



## **IBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 09:30 – Dubai, UAE

### **1. Opening remarks by the IBA President, Mr. Umar Kremlev**

Mr. Umar Kremlev welcomed the Board to the meeting and thanked everyone for their work and efforts that they have contributed towards the IBA.

### **2. Roll Call**

The Secretary General / CEO, Mr. Chris Roberts OBE thanked the President for his opening speech and started with presenting the roll call. 15 (fifteen) members were present in the conference room; the quorum was reached.

Members excused: Mr. Pichai Chunhavajira, Mr. Ioannis Filippatos, Mr. Jinqiang Zhou. Members absent: Ms. Lovlina Borgohain, Mr. Ajay Singh.

In addition, the meeting was attended by Mr. Chris Roberts OBE, IBA Secretary General & CEO, Mr Yury Zaytsev, IBA Legal Counsel, and Mr. Alberto Roigé Godia, IBA Head of Legal.

### **3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The previous meeting minutes dated 15 July 2023, in Phuket, Thailand, were **unanimously approved by the Board**.

### **4. Summary of Decisions made through mail vote**

A summary of decisions that were made through mail vote were presented including the following topics: Appointment of Mr. Chris Roberts to the position of IBA Secretary General/CEO on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2023. Request for a shortened period for change of sport nationality for Naiimo Bulhan from Finland to Somali, request to grant two provisional memberships to Norfolk Island Boxing Association (NIBA) and Swiss Boxing until the next ordinary congress meeting, approval of the 2023 congress-related documents and membership, and request for a shortened period for change of sport nationality for the minor Adam Maca, from England to Albania.

### **5. Update of legal matters**

#### **Update on Athletes Committee**

Mr. Zaytsev started by giving an update on the Athletes Committee. Firstly, Mr. Abner Teixeira (Brazil) resigned from his position and, therefore, needs to be replaced on both the Athletes Committee and the Board of Directors. Furthermore, Ms. Caitlin Parker (Australia) resigned from her position on the Athletes Committee. It was specified to appoint a new director, and the Athletes Committee shall elect from its composition a new Director who shall have different gender than the Chairperson (male).





## CAS vs IOC

Mr. Zaytsev continued by presenting the current situation and updates regarding CAS vs IOC.

## CAS Imane Khelif

An update on CAS Imane Khelif was presented. It was communicated that the athlete withdrew the case, and the CAS issued the termination order. IBA is waiting for a reimbursement from CAS.

## IBA Regulations on Corporate and Governance Committees

The following proposals were presented for change regarding the IBA regulations:

- Remove reference to the Audit and Strategy Committee as per the amendments of the Constitution to be presented at the Congress;
- Correct some typos and update reference to articles of the Constitution and these Regulations;
- Rearrange the order of paragraphs in new article 9, remove the obligation of holding in-person meetings and allow very informal communication via WhatsApp group where all the members are included;
- Clarify that the permission by the President or SG & CEO must be in advance and in written;
- Validity subject to approval of the Constitution in the upcoming Congress.

**The Board unanimously approved the amendments to the IBA Regulations on Corporate and Governance Committees.**

## IBA Organizational Regulations

After a presentation of the changes in the IBA Organizational Regulations, **the Board unanimously approved the amendments to the IBA Organizational Regulations.**

## IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code

Mr. Zaytsev explained that the Disciplinary and Ethics Code had to be aligned with article 17 of the BIIU Procedural Rules (i.e. the period that the Chairperson of the BIIU Tribunal can impose provisional measures is up to **6 months** instead of the 90 days of the current version of these regulations). **The Board unanimously approved the amendments to the IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code.**

## BIIU Rules

The following changes proposed by the BIIU Managing Board were subject to vote:

- Correct typos;
- Insertion of new references according to other Regulations;
- Minor clarifications. E.g., Article 16.2 (2). Annual budget of BIIU;
- Remove Section C. Education and Development Unit;
- Remove the Audit Committee from the document (in line with amendments to the IBA Constitution) subject to the approval of the IBA Constitution in the Ordinary Congress;
- Remove transitional provisions.





**The Board unanimously agreed to approve amendments to the BIU Rules.**

**Another vote was presented: if the Board agrees that the Head Office makes timely amendments of typos and technical changes in the Regulations and sends them to the stakeholders without previously submitting them to the IBA Board of Directors. The Board unanimously agreed to such proposal.**

#### **IBA Membership Policy**

**The Board unanimously agreed to approve amendments to the IBA Membership Policy.**

#### **Disaffiliated National Federations**

The list of disaffiliated National Federations was presented.

