

2019 AIBA Extraordinary Executive Committee Meeting Decisions

(Lausanne, Switzerland – 21st November 2019)

1. **Opening remarks by AIBA Interim President**, Dr Mohamed Moustahsane, stressed the importance of AIBA EC to work as one united voice as well as their shared responsibility for the decisions they make before the whole boxing community. He continued by extending thanks to Mr Umar Kremlev, Russian Boxing Federation for the very well organized AIBA Men and Women World Championships in Russia and for the support of this EEC meeting. The President informed that Mr Di Wu is willing to host the next EEC meeting in China and thanked him for his kind offer.
2. **Roll call**, the quorum was reached. Members excused: Osvaldo Bisbal, Mendouga B. M. Roland, Eyüp Gözgeç, Selowati Soejono, Pichai Chunchavajira, Mapu Jamias, Jürgen Kyas, Alfred Bongo, Annemarie Stark, Cesar La Cruz.
3. **Approval of previous 2019 EEC meeting minutes Istanbul, motion to approve the minutes from last EEC meeting in Istanbul passed unanimously.**
4. **Ratification of Mr. Puig's appointment as EC Member**, further to the resignation of Mr Pat Fiacco from the EC, he needs to be replaced in accordance with AIBA Statutes and Bylaws. M. Puig de la Barca was the next voted candidate in the same category and should therefore be appointed at the EC. **Motion to ratify Mr. Puig's de la Barca passed unanimously.**
5. **Athletes Commission election results** were presented to the EC. The members of the Athletes' Commission are Oleksandr Khyzhniak (UKR), Irma Testa (ITA), Julio La Cruz (CUB), Ramala Ali (SOM), Laishram Sarita Devi (IND), Caitlin Parker (AUS).
In accordance with the AIBA Bylaw 30.7, the persons elected as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Athletes Commission shall be voting members of the AIBA Executive Committee. A concern was raised that only Europe is represented by 2 athletes male and female, but not all continents. It was clarified that despite numerous reminders, AIBA office did not receive enough candidates from other continents. EC agreed that the legal department should write a proposal of AIBA Bylaws amendment in order to allow AIBA Athletes Commission members to be elected on other occasions than only during the World Championships, in order to allow additional non-European athletes to be elected at the Athletes' Commission without having to wait the next World Championships.
6. **AIBA & IOC relations**
 - **Data transfer agreement signing was ratified by EC members.** Dr Moustahsane and Dr Ramoni confirmed that in the agreement it is clearly specified that the data will be used for a defined purpose and a determined period (in connection with the boxing

competitions at the Olympic Qualifiers and Tokyo 2020 Games) and will be destroyed after this period.

- EC expressed their concerns regarding the new scoring system at the Tokyo 2020 test event because such transparency may influence boxers and coaches in a negative way. Boxers and coaches training and strategy will be difficult to re-adapt due to a short period before the start of the Qualifiers.
On a related note, Mr Falcinelli requested for AIBA T&R to review the protest rule to make it clearer and more transparent.
- Agreement with the International Testing Agency (ITA) to be signed, pending written confirmation that the costs will be paid by the IOC, **motion passed unanimously**

7. Discussion on AIBA statutes amendments with Dr Francois Carrard

Dr Francois Carrard, who is currently a counsel to the IOC, explained that he received a negative reaction from the IOC about the AIBA letter sent to AIBA National Federations. Because the letter stated that Dr Carrard accepted the mandate to reform AIBA Statutes, IOC asked him to consider not accepting this mandate. With deep regret Dr Carrard declined to work with AIBA and advised the EC to find another experienced lawyer.

He informed the EC that indeed his first recommendation to AIBA was to postpone the Congress of December 14th, 2019. In his opinion, it was unrealistic to have the Congress so early. Dr Carrard produced a document with preliminary comments on the current AIBA Statutes and suggested to put in place a roadmap of the whole process. Lastly, he pointed out that a special ad hoc committee which will be created should be influential but with independent state of mind.

Immediately after the break, Mr Ted Tanner proposed to create a Reform Committee on AIBA Statutes amendment composed of:

- 1-2 Senior Swiss Counsel appointed by AIBA President
- 1 AIBA Legal Counsel, Dr Garry Moore
- Senior members of AIBA federations of AIBA (RUS, USA, CHN) appointed by President
- Presidents of AIBA confederations (5)

using the roadmap proposal and taking into account AIBA NFs submissions. Progress report to AIBA EC every 15 days. **The motion passed unanimously**

A presentation by Mr Alessandro Oliviero, EUBC lawyer, was followed with brief proposals such as a governance reform draft to be sent to AIBA EC after the meeting. Later, Mr Giorgio Brugnoli recommended Mr Gethin Jenkins to be a part of the Reform Committee.

