Wu is of the opinion that AIBA must protect its National Member Federations as that their autonomy must be respected. However, since Col. N'Datchi has been accused of misappropriation of funds, further investigations should be conducted by the continental bureau. An official letter emphasizing elections were carried out in a democratic process as well as the reasons why Col. N'Datchi should no longer be the recognized President must be received (together with names and contact details of new board for President and Secretary General).
- **Zambia** President Wu would like to receive an official letter that these elections have been conducted democratically as well as the names of the new President and Secretary General (with contact details).
- Panama President Wu is of the opinion that again, only the Association which is in place due to democracy should be recognized i.e. the Association whose President is Mr Mario Chan (as confirmed by Mr Domingo Solano). This proposal is accepted.
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 - **Singapore** There are two parties in conflict to represent Singapore. It is decided to give them a new deadline and if they can still not decide themselves, President Wu will make the decision together with the EC Bureau.
- Serbia The new President being indeed Mr Velizar Djeric. This remark is ratified.
- Malta President Wu would like for the Maltese NOC to reconfirm that there is NO boxing federation in Malta.
- Guam President Wu mentions that it seems that there is a new federation in Guam. If the GNOC confirms its recognition, then AIBA should consider this federation as an active one. This is accepted.

• *Kiribati* – There are two separate bodies claiming to administer boxing in Kiribati. President Wu suggests referring to AIBA new bylaws with regard to procedure for membership. However, it is decided to have a new investigation carried out by the Oceania Bureau.

30. Additional Businesses

President Wu explains that he set up a new procedure to take place at the end of each annual EC meeting: The signing of an EC Declaration.

Mr Ho Kim reads present declaration contents which main motto is "UNITY IN BOXING". The EC declaration is signed by all EC members present.

31. Closing Remarks

President Wu thanks everyone for these two days of meeting, especially the City of Busan and AIBA HQs staff, where many important decisions were taken.

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Approved by:

April 24, 2008

Ching-Kuo Wu AIBA President