

**INTERNATIONAL SURFING ASSOCIATION  
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 22, 2021 2:00 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Fernando Aguerre	President
Karin Sierralta	ISA Vice President
Barbara Kendall	ISA Vice President
Casper Steinfath	ISA Vice President
Kirsty Coventry	ISA Vice President
Jean-Luc Arassus	ISA Regular EC Member
Atsushi Sakai	ISA Regular EC Member (attending as representative for Japan)
Justine Dupont	ISA Athletes' Commission Chair
Erik Krammer	ISA Technical Director

**ISA STAFF:**

Robert Fasulo	Executive Director
Alex Reynolds	Membership and Development Manager
Megan Burns	Membership and Sport Manager
Claudia Alvarez	Finance and Administration Manager
Harrison Robbs	Event Operations Manager
Federico Ferroni	Marketing and Media Manager
Sarah Hillier	Membership and Events Coordinator

**GUESTS:**

JJ Hiew	Co-Founder, GetQuorum
Sandra Curley-Fildes	Recording Secretary, Minutes Solutions

**1. OPENING BY ISA PRESIDENT**

The meeting was called to order by Executive Director Robert Fasulo at 2:06 p.m.

Fernando Aguerre provided opening remarks and welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Robert Fasulo took the roll call. Present were representatives, either in person or by valid proxy, from (43) voting ISA National Federations (NFs): Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Japan, Maldives, Morocco, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia, Senegal, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United States, U.S. Virgin Islands, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela.

### 3. **PROXIES**

The following proxies were submitted, accepted, and in attendance: Belgium, Costa Rica, Fiji, France, Germany, and Poland.

In attendance without proxies were representatives from: Algeria, American Samoa, Angola, Barbados, England, Hawaii, Italy, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mongolia, Norway, Oceania, Scotland, Slovakia, Tahiti, The Gambia, Ukraine, Wales.

### 4. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were recorded.

### 5. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

Fernando Aguerre asked the representatives present if they wished to make any corrections to the minutes of the annual general meeting held on September 10, 2019, which were included in the AGM package. No amendments were noted.

**On a motion made by Venezuela, seconded by Argentina, it was resolved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the annual general meeting held on September 10, 2019, and adopt them as presented. Motion carried.**

### 6. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Fernando Aguerre provided a report on upcoming events and initiatives of the ISA. Items requiring elaboration are summarized below.

#### **Olympic Relations**

**Paris 2024:** Fernando Aguerre reported that the ISA is still in negotiations with the Olympic Committee regarding the number of athletes to participate in the Paris Olympics.

Fernando Aguerre noted that the qualifying event for the Paris Olympics, the 2023 World Surfing Games, is still under consideration and will hopefully be held in El Salvador. Currently, no host has been selected for the 2024 World Surfing Games.

**Stand Up Paddle (SUP):** It was reported that the SUP World Championships will not be related to the Olympic Games. Stand up racing and surfing, as well as long board and short board will compete at the next Pan American games, and the ISA is investigating qualifying events for SUP for the Pan American as well as other continental games.

Fernando Aguerre reported the IOC has committed to the inclusion of SUP for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic games. The ISA will also pursue the possibility of including long board in the 2028 games.

#### **Question and Answer Session**

**Costa Rica** asked for information regarding bodyboarding championships and the possibility of inclusion of the sport in the Olympic Games.

**Fernando Aguerre** responded that prior to approaching the IOC, more championships and the inclusion of bodyboarding in the Pan American Games would be necessary.

**Australia** asked when the process for the 2024 Games would be completed.

**Fernando Aguerre** noted that qualifications must be approved by the IOC. **Robert Fasulo** added that this should be complete by February 2022.

**Czech Republic** inquired about the next World SUP Championship.

**Fernando Aguerre** responded that the official host country for the 2022 World SUP Championship will be announced shortly.

**Thailand** asked who they should speak to regarding hosting a SUP championship.

**Fernando Aguerre** replied that they should contact the ISA.

**Virgin Islands** asked if the dates were set for the ISA World Games.

**Fernando Aguerre** responded that the dates are in negotiation and will be announced before the end of 2021.

**Uruguay** inquired about the possibility of organizing one or more regional championships.

**Fernando Aguerre** responded that countries could certainly organize regional competitions and should correspond with the Pan American and South American Games regarding this issue.

**Senegal** reported that they are hosting the Youth Olympic Games in 2022.

**Kirsty Coventry** reported on the current progress in organization for the Senegal Youth Olympic Games. There is a follow up meeting on this topic at the end of November, 2021, and Kirsty Coventry will update the representatives following this meeting.

**Costa Rica** asked for further information regarding bodyboarding events.

**Fernando Aguerre** responded that as the ISA is an Olympic Federation, they will be proposing more events including bodyboarding to the Olympic Committee. World qualifying events will need to be established to this end.

