



IMGA Annual General Meeting

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IMGA Board in attendance:

- Acting president: Sergey Bubka
- Board members: Kate Caithness, Marisol Casado, Denis Oswald, David Eades, Sari Essayah, Poul-Erik Hoeyer, Ser Miang Ng, Jose Perurena, Jens Holm

Apologies: John Coates, Robert Elphinston

From the Administration:

CEO - Jens Holm

Director of Sport - Samantha Hayward

Director of Marketing & Communications – Kirsty Van Peer

1. Opening of the session

The acting president Sergey Bubka welcomed the members.

Decision: No comments were made to the agenda

Declaration of interests

No declaration of interests.

2. Identification of delegates and confirmation of their authority

The acting president introduced LUMI who informed which voting delegates were present: Badminton World Federation (BWF), Fédération International de Basketball (FIBA), International Biathlon Union (IBU), International Canoe Federation (ICF), International Golf Federation (IGF), International Orienteering Federation (IOF), International Skating Union (ISU), International Tennis Federation (ITF), International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), World Baseball and Softball Confederation (WBSC), World Curling Federation (WCF), World Archery (WA), World Athletics (WA), World Rowing (WR), World Triathlon (WT), World Squash Federation (WSF)

In addition to the voting delegates, the following associate members were present: International Life Saving Federation (ILS), International Floorball Federation (IFF), International Powerlifting Association (IPF), International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF)

3. Appointment of Scrutineers

LUMI is the scrutineer.

4. Approval of the minutes from the General Assembly 2021

The acting president said the IMGA administration had received minor comments to the minutes sent on December 15th, 2021. (p. 6 of the workbook shared on 16.09.2022 2022, 07.11.2022 and with the minutes).

The vote was opened by LUMI.

Decision: The minutes were approved with 100% of the valid votes (13).

5. President's report

The acting president shared his report with the members (p.12 of the workbook shared with the minutes).

6. Update on IMGA Governance

The acting president referred to the IMGA Governance Review Recommendations document (p. 13 of the workbook shared on 16.09.2022 2022 and on 07.11.2022 and p. 17 of the workbook shared with the minutes) to explain that the recommendations that still needed to be implemented would be after the election of the new IMGA Board.

Questions:

Jean Christophe Rolland (World Rowing) reminded the members that during the meeting last year he had asked why the full report from the Governance Working Group (GWG) hadn't been shared with all the members and that the President would consult the board and decide whether to share it or not.

The President reiterated the board had decided not to disclose the full document (as explained in the letter sent to the members on December 15th, 2021).

Jean Christophe Rolland (World Rowing) asked why item 3.5.1 from the GWG report regarding the expenses policy of the IMGA didn't appear in the update.

Alex McLin answered that this item falls under the terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee (as shared in the workbook for the 2021 IMGA General Assembly) and will be treated once the issues regarding the former president, the remuneration of the CEO, compensation policies of the staff have been treated.

Jean Christophe Rolland (World Rowing) asked what the status was on item 8.4 of the IMGA Governance Review Recommendations.

Alex McLin answered that the Remuneration Committee had mandated a legal firm, as stipulated in the recommendation and received an opinion that was considered in the recommendations that have been made to the board for going forward.

The Remuneration Committee made a recommendation to the board concerning the outstanding amounts related to the former president's compensation. This issue has been decided by the board and dealt with. The discussions related to the CEO's contract are still ongoing and are on track to be finalized soon.

7. Management letter & accounts

The acting president said the IMGA administration had received no comments to the accounts (p. 21 of the workbook shared on 16.09.2022 and on 07.11.2022 and p. 25 of the workbook shared with the minutes).

Jean Christophe Rolland (World Rowing) asked for a confirmation of the number of employees of IMGA. The CEO informed the members that 2,75 full time equivalent are employed by the IMGA.

Jean Christophe Rolland (World Rowing) raised a question about the travel expenses policy - observation 4/4 on p.7 of the KPMG report - (p. 28 of the workbook shared on 16.09.2022 and on 07.11.2022 and p. 32 of the workbook shared with the minutes).

The CEO answered that the observation was made in connection with the governance review and that company credit cards had been now issued.

Previously, credit cards couldn't not be issued since the IMGA isn't registered in the Chamber of Commerce following an IMGA Board decision.

To overcome this issue, corporate credit cards were issued by establishing a security deposit.

It's the duty of the finance committee to redraft the expenses policy.

Until then, the policy approved by the Canton in 2017 will apply.

JCR would like to understand the level of expenses for 2020 and 2021 in years affected by the pandemic and Covid restrictions in terms of travel and suggests the finance committee to look into this.

