



2018 ISA Annual General Meeting
DATE: Sunday, 16 September, 2018
TIME: 7:00pm -8:45pm
PLACE: Irago Sea Park Hotel, Tahara JAPAN

MINUTES

1. OPENING BY THE ISA PRESIDENT

The meeting was called to order by the ISA President, Fernando Aguerre, at 7:00pm. Executive Committee members in attendance included Barbara Kendall, Karin Sierralta, Marcos Bukão and Robert Fasulo. ISA Staff in attendance included Claudia Alvarez, Megan Burns, Alex Reynolds, Travis Rivers, Harrison Robbs and Evan Quarnstrom.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. The ISA Executive Director took the roll call. Present were representatives, either in person or by valid proxy, from (22) voting ISA Member Federations: Afghanistan, Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, France, Greece, Iran, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, United States and U.S. Virgin Islands.
- b. Also present was (1) representative from the ISA Recognized Organizations, Pan American Surfing Association.

3. PROXIES

Note: A proxy for a person to attend must be submitted in writing, in a document signed by the head of the NF not in attendance. Original document must be submitted to the ISA before the meeting commencement.

- a. The following (5) proxies were submitted, accepted and in attendance: Australia, Chile, Italy, New Zealand, and South Africa.
- b. In attendance without proxies were (6) representatives from: Barbados, Germany, Great Britain, Indonesia, Hungary and the Philippines.

4. APOLOGIES

- a. No apologies were received.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The ISA President called for an approval of the Minutes from the last AGM on May 23, 2017, in Biarritz, France.

- a. No discussion, none opposed. MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The ISA President provided a wide-ranging report on the ISA's 2018 state of affairs and the future ahead in the lead up to Surfing's debut in the Olympic Games. He provided updates on:

a. Olympic Relations

- i. Pan Am Games - Lima 2019
- ii. ANOC World Beach Games 2019
- iii. Tokyo 2020
 1. Qualification
 2. Specialized Clothing & Equipment
- iv. Paris 2024 / Los Angeles 2028

In response to a comment from Chinese Taipei, the President assured Members of the ISA's interest for future Olympic inclusion of additional ISA disciplines and reiterated the importance of a successful delivery of Surfing's debut in Tokyo 2020.

b. ISA/WSL Relations

In response to a question from Afghanistan, the President confirmed the eligibility requirements of WSL athletes to compete in the 2019 and 2020 WSG. Each National Federation with surfers represented on the World Championship Tour (WCT) must nominate their top ranked CT surfers (up to three men, up to three women), for the WSG. USA expressed concern that WSL may not understand qualification rules. The President assured all Members that the ISA had been able to recently clarify and update the WSL on the eligibility requirements and that the WSL was fully informed.

c. Stand Up Paddle (SUP)

The President updated Members on ongoing dispute with the International Canoe Federation (ICF) over the governance of StandUp Paddle (SUP), the recent SUP exclusivity ruling in Portugal and the process leading up to the Court of Arbitration for Sport's (CAS) Arbitration.

d. Highlights of 2014-2018 President's Mandate

The President reviewed the key milestones and achievements of the last four years:

- i. 2014: 8th year re-election of ISA President and election of Barbara Kendall (NZL) and Casper Steinfath (DEN).
- ii. 2015: Yearlong celebration of ISA's 50th Anniversary; SUP & Surfing included in PanAm Games and World Beach Games; first ever World Adaptive Surfing Championship; Surfing shortlisted for Tokyo2020.
- iii. 2016: Appointment of new Executive Director, Bob Fasulo; welcome to Iran as 100th ISA Member Nation; recognition by International Paralympic Committee; Surfing's historical Olympic Inclusion; ISA reaches milestone of more than 300 scholarship programs awarded
- iv. 2017: SIMA Award; WSUPPC in Europe for first time; Surfing with the IPC Vice President, Duane Kane; landmark agreement with WSL; record participation for ISA Championships
- v. 2018: WSUPPC in Asia for first time; Qualification process for Tokyo 2020 approved; Surfing reconfirmed in PanAm Games Santiago 2023; Gender equality across all ISA events; launch of ISA highlights programs; growth of Development Programs

