



IBA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

6th December 2024 – Dubai, UAE

1. Opening remarks by IBA President

The President joined the meeting online and welcomed everyone. He mentioned that IBA will be victorious and that he is looking forward to the upcoming Congress. President Kremlev mentioned that Mr. Roberts should drive the Board meeting. Mr. Prodyvus also welcomed the Board and wished all the best to all members and to continue working as a team.

2. Roll call

Voting Members online:

Mr. Umar Kremlev

Voting Members present in person:

Mr. Volodymyr Prodyvus

Mr. Ioannis Filippatos

Mr. Jose Laureano

Mr. Tauhiti Nena

Mr. Eyassu Wossen Berhanu

Ms. Pearl Dlamini

Mr. Abdeljaouad Belhaj

Ms. Zsuzsanna Toth

Mrs. Marta Forcén Celaya

Mr. Yousuf Al-Kazim

Mr. Dian Gomes

Ms. Lourdes Avendaño

Ms. Kristy Harris





Non-Voting Members present in person:

Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov

Voting Members absent:

Mr. Jinqiang Zhou

Ms. Lovlina Borgohain

14 out of 16 eligible voting members were in attendance at the Board of Directors meeting.

The quorum was reached as per article 29.5 of the IBA Constitution.

In addition, the meeting was attended by Mr. Chris Roberts OBE, IBA Secretary General & CEO, Mr. Yury Zaytsev, IBA Legal Counsel, Mrs. Anastasiya Dlala, IBA Director of Administration & HR, Mr. Alberto Roigé Godia, IBA Legal Director, Mr. Marko Petrič, IBA Director of Sport, Ms. Elena Sobol, IBA Head of Communications & PR and Ms. Anna Utkina, IBA Development Manager.

3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The meeting minutes from the Board of Directors meeting online on 29th October 2024 were approved by the Board.

4. Summary of decisions made through mail vote

The Board of Directors took the following decisions by mail vote:

6th November 2024:

- Approval of the list of National Federations eligible to participate in the 2024 IBA Ordinary Congress.
- Approval of proposed amendments to the IBA Constitution.
- Authorization has been granted to disclose the above decisions.

27th November 2024:

- Approval of the IBA Audit Report for the period 2023-2024.
- Approval of the following candidates for the Professional Boxing Committee: Chair, Mr. Nenad Borovčanin (Serbia), Vice Chair, Mr. Wayne Rose (Australia), and Technical Lead, Mr. Mark Williams (Wales).
- Approval of the motion to remove Mr. Pichai from the IBA Finance Committee.



- Approval has been granted to publicly disclose these decisions.

5. Update on membership matters

a) Venezuela Boxing Association

Mr. Zaytsev presented the current situation between the IBA and the Federación Venezolana de Boxeo (“VBA”). He mentioned that after the elections at the VBA held on the 15 November 2021, the Ministry of Sports of Venezuela informed IBA that they did not recognize the election results at the VBA. In response, the IBA issued a letter to the Ministry of Sports expressing its support to Mrs. Benitez’ candidacy and respective election results.

On the 29 November 2024, IBA was notified of the decision of the Supreme Court of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela regarding the dismissal of the election results of Mrs. Benitez. The Ministry of Sports of Venezuela also notified IBA about their support for Mr. Edgard Ramon Muñoz Mata as the representative of Venezuelan Boxing at the upcoming IBA Congress.

Mr. Zaytsev concluded by presenting the IBA Membership Policy in regard to this situation.

Mr. Zaytsev continued by presenting a proposal for votes.

The first being whether the Board agreed to not allow the Delegate of the VBA to attend the IBA Congress Meeting on 7th December 2024 due to lack of powers to represent the National Federation.

The second vote was based on article 13 of the IBA Constitution, to open a proceeding against the VBA for breach of articles 5.3 and 8.1(c) of the IBA Membership Policy.

The third vote was if the Board agreed to provide a notice to the VBA with the charges against it within 10 days and to exercise its right to be heard.

The votes were approved by the majority, with 1 recusal.

6. General update on IBA operations and key projects for 2025

Mr. Petrič took the floor and presented an update on Sport. He summarized the year 2024 regarding amateur and professional boxing. He continued by introducing what is forecasted for 2025.

Mr. Berhanu took the floor and wanted to express some words as he needed to leave to attend



the African Congress. He emphasized that IBA have to stand together and be united especially in Africa, they are currently in a difficult situation and want to divide. He gave an overview of the situation in the continent regarding their boxing community and the actions that IBA have taken in order to help the situation. Mr. Belhaj mentioned that during the African Congress, he motivated Mr. Eyassu to stay political and to do what is best for the boxing family. Mr. Prodyvus agreed with this and suggested there to be no anger, rather boxing to give us a chance to unite. Mr. Abakarov also discussed the current situation in Africa and said to demonstrate unity between the IBA and the collective AFBC boxing family.

Ms. Utkina continued by giving an update on IBA development and spoke about the courses that took place in November and December 2024. She further presented the statistics of 2024 and ended by giving an understanding of the projects that will be executed in 2025. A comment was made regarding the appointment of officials to IBA events, suggesting that the respective National Federation should be copied on the appointment letter for their awareness.

Mr. Roberts carried on by presenting the broadcasting section and gave an overview of 2024 and what can be expected for 2025.

Ms. Sobol ended off by presenting the Communications & PR key figures and successes of the year 2024.

7. Additional business

Mr. Al-Kazim requested a list of National Federations associated with both World Boxing and the International Boxing Association in preparation for the IBA Congress. Mr. Roberts confirmed that the necessary information will be communicated through the Board of Directors WhatsApp group.

Ms. Harris continued by suggesting having more frequent and shorter online meetings to improve communication and gain more updates from the IBA Head Office to stay informed of the standpoint and situations concerning IBA. By doing so, the Board will also be able to ask any questions they may have.

Mr. Prodyvus emphasized that Board of Directors meetings should focus on strategic matters. He highlighted the need for better communication across IBA and called for the development of a clear strategy up to 2028 and beyond. He also stressed the importance of creating a solid structure and strategy to ensure that National Federations do not doubt their place within the IBA.



Mrs. Forcén Celaya expressed concerns about the lack of information provided to the Board Members before meetings, which leaves members uncertain about decisions and not prepared for the votes during the meetings. She pointed out that Board members come to meetings to make decisions but are often uninformed about the details. Mr. Al-Kazim agreed with her observations.

Additionally, Mr. Abakarov announced his departure at this point in the meeting. Mr. Prodyvus reiterated the need for Board Members to stay informed and emphasized the importance of finding additional investors for 2025.

8. Decision regarding the disclosure of information after the meeting

The Board agreed to disclose the decisions made during this meeting.

9. Closing remarks

In closing, the IBA First Vice President, Mr. Prodyvus thanked all for the discussion and reiterated that they should all continue to respect the sport of boxing as it unites everyone. He encouraged everyone to stay in a strong spirit and mood and officially ended the meeting.

These meeting minutes were drafted by the IBA Head Office and are to be approved by the Board of Directors on 15th March 2025.