The CEO suggested that to allow for more detailed answers, questions could as part of good governance be submitted prior to the meeting – which is one of the purposes of issuing the working documents two month before.

8. Approval of the accounts for 2021

The vote was opened by LUMI.

Decision: the accounts were approved with 100% of the valid votes (12).

9. Appointment of the professional auditor for 2022

The vote was opened by LUMI.

Decision: KPMG were approved as the professional auditor for 2022 with 100% of the valid votes (13).

10. Report on applications for affiliation

The acting president informed the members that there would be no vote as the International Ice Stock Federation (IFI) has withdrawn their application.



11. Elections

The CEO explained that all board members are up for elections as the four-year term has ended. The IMGGA administration has received exactly the number of applicants as there is seats. This means that none of the seats are contested.

In order to speed up the process, the CEO asks the assembly to vote for the board in three groups: the President; the members representing the IFs and the independent members.

Decisions:

The acting president Sergey Bubka was elected President with 100% of the valid votes (15).

The following members representing the International Federations (IFs) were elected with 100% of the valid votes (15):

- Catherine Caithness - World Curling Federation (WCF)
- Poul-Erik Hoeyer – Badminton World Federation (BWF)
- Prof. Dr. Ugur Erdener - World Archery (WA)
- Tom Hollowell – International Orienteering Federation (IOF)
- Petra Sörling – International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)
- Manuela Di Centa – Fédération Internationale de ski (FIS)

The following independent members were elected with 100% of the valid votes (14):

- Prof. Makoto Chogahara
- Ser Miang NG
- Sari Essayah
- Alexander R. McLin
- David Eades

The two current vice-presidents Catherine Caithness and David Eades were confirmed with 100% of the valid votes (14).

Ser Miang NG was confirmed as the board member with financial expertise with 100% of the valid votes (13).

Questions:

Zena Wooldridge asked if the elections happening all at the same time, wouldn't create some instability in the board.

Alex McLin answered that this will be considered by the new board when rewriting the IMGGA Constitution.

12. Next upcoming event Reports

The acting president introduced the host cities and opened the floor for their progress reports.

APMG 2023

The Organising Committee of the APMG 2023 in Jeollbuk-do presented their progress report to the members. (p. 82 of the workbook shared on 07.11.2022 and p. 86 of the workbook shared with the minutes).

Tom Dielen asked what the current status of entries was considering that they will be the first event held after the pandemic.

800 athletes from 23 different countries have registered so far.

WMG 2025

The Organising Committee of the WMG 2025 in Tapei City & New Taipei City presented their progress report to the members. (p. 116 of the workbook shared on 07.11.2022 and p. 120 of the workbook shared with the minutes).

No questions were asked.

EMG 2023

The Organising Committee of the EMG 2023 in Tampere presented their progress report to the members. (p. 149 of the workbook shared on 07.11.2022 and p. 153 of the workbook shared with the minutes).

No questions were asked.



WWMG 2024

The Organising Committee of the WWMG 2024 in Lombardia presented their progress report to the members. (p. 163 of the workbook shared on 07.11.2022 and p. 167 of the workbook shared with the minutes).

Alexander Kibalko asked that special medical information was shared with the athletes competing in speed skating on the Lake Palù as it's at 1900m high and could be a problem for some. Daniela De Rosa, Deputy CEO of the Organizing Committee said this would be considered.

Mr. Kibalko also asked if test events would be conducted.

Daniela De Rosa will refer to Mr. Vanoi in charge of sports and give an official answer to the ISU. But Chiesa Valmalenco, the village in which the lake is located has expressed their interest to do so.

Maria Teresa Samaranch expressed the full support of the figure skating branch of ISU towards the event.

Catherine Caithness expressed the full support of the WCF towards the event.

PANAMG 2024

The Organising Committee of the PANAMG 2024 in Cleveland presented their progress report to the members. (p. 170 of the workbook shared on 07.11.2022 and p. 174 of the workbook shared with the minutes).

13. Any other business

Tom Dielen from World Archery asked how the funds from Kansai would be treated by the auditors when auditing the 2022 accounts and what is the IMGA liability towards the future event and the impact for the finances for the future.

The CEO answered that as mentioned during the last General Assembly, all the funds have been paid by Kansai already and as according to the host city contract, there is no possibility of refund in case of cancellation. Since revenues are recorded as they come in, there is no immediate effect on the IMGA accounts.

14. Place and date of the next General Assembly

The members will be informed about the date and location of the next general assembly in due time.

Closing remarks from the President

The acting president closed the meeting by thanking everybody for their participation.