

# **IMGA Annual General Meeting**

Date: Wednesday 20 November 2024 Time: 10h00-11h15 Location: Zoom and LUMI (virtual)

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#### **IMGA Board in attendance:**

- President: Sergii Bubka
- Board members: Kate Caithness, David Eades, Sari Essayah, Poul-Erik Hoeyer, Ugur Erdener, Petra Sorling, Alex McLin, Makoto Chogahara, Manuela Di Centa, Jens Holm

Apologies: Ser Miang Ng

### From the Administration:

CEO - Jens Holm Director of Sport - Samantha Hayward Director of Marketing & Communications – Kirsty Van Peer Office Coordinator – Pamela Vipond

# 1. Opening of the session

The President, Sergii Bubka, welcomed the members.

Decision: No comments were made regarding the Agenda

#### **Declaration of interests**

No declaration of interests.

#### 2. Identification of delegates and confirmation of their authority

The President introduced LUMI who informed which voting delegates were present namely: Badminton World Federation (BWF), Fédération International de Basketball (FIBA), International Golf Federation (IGF), International Orienteering Federation (IOF), International Skating Union (ISU), International Tennis Federation (ITF), International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), World Curling Federation (WCF), World Archery (WA), World Squash Federation (WSF), International Sport Shooting Federation (ISSF), World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC), International Hockey Federation (FIH), World Rowing, World Triathlon, International Biathlon Union (IBU),

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

#### 3. Appointment of Scrutineers

LUMI is the scrutineer.

#### 4. Approval of the Minutes from the General Assembly 2023

No comments had been received by the IMGA Administration in relation to the Minutes sent on 7 December 2023 and again by email on 4 November 2024 (pages 7-10 of the 2024 workbook). LUMI opened the vote.

**Decision:** The Minutes were approved unanimously.

#### 5. President's and Board's report

The President presented his report (page 11 of the 2024 workbook sent with the minutes)

There were no questions or remarks and the President thanked the Board and all the IMGA members in attendance for their work and great contribution to a successful year.

#### 6. Accounts 2023

The CEO, Jens Holm, presented the IMGA 2023 accounts and highlighted any major changes in relation to the previous year. He recalled that the accounts had already been shared in the 2024 workbook (pages 15-21 of the workbook sent with the minutes). In response to two questions from the floor (World Archery and FIBA), the CEO remarked that the operational expenses of the IMGA Executive Office had increased. He also confirmed that the number of IMGA employees was currently 3.5.





# 7. Approval of the accounts for 2023

LUMI opened the vote.

Decision: the accounts were approved with 10 Yes votes and 1 No vote.

#### 8. Appointment of the professional auditor for 2023

The President explained that in line with Articles 25 and 34 of the IMGA constitution, the IMGA Board recommends KPMG, Switzerland, for appointment as the professional auditor for the accounts of 2024. LUMI opened the vote.

Decision: KPMG was approved unanimously as the professional auditor for 2024.

#### 9. Update on IMGA Governance

The President gave the floor to the CEO, Jens Holm to update the membership. The CEO reiterated the background to the work, which had been executed by the Governance Working Group and explained the processes and procedures that had been implemented. On top of the Governance Working Group, an additional audit had been performed by Itrustsport, which had brought a wealth of expertise and advice to the exercise.

The CEO then passed the floor to the IMGA Vice-President, Kate Caithness, who had chaired the Governance Working Group. Mrs Caithness summarised the process (details of which are included in the 2024 workbook sent with the minutes pages 26-32) and indicated that the IMGA Legal Expert, Mr. Jean-Pierre Morand was present to give any further clarifications if required.

Mr Jean-Pierre Morand proposed a small adjustment to the new Constitution: adding the words "sexual orientation" to the text in article 2. paragraph 3 of the new Constitution. (page 37 of the 2024 workbook sent with the minutes).

Mr. Tom Dielen (World Archery) wished to know if it could be specified that only IF members could forward the three candidates to the Board. Mr. Dielen was thanked for his question, which was very relevant. The necessary adjustments to the Constitution would be made.

# 10. Vote for approval of the new IMGA Constitution

LUMI opened the vote.

Decision : the new IMGA Constitution was approved with 11 Yes votes and 4 No votes.

The President thanked all the members for their confidence and support of the IMGA, and looked forward to a continued, fruitful collaboration.

# **11.Next upcoming event Reports**

The President introduced the next hosts, Taipei and New Taipei City WMG 2025 and opened the floor for their progress report. The Organising Committee of the WMG 2025 in Tapei City & New Taipei City presented their progress report to the members. (pages 54-93 of the 2024 workbook sent with the minutes).

There were no questions.

#### 12. Any other business

The President advised that Mr. Tom Hollowell had recently resigned from the IMGA Board and thanked him for his active contribution to the IMGA activities during his mandate. The President also congratulated Mr. Hollowell on his election as President of the IOF.

In addition, he was happy to announce the IMGA's intention to continue to organise workshops covering specific topics, if and when relevant and requested by Members, on the fringe of the SportAccord IF forums in Lausanne.





# 13. 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 and according to the newly adopted Constitution.

# **Closing remarks from the President**

The President closed the meeting by thanking everybody for their participation.

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