



## **IBA Member Federations Committee Meeting Minutes May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023, 14:00 CET, online**

### **1. Opening remarks by IBA Diversity Committee Chair**

The Chair of the IBA Diversity Committee, Ms. Luisa Benitez introduced the first IBA Diversity committee meeting following the recent appointment of all its members and the attending members presented themselves.

### **2. Roll Call**

The quorum was reached with following members attending in presential the meeting:

Ms. Luisa Benitez (Chair), Mr. Shyam Awale (Member), Mr. Maco Pure Nena (Member), Ms. Caitlin Parker (Member)

Members excused: Ms. Beatrice Bastian (Member)

Members absents: Ms. Tamila Sarikhanova (Vice-Chair), Mr. Mladen Mikolcevic (Member)

### **3. Role of the Diversity Committee**

The role of the Member Federations Committee shall be to:

- (a) deal with relations between IBA and its National Federation;
- (b) draw up proposals for an optimal cooperation between National Federations and IBA;
- (c) monitor the evolution of the statutes and regulations of the Confederations and National Federations and report any problem to IBA;
- (d) develop best practice for National Federations; and
- (e) contribute to the organization of educational and development programmes with National Federations.

The Chair of the Committee, Ms. Luisa Benitez asked to be provided with the status and constitutions of Confederations and their National Federations so that the committee complies with the point c. of the role of the committee. She also suggested to be put in touch with the IBA Development Department to be respond to his expected role of contributing to the organisation of educational and development programmes with National Federations as stated in point e. of the role of the committee.





The IBA Head Office will share all information at its disposal regarding the status of Confederations and National Federations and will help the committee to obtain the required documents. Mr. Chris Roberts, IBA Development will be put in touch with the committee regarding the educational and development programmes of National Federations.

Mr. Shyam Awale, member, pointed out the importance of good communication with the National Federation specially in the actual context to clarify the position of the IBA as the only governing body.

#### **4. IBA Membership Policy**

Ms. Anastasiya Dlala, IBA Director of Administration, mentioned the issue faced by the Head Office regarding the missing annual report of some isolated National Federations in each continent as some of them did not provide the office with the annual report as per the membership policy despite several reminders and communications to the concerned confederation and concerned National Olympic Committee. Ms. Dlala, suggested that the Membership Policy, which is available in the IBA website, will be sent to the committee members for them to acknowledge the policy and help IBA to reinforce the link with the National Federations to ensure that they follow the regulations and to avoid the exclusion of some National Federations. She also mentioned that each member is free to propose any suggestions of countries to join the IBA Family.

#### **5. IBA Member Federations Work's organisation**

The committee is free to meet online whenever it deem necessary. Shall the committee wish to meet in presential, the IBA Head office will support the committee in the organisation, otherwise, the Chair can call for online meeting at any time wish to meet in presential, the IBA Head office will support the committee in the organisation, otherwise, the Chair can call for online meeting at any time.

The members call for a presential meeting at the Men's World Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, as most of the National Federations will be on-site, it would be easier to have a first contact with them. However, as the championship already began and due to the short notice for the office to organise it, the Head Office will come back to the committee on this matter.

The Chair of the Committee, Ms. Benitez, informed that she will get in touch with the members in the following days to appoint the next work meeting that will aim to put in place the following steps of their work together and for each member to propose their suggestions.

#### **6. Closing remarks by IBA Member Federation Committee**

The Chair of the Committee closed the meeting by thanking all the members for their presence to this first meeting, she pointed out that the diversity of the committee's members is a great advantage to carry out their common mission and that she is looking forward to work with this committee.

