

# Minutes of the World Boxing Inaugural Congress

**Frankfurt, Germany, Saturday 25 November 2023**

## **1. Welcome**

The Congress was opened by Prof. Dr. Jens Hadler; President of the German Boxing Association welcoming all delegates to Frankfurt for the Inaugural Congress of World Boxing.

Dr. Christoph Ehrentraut; Head of Division "International Sports Affairs" of the Federal Ministry of the Interior and for Home Affairs welcomed and made reference to the importance of the Congress and the work ahead for World Boxing.

Jens-Uwe Munker, Head of the Sports Department of the Hessian Ministry of the Interior and for Sport highlighted the history of boxing sport and the link to German sport.

Thomas Arnold, Chief Financial Officer at the German Olympic Sports Confederation, gave the support of his organisation to the development of World Boxing and hoped for a successful outcome of the Congress.

Ina Hauck, City Councillor in the Sports Department of the City of Frankfurt/Main, welcomed everyone and wished a successful Congress for all involved.

## **2. Roll Call of participants**

The country names were displayed and each country acknowledged that they were present. 26 National Federations were present: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, French Polynesia, Germany, Great Britain, Honduras, Iceland, Jamaica, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Scotland, Suriname, Sweden, USA and Wales.

## **3. Approval of Congress Agenda**

The congress Agenda was approved.

**4. Vote on approval of Full Members to World Boxing**

26 countries were presented to be full members of World Boxing. 25 valid votes were cast. 41 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions.

All 26 countries were approved as Full Members of World Boxing

**5. Vote on Associate Members to World Boxing**

One organisation, GB Boxing, was presented as an Associate member of World Boxing. 25 valid votes were cast. 41 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions.

GB Boxing was approved as an Associate Member of World Boxing

**6. Vote on Approval of World Boxing Statutes**

The drafted Statutes were presented to the Congress and subsequently the Congress was asked to vote on their approval to come into effect immediately. 25 valid votes were cast. 41 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions.

The World Boxing Statutes 2023 were approved.

**7. World Boxing activities report by Executive Board**

A summary of the activities and actions that World Boxing had completed from the inception of World Boxing until the Congress being held was presented by the World Boxing Steering Committee. There were no questions from the Congress.

**8. Report by the Secretary General**

The Secretary General presented the operational plan for World Boxing for the 2024 with particular focus on the Strategic Plan, competition calendar and the application for Olympic recognition to the International Olympic Committee. There were no questions from the Congress.

**9. 2023 Financial Report**

The financial accounts for 2023 were presented to the Congress detailing the financial operations. There were no questions from the Congress. The financial report was approved with 25 valid votes being cast. 41 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions.

#### **10. Provisional 2024 Financial Budget**

The provisional 2024 financial budget for World Boxing was presented to the Congress. There were no questions from the Congress. The provisional Financial Budget for 2024 was approved with 25 valid votes being cast. 41 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions.

#### **11. Approval of Financial Auditors**

Fidurev S.A from Assen, Switzerland was proposed as the World Boxing financial Auditors for the coming period. There were no questions from the Congress regarding Fidurev appointment. Fidurev S.A. was approved as the World Boxing financial auditors with 25 valid votes being cast. 41 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions.

#### **12. Approval of the Competition Rules**

The World Boxing Competition rules were presented to the Congress. There were no questions from the Congress. The Congress was asked that the Executive Board could approve the final version of the Competition Rules in early 2024 as some final rules needed to be drafted. The Congress voted to approve the Competition rules and give the Executive Board the authority to finalise the document in early 2024. 25 valid votes were cast. 41 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions.

#### **13. Presentation of World Boxing Strategic Plan**

The World Boxing Strategic Plan 2023-2028 was presented to the Congress. There were no questions from the Congress. The Strategic Plan would be made into a public document for the organisation and made available on the World Boxing website and sent to all members. The Congress voted on the approval of the World Boxing Strategic Plan 2023-2028. 25 valid votes were cast. 41 votes in favour, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions.

#### **14. World Boxing Elections**

There were 25 valid votes for each election held.