#### **Suspended National Federations**

Issues with the Boxing Association of St Vincent & the Grenadines were brought to attention. A vote regarding if the Board agrees to keep the suspension of the Boxing Association of St Vincent & the Grenadines with IBA until the next Ordinary Congress in 2024 unless the Board lifts the suspension before it was proposed. **The vote was approved by the majority of the members.**

The organization of the International Boxing tournament 'Grand Prix' tournament and the Czech Boxing Association were discussed. A vote was brought forward asking the Board if they agree to recommend the Congress to terminate the membership of the Czech Boxing Association (CBA) with IBA on 9 December 2023. **This decision was unanimously approved by the Board.**

The topic of participation in World Boxing was discussed, and a vote was presented by asking the Board if they agree to recommend the Congress to terminate the membership of the Deutscher Boxsport Verband (German Boxing Federation) and Nederlandse Boksbond (Dutch Boxing Federation) with IBA on 9 December 2023. **It was unanimously approved by the Board.**

#### **Additional National Federations who joined World Boxing**

The list of disaffiliated and affiliated National Federations participating in World Boxing was presented to the Board.

#### **Provisional Membership**

Information about Tuvalu Amateur Boxing Association (TABA) was presented. A proposal for vote was made to admit Tuvalu Amateur Boxing Association for a provisional membership at IBA with immediate effect. Also, the Board recommend that the IBA Congress to admit Tuvalu Amateur Boxing Association to the permanent membership at IBA at the IBA Ordinary Congress meeting on 9 December 2023. **This was unanimously approved by the Board.**

Another vote was proposed to admit US Boxing Federation for a provisional membership at IBA with immediate effect and to recommend the IBA Congress to admit US Boxing Federation to the permanent membership at IBA at the IBA Ordinary Congress meeting on 9 December 2023. **This was unanimously approved by the Board.**





Two final votes were proposed, which was to recommend the IBA Congress to admit Norfolk Island Boxing Association (NIBA) and Swiss Boxing to a permanent membership with IBA at the IBA Ordinary Congress meeting on 9 December 2023. **Both were unanimously approved by the Board.**

## 6. General update on IBA operations

Mr. Chris Roberts OBE took the floor and started by presenting the events program for 2024. He also discussed hand wraps and technology regarding gloves. During the presentation, statistics regarding the delivery of IBA development courses were provided, alongside significant milestones achieved by the development department. These milestones included the launch of the 2024 sports management course in collaboration with ISDE, a thorough update of the lists comprising active IBA 3-star R&Js and ITOs, as well as the provision of support for both fair chance teams and neutral teams at both IBA and continental events.

### IBA Committees

The following votes were proposed to the Board:

Firstly, a proposal to appoint to the position of the IBA R&J Committee Chair, Ms. Sadie Duffy from Ireland, who is currently Vice Chair of the Committee. Also, to appoint to the position of the IBA R&J Committee Vice Chair Mr. Rafael Vega from Cost Rica, who is currently a member of the Committee. Furthermore, to appoint Mr. Pichai Chunchavajira as a full member of the Finance Committee (currently he is an advisor to the Finance Committee). Lastly, there were still vacant positions of at least two independent members possessing financial and accounting expertise. It was asked if any potential candidates from the Board would rise to this. **The above proposals were unanimously approved by the Board.**

### Communications and PR

An overview was presented on Communications and PR, including updates on topics such as media coverage, top publications of 2023, a social media overview, and IBA defending its interest against World Boxing.

### Commercial & Marketing

IBA Marketing & Commercial milestones 2022-2023 were discussed as well as IBA Media & Commercial Partnerships Value 2023. Furthermore, TV production & media distribution were presented, as well as the Marketing strategy of 2024.

### Congress update and parish notes

An update on the upcoming Congress on 9 December 2023 was discussed. The information of the total countries eligible being 180, attending in person – 139, and online – 35, was shared with the Board.

## 7. Approval of the audited accounts and reports for 2022-2023





Ms. Katerina Collet, Senior IBA Accountant joined the meeting via zoom to give a presentation regarding the audited accounts and reports for 2022-2023. **The Board unanimously approved the audited accounts and reports for 2022-2023.**

#### **8. Additional business**

Mr. Jose Laureano took the floor and stated that 2024 would be the year of America. The Board agreed with applause.

#### **9. Decision regarding the disclosure of information after the meeting**

The Board approved the decision regarding the information disclosure after the meeting.

#### **10. Closing remarks by the IBA President, Mr. Umar Kremlev**

IBA President closed the meeting and thanked the Board for their work.

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*These meeting minutes were drafted by the IBA Head Office and approved by the Board of Directors on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024.*

