



# **AIBA Virtual Congress Meeting Minutes**

(December 12-13, 2020, *by videoconference*)

## **DAY 1**

### **1. Opening of the Congress by AIBA Interim President, Dr Mohamed Moustahsane:**

Dr Moustahsane opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first ever AIBA Virtual Congress. He was glad that despite the pandemic AIBA members were able to come together for this most important annual meeting for AIBA organisation. He emphasized that the presidential election is a significant milestone in the reform of AIBA and it is AIBA members who will decide on AIBA's future today. He concluded his speech by calling for unity, so that AIBA can still stay strong and move forward to realisation of the athletes' dreams. He wished the Congress to be a successful and fruitful.

At the very start of the meeting, AIBA Staff and LUMI explained the technology and housekeeping arrangements for the meeting.

### **2. Roll call:**

155 out of 158 voting delegates from eligible AIBA national federations were present, the quorum was reached.

### **3. Approval of the previous Congress minutes:**

Minutes of the 2018 in Moscow were approved.

### **4. Approval of AIBA new memberships and other membership issues:**

AIBA Congress ratified the decision of the Executive Committee and approved Gibraltar and Andorra as full members of AIBA.

### **5. Presentation of the newly appointed AIBA Ethics & Disciplinary Commissions' members:**

The Commission Chairmen presented the full composition of their respective Commissions, the detailed information about these Commission is available on [AIBA's website](http://www.aiba.org). The Ethics as well as Disciplinary Commissions were established and started to work recently before the Congress in October 2020.



## 6. Announcement of the Chairperson for Election:

In respect with the 6.1 of AIBA Bylaws the AIBA Election Committee appointed Mr Welten as the Chairperson for Election.

## 7. AIBA Election

- a) *Opening of AIBA Elections by Mr. Welten Bernhard Heinrich*
- b) *Introduction of AIBA Election Committee and Election Process:* The AIBA Election Committee has been working in its full composition, consisting of Chairman of AIBA's Ethics Commission Mr. Welten Bernhard Heinrich (SUI), Chairman of AIBA's Disciplinary Commission, Mr. Strydom Francois Paul (RSA) and the independent member Dr. Ordway Catherine (AUS).
- c) *Election Committee's Progress Report and Announcement of All Candidates:* Seven candidates standing for the position of the AIBA President were approved by the AIBA Election Committee on November 12th. The candidates were the following (in the alphabet order):  
  
Al-Masri Ramie – Germany, Al Otaiba Anas – UAE, Kremlev Umar – Russia, Mikayilov Suleyman – Azerbaijan, Moustahsane Mohamed – Morocco, Solano Domingo – Dominican Republic and Van der Vorst Boris – Netherlands.  
Two of them, Mr Al-Masri and Mr. Domingo withdrew their candidacy few days before the Congress.
- d) *Appointment of Scrutineers:* In accordance with AIBA Statutes, the 5 scrutineers were appointed by AIBA Election Committee for the two days of the Congress, they received a special Zoom link from LUMI to oversee the voting results. Additionally, Mr. Edward Gardiner, notary public in the UK, oversaw the votes from the LUMI offices and attested to the results of the votes of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Congress including the Presidential Election.
- e) *Explanation of Voting System:* Mr Claude Ramoni, AIBA Lawyer, explained in detail the procedure provided for in Article 32.1 of the AIBA Statutes, addressing the voting in elections as following:

For the election of the President and Vice Presidents 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.

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; if one candidate obtains an absolute majority of the vote cast, he will be elected. For any vote between two candidates, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes will win the election.

- f) *Speeches by Presidency Candidates:* Each candidate had time for a final speech before voting started. National Federations had an opportunity to ask questions to the candidates.
- g) *Elections:* In order to be elected, an absolute majority was needed – 78 votes. If no candidate got this number of votes, voting would then go into the next round. From the second round onwards, the candidate with the lowest number of votes would be removed.

1st round:

Umar Kremlev	59 votes	39.86%
Boris Van der Vorst	34 votes	22.97%
Anas Al Otaiba	23 votes	15.54%
Mohamed Moustahsane	19 votes	12.84%
Suleyman Mikayilov	13 votes	8.78%

Abstentions and blank votes 7 votes

2nd round:

Umar Kremlev	66 votes	44.30%
Boris Van der Vorst	38 votes	25.50%
Mohamed Moustahsane	19 votes	12.75%
Anas Al Otaiba	18 votes	12.08%
Suleyman Mikayilov	8 votes	5.37% → <b>eliminated for the next rounds</b>

Abstentions and blank votes 6 votes

3rd round:

Umar Kremlev	73 votes	49.66%
Boris Van der Vorst	38 votes	25.85%
Mohamed Moustahsane	22 votes	14.97%
Anas Al Otaiba	14 votes	9.52% → <b>eliminated for the next rounds</b>

Abstentions and blank votes 6 votes



#### 4th round:

Umar Kremlev	86 votes	57.33% → <b>elected</b>
Boris Van der Vorst	45 votes	30.00%
Mohamed Moustahsane	19 votes	12.67%

Abstentions and blank votes 5 votes

Mr. Umar Kremlev got 86 votes in the fourth round and won the election with a 57.33% vote share (absolute majority of the vote cast).