## 7. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### ISA Staff Structure

Robert Fasulo reported on the staff structure of the ISA. The organization is pleased to welcome the new marketing manager, Federico Ferroni.

### Financial Statements

Due to COVID-19, 2020 was a challenging year financially as much of the ISA's revenue is derived from events. The majority of the income for 2020 was received from IOC support in the form of a grant. The audited financials have been distributed to all members and are published online. Federico Ferroni reported that the organization ended 2020 with a net income of \$575,000. The IOC has requested that the ISA establish a reserve fund equivalent of three years' operating expenses. As events resume, the ISA expects income levels to return to previous levels.

### **Question and Answer Session**

**Sweden** asked why the income from the Olympic Committee was not distributed to country federations.

**Fernando Aguerre** responded that the ISA does not distribute money to federations in the normal course of operations. It was also noted that the IOC contribution was intended for two years of operating expenses.

## **8. AMENDMENTS TO THE ISA CONSTITUTION**

Fernando Aguerre reviewed the proposed amendments to Articles 3.i, 6.c.ii, 6.d, 6.e, 7.c, 8.g, 9.a.v, and 9.a.x of the ISA Constitution.

### **Question and Answer Session**

**Dominican Republic** inquired regarding the proposed changes to Article 3.i of the constitution and how they would be enforced in individual countries.

**Fernando Aguerre** responded that the values represented in Article 3.i are those of the surfing federations and may not always be reflected in the larger population of a country.

**Spain** asked whether environmental protection could be included as a goal of the ISA in Article 3.1.

**Fernando Aguerre** noted that this is reflected elsewhere in the constitution.

**On a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved to approve the proposed amendments to the constitution. Motion carried.**

## **9. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

There were three positions on the Executive Committee for election:

- Vice President currently held by Kirsty Coventry (ZIM)
- Vice President currently held by Karin Sierralta (PER)
- Regular Executive Committee Member currently held by Atsushi Sakai (JPN)

Consideration was given to those candidates whose CVs the ISA received by November 8, 2021.

### **Vice President**

The candidates for the two Vice President positions were:

- Kirsty Coventry (ZIM)
- Karin Sierralta (PER)
- Joe Wilson (ASA)

The floor was given to the candidates to address those in attendance.

On the first vote, no majority was reached. A second vote was taken between candidates Kirsty Coventry (ZIM) and Karin Sierralta (PER).

For the position of Vice President, Kirsty Coventry was elected.

A vote was held for second position of Vice President between candidates Karin Sierralta and Joe Wilson

For the position of Vice President, Karin Sierralta was elected.

### **Regular Member**

The candidates for the position of Regular Member were Joe Wilson (ASA) and Kimifumi Imoto (JPN).

Following the vote, Kimifumi Imoto (JPN) was elected to the position of Regular Member.

## **10. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

### **Status of Applying Members**

**New Members:** The federation from Ukraine, Ukrainian Surfing Federation, have been recommended for approval as ISA member.

**Membership Transfers:** The Algerian Club Des Sports De Glisse (CSG) has been recommended for approval as a transfer from a previous federation membership.

**On a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved to approve the membership recommendations. Motion carried.**

## **11. MEMBERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

### **Gender Equality**

Megan Burns reported on the changes the ISA has made to encourage the promotion of gender equality.

### **Athletes Commission**

It was reported that this position was formerly an appointed one but now will be elected by peers.

### **NF Development Support**

Alex Reynolds reported on the membership and development departmental support. It was noted that NOC recognition will facilitate more development support for the sport. Alex Reynolds advised that federations should reach out regarding coaching.

### **ISA Lineup and ISA Source**

ISA Lineup is a new event registration tool. This has been piloted at several events and will be used for all events in the future. ISA Source is the ISA's new learning management system which will act as an educational hub for courses and judges. Full roll-out of ISA Source is expected in 2022.

## **Development Programs**

It was reported that development programs have been occurring online and will now occur in person, where possible.

## **Para Surfing**

The World Para Surfing Championship will be held in Pismo Beach December 6 to 11, 2021. It was recommended that National Federations work towards adopting Para Surfing and support the development of the sport.

## **Question and Answer Session**

**Dominican Republic** inquired regarding the ISA's guidelines on the participation of transgender athletes.

**Robert Fasulo** responded that the position of the ISA reflects that of the Olympic Committee. The ISA will communicate the position to all members.

## **12. RULEBOOK CHANGES**

It was noted that all members have received the rulebook changes in writing.

## **13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Fernando Aguerre announced that the SUP World Championship will be in Puerto Rico in 2022.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion duly made and seconded it was agreed that there was no further business of the Association to transact; the meeting was closed at 5:06 p.m.**

## **DISCLAIMER**

The above minutes of the annual general meeting should be used as a summary of the motions passed and issues discussed at the meeting of International Surfing Association. This document shall not be considered to be a verbatim copy of every word spoken at the meeting.

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