##### **- President (1 position)**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Elise Seignolle (USA)     | 15 votes (36.59%) |
| Boris Van der Vorst (NED) | 26 votes (63.41%) |
| No abstentions            |                   |

Boris van der Vorst was elected President of World Boxing

**- Vice Presidents (3 positions)**

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Ryan O'Shea (CAN)                | 33 votes (80.49%) |
| Matt Holt (GBR)                  | 28 votes (68.29%) |
| Dinah Glykidas (AUS)             | 22 votes (53.66%) |
| Marketa Voshoska Haindlova (CZE) | 12 votes (29.27%) |
| Per Axel Sjöholm (SWE)           | 10 votes (24.39%) |
| Dhany Reyes (HON)                | 5 votes (12.20%)  |
| Karin Mattsson (SWE)             | 5 votes (12.20%)  |
| Tomas Cianca Batista (PAN)       | 2 votes (4.88%)   |
| Abstentions                      | 2 votes (4.88%)   |

Ryan O'Shea (CAN), Matt Holt (GBR) and Dinah Glykidas (AUS) were elected as Vice Presidents for World Boxing.

**- Executive Board Members (4 positions)**

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Michael Muller (GER)             | 27 votes (65.85%) |
| Victorico Vargas (PHI)           | 23 votes (56.10%) |
| Susanne Karrlander (SWE)         | 20 votes (48.78%) |
| Marcos Candido de Brito (BRA)    | 20 votes (48.78%) |
| Dhany Reyes (HON)                | 17 votes (41.46%) |
| Marketa Voshoska Haindlova (CZE) | 16 votes (39.02%) |
| Per Axel Sjöholm (SWE)           | 14 votes (34.15%) |
| Phillip Goodes (AUS)             | 9 votes (21.95%)  |
| Tomas Cianca Batista (PAN)       | 8 votes (19.51%)  |
| Abstentions                      | 2 votes (4.88%)   |

Michael Muller (GER), Victorico Vargas (PHI), Susanne Karrlander (SWE) and Marcos Candido de Brito (BRA) were elected as Executive Board members for World Boxing.

**- Sport and Competition Committee Chair (1 position)**

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Wayne Rose (AUS)   | 18 votes (43.90%) |
| Hernan Salvo (ARG) | 23 votes (56.10%) |
| No abstentions     |                   |

Hernan Salvo (ARG) was elected as Chair of the Sport and Competition Committee.

**- Medical and Anti-Doping Committee Chair (1 position)**

1<sup>st</sup> round

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Dr. Angelika Fischer (GER) | 2 votes (4.88%)   |
| Dr. Mike Loosemore (GBR)   | 9 votes (21.95%)  |
| Dr. David Donagh (NOR)     | 12 votes (29.27%) |
| Dr. Armando Sanchez (USA)  | 18 votes (43.90%) |
| Dr. Peter Stickler (AUS)   | 0 votes (0%)      |
| Dr. Kien Trinh (CAN)       | 0 votes (0%)      |
| No abstentions             |                   |

Dr. Peter Stickler (AUS) and Dr. Kien Trinh (CAN) were removed from the next round of elections

2<sup>nd</sup> round

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Dr. Angelika Fischer (GER) | 2 votes (4.88%)   |
| Dr. Mike Loosemore (GBR)   | 7 votes (17.07%)  |
| Dr. David Donagh (NOR)     | 14 votes (34.15%) |
| Dr. Armando Sanchez (USA)  | 18 votes (43.90%) |
| No abstentions             |                   |

Dr Angelika Fischer (GER) was removed from the next round of elections

3<sup>rd</sup> round

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Dr. Mike Loosemore (GBR)  | 9 votes (21.95%)  |
| Dr. David Donagh (NOR)    | 14 votes (34.15%) |
| Dr. Armando Sanchez (USA) | 18 votes (43.90%) |
| No abstentions            |                   |

Dr Mike Loosemore (GBR) was removed from the next round of elections.

4<sup>th</sup> round

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Dr. David Donagh (NOR)    | 19 votes (46.34%) |
| Dr. Armando Sanchez (USA) | 22 votes (53.66%) |
| No abstentions            |                   |

Dr Armando was elected as the Chair of the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee.

**- Audit and Finance Committee Chair (1 position)**

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Julia Felton (AUS) | 37 votes (90.24%) |
| Abstentions        | 4 votes (9.76%)   |

Julia Felton (AUS) was elected as the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee.

**15. Speech of the newly elected World Boxing President**

Boris van der Vorst (NED) thanked his family, the interim Executive Board, Netherlands boxing, all the national federations and the Congress members for their support. He also thanked all candidates for the elections for taking part and wanting to be part of World Boxing. It was time for World Boxing to come together, work together as there was much work to complete with the objective of keeping boxing in the Olympic Games. He looked forward to working with the new Executive Board to progress the work of World Boxing.

**16. Next World Boxing Congress**

The next Congress location and dates were to be announced shortly by the Executive Board for 2024.

**17. Any other business**

There was no other business and the Congress was closed.