



IBA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

5th May 2025 – Dubai, UAE

1. Opening remarks by IBA President

Several key initiatives were presented by the IBA President, Mr. Umar Kremlev, including the potential hosting of the Men's World Championship in Dubai as well as tournament bids from Turkey and the AMBC countries to host the World Boxing Cup next year. He emphasized the importance of maintaining boxing's presence in the Olympic Games and outlined the IBA's financial and operational achievements within various championships.

The President also announced plans to launch an interactive sports game to engage the youth in boxing, along with a number of other new projects.

In conclusion, the President called for discussions on new initiatives to continue to ensure that IBA remains the global leader in boxing.

2. Roll call

Voting Members present in person:

Mr. Umar Kremlev
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
Mr. Yousuf Al-Kazim
Mr. Dian Gomes
Ms. Lourdes Avendaño
Ms. Kristy Harris

Non-Voting Members present in person:

Mr. Abdulmutalim Abakarov





Voting Members excused:

Mrs. Marta Forcén Celaya

Voting Members absent:

Mr. Jinqiang Zhou

Ms. Lovlina Borgohain

13 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, Mr. Aziz Kozhambetov, Interim ASBC President, Mrs. Anastassiya Dlala, IBA Director of Administration & HR, Ms. Elena Sobol, IBA Head of Communications & PR and Ms. Alisa Shcherbachenyha, IBA Director of International Relations.

3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

The meeting minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on 6th December 2024 in Dubai, UAE were approved by the Board.

4. Summary of decisions made through mail vote

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

- a. Provisional membership to the Dutch Boxing Federation.
- b. Determination of age eligibility for 2025 Women's World Championships in Serbia & change of sport nationality of Mr. Roman Emanuele Piutau Viney.
- c. Acceptance on participation of Patricia Mbata (Nigeria) at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship Niš 2025.
- d. Acceptance on participation of Chinbat Ariunzul, Nergui Oyun-Erdene, Tumurkhuyag Bolortuul (all Mongolian) at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships Niš 2025.
- e. Acceptance on Dual Membership 1: Afghanistan National, Boxing Federation, Boxing Scotland, Federación Chilena de Boxeo, Federación Mexicana de Boxeo, Guyana Boxing Association, Irish Athletic Boxing Association, Madagascar Boxing Federation, Nepal Boxing Federation, Real Federación Española de Boxeo, Slovak Boxing Federation, St. Lucia Boxing Association, Sierra Leone Boxing Association, Sudan Boxing Federation, Trinidad & Tobago Boxing Association.
- f. Acceptance of the IBA Policy on the Prevention of Competition Manipulation.
- g. Acceptance of the Establishment of Normalization Committee for African Boxing





Confederation (AFBC), composition and Regulations governing the Normalization Committee for the AFBC. After further in-depth discussion by the President, and reiterated by the Vice President, it was concluded and supported by the Board, that the decision to launch the Normalization Committee is maintained. Further to which, it was agreed that the IBA Head Office would adjust and amend the Regulations governing the Normalization Committee, in line with those based on discussions and agreed by the Directors.

- h. Dual Membership 2: Saudi Boxing Federation, Eswatini Boxing Association, Portuguese Boxing Federation, Boxing Association of Sri Lanka, Boxing Association of Kenya, Fédération Royale Marocaine de Boxe.
- i. Suspension of Certain National Federations (Pakistan & India), exceptional participation of the Australian National Amateur Boxing Association, Aotearoa New Zealand International Boxing Association and the Polynesia Boxing Association Tahiti in the ASBC Championships.
- j. Dual membership 3: Uganda Boxing Federation, Fédération Camerounaise de Boxe, Mauritius Boxing Federation, Fédération Algérienne de Boxe, Somali Boxing Federation, Botswana Boxing Association, Fédération Haitienne de Boxe.

5. Update on membership matters

Ms. Shcherbachenya took the floor and presented an update on membership matters.

- a) Requests for dual membership.

Ms. Shcherbachenya began by stating the number of dual membership requests from each confederation, which was 27, as well as the temporary number of dual memberships granted by the IBA Board of Directors, which was 27. She continued by sharing how this reflects a positive outcome and carried on by presenting some discussion points to consider for the Board.

- b) Financial Support Program.

In addition, Ms. Shcherbachenya shared an update and statistics on the financial support program that IBA offers from the period of September 2023 to April 2025.

- c) Recommendations/proposals on how to increase the IBA membership.

Some discussion points arose such as the topic on the necessity to increase IBA membership measures in order to keep maximum National Federations with IBA. Furthermore, to bring back National Federations that resigned and to find a solution for inactive National Federations. These were all discussion points that were open for debate to the room.





6. Report by IBA Secretary General & CEO

Mr. Roberts took the floor and presented his collective report. He started off by sharing the significant milestones that have been met through each department as well as the strategic vision and future development of IBA. He continued by expressing the work that has been ongoing within the sports and development departments, such as the continental educational programs as well as presented some statistics and the development strategic plan of the future. There were also discussions regarding the Men's Elite World Championships for 2025, with a number of different locations already having been approached and discussed. Further information will be provided as and when news comes in.

An update on the importance of marketing, brand management & event operations was presented too; a key area that is pivotal to our organization as we move forward through 2025/26.

Ms. Sobol took the floor and updated the Board of Directors on the IBA PR & Communications department.

Mr. Roberts then discussed staff optimization with the Board regarding the current structure of IBA and the options moving forward. The comments in turn were discussed by the BoD, along with input from the Vice President.

Mr. Roberts kindly asked the office to share the report with all members of the BoD.

7. Board of Directors strategic input-vision

The Directors were invited to share their strategic input-vision.

8. Proposal for IBA Bare Knuckle Boxing development program

Mr. Albert Khachaturov (aka Al Siesta) took the floor and presented IBA's new concept of the Bare Knuckle Boxing program. He started by explaining the general concept of the project and then gave an overview on the key positioning, goals, structure, divisions, tournament promotion, format, official rules, and licensing & supervision.

A vote was carried out if the Board agreed for IBA to become the world's first official centre for the development and management in Bare Knuckle Boxing.

The vote was passed with 8 in favour and 3 against.

9. Additional business

Mr. Al-Kazim mentioned a point regarding if the same pool of officials will be used for all events and Mr. Roberts responded by assuring that indeed that some of same officials will be used for





all events, but we are extending out to those most recently qualified to support the wider community of both ITOs and R&Js. In addition, Ms. Pearl Dlamini raised her concern if there was a plan to keep Prize money funds as high as they are or if it shall be reduced. The President responded by saying that Prize money will be either kept the same as is currently or raised even higher in the future.

10. Decision regarding the disclosure of information after the meeting

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

11. Closing remarks

The President thanked the Board members for their contributions and encouraged the Directors to actively engage in the organization's initiatives. He emphasised the importance of leadership involvement in positioning the IBA as the 'Home of boxing'; he also highlighted the next main event that will take place very shortly in the form of a Press Conference. The idea is to gain momentum for IBA with some of the key projects that are already being managed, to include the World Championships calendar, IBA Pro and the introduction of IBA Bare Knuckle Boxing – just a few of the initiatives that are currently being worked up

To reiterate, that the IBA remains committed to its role as a guarantor for athletes and coaches globally. We continue with our good work, supporting our people and projects for the good and betterment of our sport.

These meeting minutes were drafted by the IBA Head Office and are approved by the Board of Directors on 27 October 2025.

