



## **IBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 14<sup>th</sup> 16:00 (GMT+3) in Istanbul, Turkey**

### **1. Opening remarks by IBA President**

IBA President greeted the newly elected members of the board and congratulated them for their election. He expressed his gratitude for the newly elected Board to help with the current issues and asked the Board members to be active, introduce fresh ideas from their field of expertise and devote more time to the sport of boxing to benefit the athletes, trainers, National Federations. He reiterated that the most important task of the organization is to support the development of the sport of boxing and that all ideas from the Board that serve this end are welcome and will be acted on.

### **2. Roll call**

The quorum was reached. Members online: Ms Kristy Harris and Mr Jinqiang Zhou. Members excused: Ms Irma Testa. Mr Oleksandr Khyzhniak joined the meeting online on the Finance Committee presentation.

No members are absent.

### **3. Brief update to the new Board on the current IBA affairs by the Secretary General**

IBA Secretary General, Mr István Kovács greeted the board, remembered his election by the previous board and asks for the trust of the newly elected Directors.

He proceeded to tell the board about their duties:

- Minimum three (3) Board of Directors meetings per year, on zoom, in person or in hybrid format
- Next meeting at the end of June in the Lausanne Head Office
- Explanation about mail votes

IBA Secretary General also reiterated that the new Board would need to be active and closely cooperate with the Head Office, that they should not hesitate to contact the Head Office with questions, they do not need to wait for the next Board Meeting to ask them.

He listed the scope of work done in the past year to be continued the new Board:

- Mainly around the three (3) areas identified by the IOC as problematic in the past: Governance Reform, Sporting Integrity and Financial Integrity
- Thanked the external independent experts such as the Governance Reform Group led by Prof. Dr. Ulrich Haas and the McLaren Global Sport Solutions for their support in achieving greater transparency in these target areas

At the end of his update IBA Secretary General asked each Board member to briefly present themselves and the areas they wanted to develop.



The Board Members discuss the main areas for development, many of them mentioning being reinstated by the IOC as the most important goal.

#### **4. Introduction: Board of Directors' roles and responsibilities**

Mr Yury Zaytsev, Legal Counsel presents the roles and responsibilities of the Board:

- Meeting of the Board (art. 29 of the Constitution):  
Currently three (3) meetings required per year, will be changed to six (6) meetings per year as per the recommendation from the GRG. Meetings will take place in person or on Zoom, in cases of emergency mail vote will be issued
- He explains the Powers of the Board (art. 30 of the Constitution)
- He reminded the Board Members about providing the Conflict of Interest Declaration Form which will have to be renewed each year by 31 March at latest
- He explained the importance of signing the non-disclosure agreement after the meeting

#### **5. IBA Vice president**

IBA President introduced the post of the Vice President as a free position that needed to be filled by one of the Board of Directors. He invited the Board to discuss this issue.

Mr Volodymyr Prodyvus expressed his interest in taking on the responsibility of Vice Presidency.

Several members of the Board expressed their strong support for Mr Prodyvus.

The standpoint of gender equity and the representation of a better continental balance was discussed.

No other candidate expressed interest to run for the position.

Mr Volodymyr Prodyvus was elected as Vice President by acclamation.

Mr Volodymyr Prodyvus delivered his acceptance speech in which he thanked the Board for their trust.

#### **6. Appointment process of the members of the Finance and Strategy Committees**

Mr Claude Ramoni, Legal Counsel, presents the appointment process of the members of the Finance and Strategy Committees.

##### **Finance Committee:**

On 4 March 2022, the Board elected the following independent members at the Finance Committee:

- Patrick Bosshard (Switzerland): Finance advisor, member of Audit Committee established under the Constitution 2020
- Judit Tóth (Hungary) (new)





They were all deemed eligible by the Interim Nomination Unit.

A new Board member needs to be appointed, replacing Mr. Felipe Jose Martínez.

A proposal was presented by Mr Claude Ramoni to keep the two (2) candidates and select a candidate from the Board to replace Mr Felipe Jose Martínez, as opposed to completely restarting the selection process for three (3) candidates.

The proposal was passed unanimously by the Board – no objections and no abstentions.

Ms Elise Seignolle expressed interest for the position, stating 20 years of experience in Finance.

The proposal to appoint Ms Elise Seignolle to replace Mr. Felipe Jose Martínez on the Finance Committee was unanimously passed by the Board.

### **Strategy Committee:**

On 4 March 2022, the Board elected the following independent members at the Strategy Committee:

- Umar Kremlev, IBA President
- Adam Szabados (Hungary)
- Barry Siff (USA)
- Neil Armitage (UK)
- Roos Spanjer (Netherlands)
- Stefan Adorjan (Slovakia)

They were all deemed eligible by the Interim Nomination Unit.

The President was a member of the Strategy Committee.

Questions from the floor by Ms Elise Seignolle and Mr Yousuf Al-Kazim regarding the selection of these candidates and their competency and experience.

A motion was put forward by IBA President to postpone voting on the election of the Strategic Committee to allow the Board to become familiar with the candidates and establish their competency. It was also proposed that IBA called for new candidates to have a larger pool of applicants.

The motion passed unanimously, the election of the Strategic Committee is postponed and a call for candidates will be published.

7. Update on the next steps of IBA's reform and implementation of the Governance Reform Group's report
- Start of the implementation of the Boxing Independent Integrity Unit:
    - o Start the recruitment process for a coordinator to coordinate BIU and act as a prosecutor and appoint lawyers in cases in order to be more efficient.





- Start recruitment for the IBA Tribunal (replacing IBA Ethics Committee) and find someone on the sporting integrity side.
- Revision of the Organisational Regulations and process for the appointment of new Committees
- Revision of the Technical and Competition Regulations in progress with the Sports Department

## **8. Announcement of the next Board of Directors meeting**

IBA Secretary General announced that the next Board of Directors meeting would take place in Lausanne in hybrid format, at the end of June.

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

Anastassiya Dlala, IBA Head of Administration informed the Board about their right to decide whether information about the meeting will be disclosed.

The Board has accepted to disclose information with a majority vote.

## **10. Closing remarks by IBA President**

IBA President, Mr Umar Kremlev stated that he was pleased with the work done in the meeting and expressed his gratitude about how active the Board Members were. He stated that it is only through active discussion that we can make the best decision for the sport of boxing.

He reiterated that while it is important to return boxing to the Olympic family, the Olympic Games take place only every four (4) years, and it is IBA's job to organize tournaments between the Games. It is IBA's responsibility to make IBA's tournaments commercially attractive so the athletes can support themselves while they compete thanks to the prize money paid by IBA. Athletes should not face financial hardship when they compete in events, when preparing for or working towards getting to the Olympic Games.

He asked the Board to carefully weigh their options before making a decision, as the wrong decision could hurt the welfare of athletes and without athletes, there is no IBA. He reiterated that decisions about the future of boxing should be made by boxers, and that he is assured that IBA Secretary General, an Olympic Boxing Champion, will keep the boxers' best interest in mind, and so will he.

Finally, he thanked the Board for their work once more.



István Kovács OLY  
IBA Secretary General

