

2020 AIBA CONGRESS

GUIDELINES FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

(Approved by AIBA Executive Committee on September 30th, 2020)

1. Objectives

- To define the election procedure in order to provide the AIBA Election Committee with clear guidelines to manage the election process
- To provide the election procedure to all potential candidates and National Federations in order to manage this process with a maximum transparency
- To recall the provisions of the AIBA Statutes and Bylaws governing presidential elections

2. Overall Election Schedule

Event	Ref	Deadline
Information to National Federations about the positions that will be available for election	36.1 Statutes	02.10.2020
Application and nomination forms to be sent to National Federations	36.1 Statutes 12 & 13 Bylaws	Shortly after 02.10.2020
Names of proposed candidates to be received at the AIBA Headquarters (by registered mail), together with all supporting documents or materials	36.1 & 36.2 Statutes 12 Bylaws	02.11.2020
Review of the candidatures by the Election Committee	36.1 & 36.2 Statutes 11 Bylaws	In the week of 02.11.2020
List of candidates approved by the Election Committee to be sent to National Federations	36.4 Statutes	12.11.2020
AIBA Congress and Presidential elections		12-13.12.2020

3. Eligibility criteria

Article 35 of the AIBA Statutes provides that Candidates must fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

- **Art. 35.1:** Candidates for the Presidency must all be members of and nominated by their respective National Federation. In accordance with art. 17 of the AIBA Statutes, only eligible National Federations may propose candidates (implying that the National Federations have duly paid their affiliation fee and have participated in at least one AIBA Competition since the Moscow Congress 2018).

- **Art. 35.2:** All candidates must:
 - (A) be able to prove to the reasonable satisfaction of the Election Committee that they have never been convicted of a criminal offence;
 - (B) not have been sanctioned for a violation of these Statutes and/or AIBA Rules and Regulations;
 - (C) if standing for re-election a candidate must not have missed more than one
 - (1) Executive Committee meeting during his/her last mandate.
- **Art. 35.3** If a paid employee of AIBA, any Confederation or National Federation wants to run for the Presidency, he/she must resign from his/her position before submitting his/her candidacy.
- **Art. 35.4** (not applicable if there is only a presidential election)
- **Art. 35.5** All candidates running for the Presidency must be present at the Congress.
- **Art. 35.6** The President cannot hold any position in any non-AIBA professional boxing organization.
- **Art. 35.7** Each EC Member must be affiliated to a different National Federation, exceptions being from EC Members elected by the Athletes Commission. An EC Member cannot be a member of the Disciplinary Commission.

For the purpose of the 2020 Elections, the Executive Committee interprets art. 35,5 as meaning that the candidate must attend the virtual Congress.

4. Application and nomination forms

- Application and nomination forms will be sent to National Federations by email;
- The application and nomination forms must be printed, and then signed in original by the National Federation's President or Secretary General if the President is a candidate. The signature should be an original one and it is required to also receive a copy of the President/SG 's passport;
- The application form must be signed by the candidate;
- All supporting documents or materials required to prove the eligibility of that candidate in accordance with article 35 of the Statutes, as well as a biography of the candidate; together with an explanation as to how the candidate claims to satisfy the requirements for the position to which he or she is seeking election, including particulars of the experience, skills and qualities which the candidate would bring to the position if elected (art. 12.1 of the Bylaws), shall be sent with the application and nomination forms;
- The application and nomination forms with all relevant material must be sent by registered mail and received 40 days before the Congress.

"Nominations received at the AIBA Headquarters after midnight on the closing date will not be taken into consideration"

(art. 36.1 AIBA Statutes).

5. Campaign rules for candidates

According to art. 13 of the AIBA Bylaws, candidate must at all time comply with the following rules:

- Candidates should abide by the AIBA Statutes, by these Bylaws and by the AIBA Code of Ethics.
- Candidates should refrain from carrying out any electoral campaigning prior to the start of the electoral period.
- Candidates should conduct their campaigns with honesty, dignity, moderation and respect for their opponents, limiting expenditure to a proportionate level.
- Candidates should not directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any form of remuneration or commission, or any concealed benefit or service of any nature, connected with any AIBA activity or election or appointment to office.
- Candidates should in no case and under no pretext give presents or offer donations or gifts or grant advantages or benefits of whatever nature to or at the request of any party who will vote in, or who may otherwise influence, an election.
- Candidates should not enter into any promise or undertaking to personally act (whether as a candidate or following election), for the direct or indirect benefit of an AIBA body, a member federation or individuals within the AIBA.
- Candidates should not accept paid travel, expenses, air tickets or accommodation from other candidates, their representatives, members or other associated organizations to attend meetings and activities directly related to a candidate's elections.
- Candidates should not enter into any form of undertaking with any individual or organization that is likely to affect the candidate's freedom of decision or action if elected.
- Except with the permission of the Election Committee, no debate or public meeting of any kind should be organized to promote a candidature.
- Candidates may make declarations or give interviews provided, in doing so, that they comply with the rules.
- Candidates should not make payments, directly or indirectly, to journalists or other persons affiliated to the media in order to promote their candidacies.
- Candidates should not produce (or cause third parties to produce) any spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the image or reputation of another candidate.
- Candidates should not engage in any act, collaboration or collusion by or between candidates with the intent to defraud or manipulate the result of the vote.
- Candidates should not request support or service from the AIBA or from external advisors who are working with the AIBA in connection with their candidacies.

- AIBA resources should not be used to fund travel and campaign activities by candidates who currently occupy elected or appointed positions.
- The AIBA administration should maintain neutrality at all times. The members of AIBA HQs should limit their relations with the candidates strictly to the content of their role as staff.

In accordance with article 10.8 of the Bylaws, each candidate for President should be provided with an equal opportunity to make a presentation to the members at the congress. The presentation should focus on the credentials of the candidate and the vision and objectives for their term if elected. The presentation should last no more than 15 minutes and may include video presentations and multimedia. If the President is candidate for re-election, he or she shall not be entitled to present any report or to make any speech (except for formal matters) before the elections take place.

6. Voting in presidential elections

- For a vote taken at the Congress to be valid, an absolute majority (half of the eligible National Federations plus one National Federation) of the National Federations eligible to vote must be present once the Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress is convened (art. 29 of the Statutes).
- Only eligible National Federations as per art. 17 of the Statutes can vote at the presidential elections.
- Each National Federation has one vote in the Congress and exercises its voting right through the vote cast by its appointed voting delegate. (art. 28.1 of the Statutes)
- Only the voting delegates validly appointed by the relevant National Federation will have a vote. (art. 28.2 of the Statutes)
- Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted. No delegate may be forced to vote (art. 28.3 of the Statutes).
- In the context of a virtual Congress, elections will be conducted with an electronic voting system (art. 28.4 and 28.5 of the Statutes).
- For the election of the President of AIBA, an absolute majority (half of the votes from National Federations present at the Congress plus one vote) of the votes recorded and valid are necessary in the first ballot (art. 32.1 of the Statutes). The following should not be counted as valid votes: abstentions; blank votes; votes for more or fewer candidates than the number required; votes declared void by the scrutineers. Challenges to scrutineers' decisions will be heard and the decision made by the Election Committee (art. 10.7 of the Bylaws)
- In the second and any other requisite run-off ballot, if there are more than two candidates, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated until only two candidates are left. For any vote between two candidates, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes will win the election (art. 32.2 of the Statutes).

These guidelines have been adopted by the Executive Committee on 30 September 2020.



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Any further information and clarification on the nomination and election process, as well as any decision to be taken in unforeseen circumstances will be issued by the Election Committee.