- ## **8. Report on AIBA legal issues**
- Dr Ramoni did a quick update on AIBA legal issues, including the risk of a litigation between FCIT and AIBA. There was a recent claim filed by MSI for non-payment of the charges relating to AIBA's property at the MSI; the charges have been paid now and the case became moot. Only one court case has been lodged further to the dismissal of AIBA employees.

9. Membership issues, provisional membership was granted to Andorra and Gibraltar

Indian NF did not pay 400K remaining for the host fee for the AIBA 2018 Women WCHs. Before to take legal action or suspension, Mr Anas Al Otaiba shall speak with the Indian Boxing Federation President and then report to the EC. Last deadline to make the payment is end of this year.

10. Decision on 2020 AIBA and confederations competitions, AIBA Competitions bidding to be open next week for:

- AIBA Youth Men & Women World Championships 2020
- AIBA Men World Championships 2021
- AIBA Women World Championships 2021

The Russian Boxing Federation proposed to host AIBA World Cup in 2020 after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. A detailed presentation will be prepared for the next EEC meeting. AIBA events calendar should be sent to AIBA NFs as soon as possible for planning confederations' competitions.

AIBA EC appointed a task force that would do the marketing for AIBA competitions as the World Cup, World Series of Boxing, World Championships with a global marketing plan across the five continents to attract sponsors and secure broadcaster deals for these competitions. This new marketing commission will be headed by Mr. Umar Kremlev, and Mr Di Wu, Mrs Emilia Grueva, Mr Suleiman Mikayilov, Mr Yousef Al Kazim, Mr Ray Silvas and Mr Mohamed Touma were proposed as members. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Bidding for AIBA Congress/EEC meetings and debts collection shall also be dealt with by the marketing commission and shall report at the next EEC meeting.

Mr Franco Falcinelli proposed that AIBA takes part in (FISU) competitions, Mr Umar Kremlev confirmed that boxing is already included in the program.

11. Foundation for a Better Boxing, following the departure of Mr Tom Virgets and Mr Gafur Rahimov, one replacement should be appointed to the FBB board (someone based in Switzerland). AIBA EC has the authority to appoint the members of the FBB Board. **EC appointed Rob Garea as a member of FBB, motion passed unanimously.**

12. Global Boxing Foundation, the project of Global Boxing Foundation initiated by Mr Umar Kremlev during the Global Boxing Forum 2019 in Ekaterinburg, Russia was also discussed by the EC. The idea was supported by all professional leading boxing Organizations – WBA, WBC, WBO, IBF. The objectives of this organization are to unify boxing stakeholders all around the world, including AIBA. This company will focus not only on development and collaboration between all the boxing organizations but also deal with social investments, as conducting charity events, contributing to boxing development all over the world, legal assistance to boxers and help boxing veterans.

Development programs were discussed with the creation of continental academies, Mr Franco Falcinelli proposed to create a European academy in Assisi, Italy. Mr. Di Wu proposed to build boxing academy in China and support the creation of an academy in Oceania. Continental academies will be according to AIBA requirements in term of development programs for athletes, coaches, officials and referees & judges.

13. Organization of the next EEC meeting in China will be hosted by Wu Di in Xiamen on 19 December 2019.

14. Report on AIBA financial situation, AIBA Finance director made a short introduction and he will provide more detailed information to the new marketing commission.

15. Report on WSB status, WSB SA is in a situation of over indebtedness; its bankruptcy has been deferred until March 2020 in order for it to have more time in order to cash monies due by its debtors. The newly created AIBA marketing commission will evaluate the marketing solutions for the future of WSB. The governance of WSB SA will also have to be reviewed further to the departure of Mr Tom Virgets and Mr Gafur Rahimov.

16. Clarification about Rio officials' status was discussed following the requested clarification about Rio Olympic Games, especially with the information reported by media. The R&Js used in Rio were never actually suspended by AIBA, but the exact status of those R&Js and seven 5* R&J was not so clear. It was agreed by AIBA EC to provisionally remove these officials from office until after the Special Investigation Committee concluded their report. All Rio R&Js are entitled to work for their National Federations. This means National Federations may select Rio R&Js for their continental tournaments. Any involvement at AIBA level will be with further notice.

17. Ethics and Disciplinary commissions, new appointments for the Ethics Commission need to be done as soon as possible, EC were asked to put forward candidates' proposals. In addition, AIBA DC Chair also need to be appointed. There was a question raised if AIBA will hire an Executive Director since current AIBA Statutes contain many tasks assigned for this role, especially regarding the election process.

18. Report on Men and Women AIBA World boxing championships, was briefly presented and the high standard organisation was once again applauded.

19. Closing remarks: Interim President thanked the EC members and closed the meeting.

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