7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The ISA Executive Director provided an overview of the organization including:

- a. ISA Staff structure as of September 1, 2018
- b. Audited Financial Statements for periods ending December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017. He underlined the fact that these independent audit reports had been sent to all the ISA Members and was an important part of the ISA's role as an Olympic Federation.
- c. Revenues and Expenses by Category for 2017. He briefly reviewed the breakdown in revenues vs. expenses, highlighting the importance of Event income as part of the organization's financial stability.

In response to questions from the members, the President and Executive Director underlined:

- a. The importance that Surfing brings to the Olympic Movement.
- b. River Surfing is surfing and as such, should be considered a discipline of the ISA.
- c. The importance of the opportunity to include surfing in the 2022 Youth Olympic Games in Senegal, as the first ever African host. The Senegal NF was encouraged to contact their NOC and to actively promote this opportunity.
- d. For events serving as official Qualifying Events for Games related to the Olympic Movement (for example, Continental, Olympic or other multi-sport), surfers may only represent an ISA Member from territories with representation of a National Olympic Committee (NOC). NF's without NOC representation will not be allowed to participate in Qualifying Events and will be subject to selection for the National Team with NOC recognition of their territory.

8. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

- a. Status of NF Applying Members (recommended by EC for approval as Applying members)
 - i. New Member: Angola (FADEN)
 - ii. Surfing Federation of Sri Lanka (Change from Arugam Bay Access For All)
 - iii. Cape Verde Surfing Federation (Change from Skibo Surf Club)
 - iv. Motion to vote by ISA President:
 1. No discussion, none opposed, no abstentions. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ANGOLA AND CHANGES FOR SRI LANKA AND CAPE VERDE

9. MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The ISA Membership & Development (M&D) team reiterated support to NF's starting from a grass-roots level all the way to High-Performance; the importance of annual membership reporting, the upcoming announcement of the 2018 Scholarship Program ambassadors; and the newly elected Athlete's Commission.

The M&D team reviewed the application process and obligations of Recognized Continental Association Obligations and encouraged Members to meet amongst their region.



M&D reminded the membership of the importance of the IOC's Olympic Solidarity program and the opportunities for NFs to work with through their NOC to potentially secure athlete scholarships, Coaching and Development Programs and promotion of Olympic Programs.

M&D also provided an update on the ISA's education and development objectives and plans, and highlighted the growth of the Coaching, Judging and Water Safety programs.

An update on Adaptive Surfing was shared, specifically noting that the ISA had not met the IPC benchmark of 32 countries actively participating for consideration of Paralympic inclusion in Paris 2024, the ISA being currently at 26. The team encouraged NF's to adopt Adaptive Surfing as a discipline, run Adaptive competitions or include Adaptive division in existing national championships, as well as participate in ISA World Championships.

10. REPORT BY THE TOKYO 2020 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES

The ISA President was pleased and honored to welcome Mr. Kimifumi IMOTO, the Tokyo2020 Sport Manager for Surfing.

Mr. IMOTO informed members on:

- a. Tokyo 2020 Venue Overview: Heritage Zone vs. Tokyo Bay Zone
- b. Surfing Venue set for Tsurigasaki Beach, located 95 km from Olympic Village or 1.5 hours in bus.
- c. Competition Schedule programmed from Sunday, 26 July to Sunday, 2 August, 2020.
- d. Surfing Festival to be held during the same schedule as competition.

In response to Olympic venue question from New Zealand, President reiterated the decision from Tokyo2020, the IOC and the ISA that Surfing's venue is in the ocean with a beach festival to last 8 days, with up to 15 contingency days.

