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Boxing is and has always been a large part of my life; I grew up in a boxing club while my father and his cousin managed the club. I started helping out, worked in the reception, followed by being a board member, and was the treasurer for 19 years. I am currently the president of the South Swedish Boxing Federation and a board member of the Swedish Boxing Federation. Since the IBA congress in Istanbul, I have worked closely with our federation's president, Per-Axel Sjöholm, to enhance opportunities for the Common Cause Alliance and aid in the development of the new organisation, World Boxing. I currently serve in the interim board of World Boxing and enjoy the work and possibilities we are working with. As an open-minded individual, I always listen to others thoughts and ideas, believing that we become stronger when we work as a team.

My professional career is in academia, and I work as a researcher at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Through my job, I am used to making decisions based on facts and trustworthy information. Transparency and scrutiny are key aspects of the scientific process, principles I believe should be applied to governance as well. I have a great deal of experience when it comes to communication, both from within the scientific community and with the general public. I have come to realise that this is also a key ingredient in creating a functional and fair board. By communicating the reasoning behind solutions clearly, we can uphold fairness and trust.

Boxing has meant so much for so many; ethics, fair play, and fairness are essential in all sports but even more so in boxing. All coaches and athletes are role models for future boxers, and by holding ourselves to a higher standard, we can increase the general public's trust in our sport.

I am eager to join the World Boxing board, and I believe I can make a significant difference through my extensive experience in boxing, my professional background, and unique perspective. I believe it is crucial for the future of boxing that we stay in the Olympic family, and working towards that is the most important task for the World Boxing and one which I'm happy to contribute my time.

Sincerely,

Karin Mattsson