#### **8. Acceptance Speech by New AIBA President:**

Mr Kremlev outlined that the path to rebuilding AIBA is not easy and it will not happen overnight. He urged everyone to unite and work with one mission, and one mission alone: rebuilding the credibility and trust that AIBA once had in the minds of sports people worldwide and that includes, of course, restoring AIBA's Olympic status.

"Boxing is the sport of fighters. Our fight today is against financial debt, against incompetence, against corruption, against doping, against poor training, and against poor safety. Strengthening AIBA's governance structures, and ensuring our checks and balances work, will be the focus of my tenure as president," announced Mr. Kremlev.

"We will make together AIBA great again!" – he concluded.

#### **9. Closing of 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Congress:**

Dr Moustahsane extended his congratulations to Mr Kremlev on winning the election and becoming the new AIBA President. He then thanked everybody for the attendance at the first day of the Congress and he looked forward to seeing the same presence at the second day of the Congress.

### **DAY 2**

#### **1. Opening of 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Congress by AIBA Interim President, Dr Moustahsane**

#### **2. Presentation and vote on amendments to AIBA Constitution:**

Dr Moustahsane passed the floor to AIBA Legal Drafting Group to give their report.

Dr Garry Moore made a presentation outlining the work done by the Reform Commission in drafting the new AIBA Constitution with the democratic governance,



transparency, efficiency, ethical oversight to be the main objects of the reform. In order to achieve such objectives, the following leading principles were implemented:

- Giving more authority to National Federations and Confederations
- Clear delimitation of the tasks of the corporate bodies
- Reducing the powers of the President
- Simplification of the structure (reduced number of members at the executive body, reduced number of mandatory commissions)
- Improvement of the control mechanisms.

The new constitution will give more authority to National Federations, notably as the Presidents of Continental federations will be elected by the Congresses of Continental Confederations. The number of Board Members will be reduced from 32 to 22 with the vast majority representing Confederations. At least 6 Board Members have to be women; athletes are also represented at the Board.

The new Constitution also clarifies the tasks of AIBA's corporate bodies and simplifies the structures within AIBA. The Ethics Commission has been granted an extended role. Several financial control mechanisms, including the creation of an internal audit body, have been approved by the Congress and will be implemented in the very near future.

The Congress was first asked to vote on five amendments introduced by the Spanish Boxing Federation, England Boxing and US Boxing. All five amendments were passed, which further extend the powers of Confederations to organize training courses for referees and judges, etc. in addition to boxing competitions. The amendments also specify that only the Congress may dismiss members of the Ethics and Disciplinary Committees while limiting the terms of office for the AIBA President and Executive Committee members by taking into consideration the number of years previously served by such persons. They also ensure that the persons appointed by the AIBA Board of Directors and approved by the Congress to serve at the Ethics and Disciplinary Committees are recommended by a suitable independent body.

The new AIBA Constitution has been adopted with an overwhelming majority with 98 votes in favor, 6 votes against and 26 abstentions.

### **3. AIBA Finance Report & Approval of the audited financial reports for the periods 2018-2019 and 2019-2020**

Mr Rob Garea informed that the annual reports had been sent to All National Federations and posted on the [AIBA website](#).

The 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 accounts were approved by the Congress.

### **4. Q&A sessions on reports**

Each of the following reports were made available online before the Congress and can be found on [AIBA's website](#).

- a. AIBA Interim President's Report
- b. AIBA Confederations' Reports



- AFBC
- AMBC
- ASBC
- EUBC
- OCBC

Each Confederation's president made a short presentation of his report for the Congress.

## **5. AIBA Major Projects and Competitions Calendar 2021-2022**

Dr Moustahsane presented the draft calendar of AIBA competitions for the period of 2021-2022. The calendar will be regularly updated on AIBA's website.

## **10. Closing Speech by AIBA Interim President**

The Interim President thanked AIBA Executive Committee for their commitment, AIBA staff for their dedicated work and all AIBA family for their support and trust. He wished everyone to stay safe and once again called for united work to succeed in the future so AIBA remains within the Olympic family.

He gave the floor to the new AIBA President, Mr Kremlev who was happy to address and greet everyone. He began by thanking everybody for their contribution in their respective areas - Confederations Presidents, Executive Committee, AIBA staff. It is a true honour for him to become the new President and he is ready to assume all responsibilities. His office will share his contact information so that every NF could have a direct contact with the President, and he is willing to work in close cooperation with each member of the AIBA family. It is important now to double the efforts; he proposed working together to achieve the common goal of bringing back AIBA to its merited place and to make AIBA great again.