11. REPORT ON RULEBOOK CHANGES

The ISA President reminded the AGM that changes had been made to the Rule Book by the ISA Executive Committee on recommendations from the ISA Technical Committee and that these changes had been circulated to all the Members on September 3, 2018

There were no further comments from the Members.

12. CHANGES TO THE ISA CONSTITUTION

The ISA President explained the importance for the ISA of having a modern, compliant constitution in line with Olympic standards. He reminded the membership that the ISA Executive Committee had approved and circulated a new draft ISA Constitution that was circulated to Members on September 3, 2018.

Among the highlighted changes was the recommendation to expand the Executive Committee to include (2) new Regular EC Member positions and (1) position for the Chair of the Athletes Commission. Members were reminded that the first Athlete Commission Chair, Justine Dupont (FRA), was appointed by the EC, and would be up for election by her peers at end of four-year term. Election of open EC positions to take place during the BGM.



Motion to vote by ISA President:

- i. No discussion, none opposed, no abstentions. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE NEW ISA CONSTITUTION.

13. CLOSING

The ISA President called to close the meeting. Following motions by NZL and FRA, and there being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

The entire presentation made during the AGM is available on the link here:

http://www.isasurf.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2018/12/AGM-BGM_2018-09-16-18.pdf



2018 ISA Biennial General Meeting
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MINUTES

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2. **ROLL CALL**

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4. **APOLOGIES**

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5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The ISA President called for approval of the Minutes from the last BGM on September 22, 2016 in the Azores, Portugal

- a. Motion to approve was made by Spain.
- b. Motion to approve was seconded by Portugal.
- c. No discussion, none opposed. MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The ISA President pointed out that his full report has already been presented at the ISA AGM a few minutes earlier.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The ISA President pointed out that the full Executive Director report had already been presented at the ISA AGM a few minutes earlier.

8. CONFIRMATION OF THE QUORUM

The ISA President pointed out that quorum had been confirmed during the AGM a few minutes earlier.

9. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ISA

NOTE: Newly elected Officers are to take office after the end of the Event (2018 UR ISA World Surfing Games).

- a. 2018 Open Positions for elections:
 - i. President currently held by Fernando Aguerre (ARG/USA)
 - ii. Vice President currently held by Barbara Kendall (NZL)
 - iii. Vice President currently held by Casper Steinfath (DEN)
 - iv. 2 New Regular EC Members (Following the approval of the new ISA Constitution at the AGM)
- b. Only individuals whose CVs were received by ISA Headquarters by the deadline of August 16, 2018 were included and eligible for election into the Executive Committee.
- c. CVs received from the following:
 - i. Fernando Aguerre (ARG/USA) for President
 - ii. Barbara Kendall (NZL) for Vice President
 - iii. Casper Steinfath (DEN) for Vice President
 - iv. Jean-Luc Arassus (FRA) for Regular Member (Group 1)
 - v. Atsushi Sakai (JPN) for Regular Member (Group 2)
- d. Motion to vote by ISA President:
 - o No discussion, none opposed, no abstentions. THERE BEING SAME NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AS POSITIONS, THE EC MEMBERS WERE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.
 - o Acknowledgements from Jean-Luc Arassus, Atsushi Sakai and Casper Steinfath, via pre-recorded video.

10. ISA SANCTIONED EVENTS

The ISA President reminded Members of the confirmed 2018 World Championships; he said the ISA continued to be interested in hosting the WMSC and WLSC in 2019 conditional upon finding good hosts, which was always a challenge. He encouraged Members to support the organization by hosting events around the world.

In response to a question from Senegal, the Executive Director encouraged the Senegal Surfing Federation to reach out to their NOC and to push for the inclusion of surfing in the 2022 Youth Olympic Games Program. He also acknowledged the work being done to create and promote the African Surfing Confederation and encouraged further development and dialogue with the ISA on this important initiative.



11. CLOSING

There being no further business, the ISA President called to adjourn the meeting: Following motions by USA and Spain, and there being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.