

**REPORT**  
on the  
**IWF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
6 April 2013 – Tashkent, UZB

**Venue:** Hotel Uzbekistan, Tashkent, UZB

**Present:** Dr. Tamás Aján, President, Mr. Ma Wenguang, General Secretary,  
Mr. Chang Chao-Kuo, Mr. Sam Coffa, Mr. Dragomir Cioroslan, , Mr. Nicu Vlad, Dr.  
Hasan Akkus, Vice Presidents,  
Mr. Ong Poh-Eng, Mr. Boukar Tikire, Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, Mr. Emilio Es-  
tralik, Mr. Per Mattingsdal, Mr. Esat Ademi, Executive Board Members  
Mr. Khaled Mhalhel, Mr. Willian Ozuna, Mr. Antonio Urso, Continental Presidents

**Apologies:** Mr. Zygmunt Wasiela, Mr. Basilio Chalak, Mr. Ronald Frère, H.E. Marcus Ste-  
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**1. Welcome address by IWF President and by the hosts**

**Dr. Aján** underlined the importance of the meeting and praised the Uzbek Federation for its efforts in developing weightlifting. **Mr. Shakhriillo Makhmudov**, Vice President of the UWF offered a welcome to the Board in Tashkent.

**2. President's Report**

**The President** was pleased to report that the IWF's and weightlifting's strength has received new confirmation by the IOC's analysis, as a result of which weightlifting was listed among the 25 core sports for the Olympic Games program. He emphasized the importance of cooperation to preserve and further strengthen this status.

**Mr. Khaled Mhalhel** received congratulations on his re-election as WFA President.

**3. General Secretary's Report**

**Mr. Ma** gave his report on recent activities.

**4. Membership issues**

Making reference to the IWF Constitution **Dr. Aján** reported on the progress of the review of membership. He explained the various factors for categorization and pointed out that the payment of membership fees was only one index of the activity level.

A **Membership Commission** was created of **Dato Ong Poh Eng**, **Dr. Ungár** and **Mr. Ádámfi** and was given the task to submit the specific proposal of a list.

The appointed Commission presented the proposal for the implementation of Article 3 and its By-Law on Members:

Current membership: 188 because Netherlands Antilles as a country has ceased to exist.

It was explained that those "temporarily suspended" can be reinstated as "Full Members" after a certain time when they prove to fulfil the requirements and having proven their activity. Members and their respective NOCs are continuously being informed of their status. It was also stated that the payment of membership fees alone could not be considered as sufficient proof of activity so that members cannot "buy" the voting right.

*Based on the Commission's submission a list of IWF members in the various categories (Full, Associate, On Probation) was unanimously approved and would be presented to the Congress on the following day:*

- 146 Full Members
- 36 – on probation (temporarily suspended)
- 6 – Associate Members
- 1 deleted (AHO)

#### **4. Information-Report on the 2012 Anti-Doping Controls**

1. Summary and statistics of 2012 testing and so far into 2013
2. Positive results, statistics in 2012
3. Outstanding fine payments

Dr. Aján proposed Mr. Patrick Schamasch, former IOC Medical Director to be the IWF Anti-Doping Commission Chairman. The Chairman would have the right to choose the Members of the Commission without any influence from the Executive Board, to have a really independent body.

#### **5. Information-Report on the organisation of the 2013 IWF Electoral Congress in Moscow, Russia**

*Upon proposal by Dr. Aján the Executive Board approved that the IWF pays the air ticket (Economy Class) for 1 delegate per Member Federation to the Moscow Congress.*

Dr. Aján gave information to the Board about the planned procedures. Mr. Francois Carrard would be invited to chair and conduct the election process. *The application of ballot papers for the elections was accepted on majority.*

*According to the Constitution 3 Scrutineers would be selected by the President and 5 observers may be appointed from the various Continents.*

#### **6. Financial Report 2012**

The Report on the last year was submitted by Mr. Alain Siegrist, IWF Financial Advisor. The IWF's steady and reliable progress and safe financial policy was clearly represented in the portfolio. *The IWF 2012 Financial Report/Budget accepted on majority.*

#### **7. 2013 Budget**

It was stated that due to the unpredictability of the global economic environment careful estimates were made for the revenues and the growth. Mr. Siegrist called the Board's attention to the fact that in the IWF the expenses are always below the budget; the majority of the money is spent on the family of weightlifting and not on operation – a feature confirming good governance. *The 2013 IWF Budget was approved on majority, with 2 abstentions.*

#### **8. Auditor's Report (KPMG)**

Mr. Pigeon (KPMG) reported on finding the IWF in very good financial health by international standards and over the last 4 years a very significant improvement and great transparency in financial managements. *The Auditor's Report was approved with 1 abstention.*

## 12. Any other business

### 12.1 World Championships 2013

The Polish Federation's new President, **Mr. Szymon Kolecki** and VP **Mr. Z. Smalcerz** asked the Board's agreement to move the World Championships *from Warsaw to Wroclaw. The change of venue was supported by the Board* but the Polish hosts were asked to finalize details as soon as possible.

**Dr. Hasan Akkus** and **Mr. Attila Ádámfi** were appointed to pay an inspection visit to Wroclaw to check the preparations.

Thanking the EB for their contribution to the meeting and the Secretariat for the preparation, the President closed the meeting.

*By A. Németh-Móra  
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