



2019 ISA Annual General Meeting

DATE: Sunday, 10 September 2019

TIME: 6:30pm -8:45pm

PLACE: ANA Holiday Inn Resort, Miyazaki JAPAN

MINUTES

1. OPENING BY THE ISA PRESIDENT

The meeting was called to order by the ISA President, Fernando Aguerre, at 6:39pm. Executive Committee members in attendance included Jean Luc Arassus, Justine Dupont, Barbara Kendall, Karin Sierralta, Atsushi Sakai and Robert Fasulo. ISA Staff in attendance included Claudia Alvarez, Megan Burns, and Alex Reynolds. Also in attendance, ISA Technical Committee members Erik Krammer and Marcos Bukao.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. The ISA Executive Director took the roll call. Present were representatives, either in person or by valid proxy, from (30) voting ISA National Federations (NFs): Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Fiji, France, Germany, Greece, Guam, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Maldives, New Zealand, Philippines, Portugal, Russia, Senegal, South Korea, 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 (9) proxies were submitted, accepted and in attendance: Argentina, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Fiji, Germany, Guam, New Zealand, and Philippines.
- b. In attendance without proxies were (7) representatives from: American Samoa, Barbados, Great Britain, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands and Thailand.

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 September 16, 2018, in Tahara, Japan.

- 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, Santiago 2023
- ii. ANOC World Beach Games 2019
- iii. Tokyo 2020
 1. Qualification
 2. Eligibility and Nomination Requirements
 3. Rule 50 – Sport Specific Guidelines
 4. Format
 5. Report from the Surfing Sport Manager, Tokyo 2020
- iv. Paris 2024 / Los Angeles 2028

In response to a question from USA, the Executive Director confirmed the Rule 50 guidelines shared with the membership are a Draft and will be released in the coming weeks.

Kimifumi Imoto, Surfing Sports Manager for Tokyo 2020, gave an overview of the Venue location, overlay plan, competition schedule, transportation and additional accommodation options.

In response to a question from USA, the President reiterated interest and ambition for more athletes to compete in future editions of the Olympic Games, and for more medals to be awarded to other disciplines of Surfing in future Games.

b. ISA/WSL Relations

The President updated NFs on WSL relations including anti-doping testing for CT surfers, participation of WSL athletes at World Surfing Games, and participation of CT Judges in ISA World Surfing Games and in the Tokyo 2020 Games.

c. Stand Up Paddle (SUP)

The President updated NFs on ongoing dispute with the International Canoe Federation (ICF) over the governance of StandUp Paddle (SUP), and the process leading up to the Court of Arbitration for Sport's (CAS) Arbitration. Both the President and Executive Director will be participating in formal CAS procedure in October 2019 in Lausanne to present the ISA's case before the court and seek a resolution.

The President shared that the announcement for 2019 WSUPPC host nation would be made in the next 10 days for an event in the last week of November.

In response to a comment from Guam on safety at the Tokyo 2020 Games, the President reassured that storm safety as well as heat wave concerns will be addressed by the Tokyo 2020 organizers.

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, 2019.
- b. Audited Financial Statements for periods ending December 31, 2018. He underlined the fact that these independent audit reports had been sent to all the ISA Members in advance in accordance with the principles of good governance as an Olympic Federation.
- c. Revenues and Expenses by Category for 2018. He briefly reviewed the breakdown in revenues vs. expenses, highlighting the health of the ISA, the conservative approach to expenses and the minimal revenue received directly from Members.

8. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

- a. Status of NF Applying Members (recommended by EC for approval as Applying members)

- i. New Members:

1. American Samoa – American Samoa Surfing Association
 2. Oman – Oman Surfing Association
 3. Mongolia – Mongolian Surfing Federation
 4. Myanmar – Myanmar Yachting Federation

Motion to vote by ISA President:

No discussion, none opposed, no abstentions. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ALL FOUR MEMBERS.

- ii. Recognized Continental Association

1. Asia – Asian Surfing Federation
 2. Europe – European Surfing Federation
 3. Oceania – Oceania Surfing Federation
 4. America – Pan American Surfing Association

Motion to Vote by ISA President:

No discussion, none opposed, no abstentions. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ALL FOUR MEMBERS.

- iii. Membership Transfer

5. Malaysia – Surfing Association to Persatuan Luncur Ombak Malaysia (PLOM)

Motion to Vote by ISA President:

No discussion, none opposed, no abstentions. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER.

In response to question from Canada, the President clarified the objective of the Recognized Continental Associations.

In response to question from Senegal on biannual World Championships, the President assured that annual events are a vital part of the ISA's revenues. Further clarification was made that eventual Olympic funding would support the organization of a full World Championship schedule.

9. MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Athletes' Commission
- b. Gender Equality
- c. Anti-Doping
 - i. International Testing Agency (ITA)
 - ii. Agreement with WSL
 - iii. Road to Tokyo 2020 and beyond
- d. Sustainability
- e. ISA Membership Support
 - i. NF/NOC relations
 - ii. Annual Membership Reporting
 - iii. ISA Individual Scholarship Program
- f. ISA Recognized Continental Association
 - i. Recognized Continental Association Obligations
- g. Development Update
 - i. Coaching and Judging
 - ii. Water Safety and ILS Partnership
 - iii. Olympic Solidarity
 - iv. Adaptive Surfing

In response to question from Afghanistan, Chair of Athletes' Commission clarified contact information can be made available through the ISA.

ITA Officer and Education Manager, Olya Abasolo, presented the objectives of the ITA, the relationship with WADA, the ongoing partnership with the ISA and WSL, and shared practical information on the road to Tokyo. ITA encouraged NFs to bring any questions to her attention during her time on site at the Athlete Lounge.

In response to a comment from Canada on technology to track athlete's whereabouts, ITA reiterated ADAMS and whereabouts system is used by all athletes around the world, is mandated by WADA, and can be accessed through a log-in while traveling.

The ISA Membership & Development (M&D) team reiterated support to NFs 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 ISA Athletes' Commission.

M&D reminded the NFs of the availability of the IOC's Olympic Solidarity program since becoming an Olympic Sport and the opportunities for NFs to work with their NOC for athlete development, coach training and the promotion of Olympic ideals.

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 the need to increase the number of widely and regularly practicing countries in order to meet IPC benchmark of 32 for consideration of future Paralympic inclusion. The team outlined the ISA's actions to develop adaptive surfing at an international level and 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 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 NFs on June 6, 2019.

There were no further comments from the NFs.

11. CLOSING

The ISA President called to close the meeting. There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

The entire presentation made during the AGM is available on the link here:
https://isasurf.org/downloads/AGM_2019_Presentation_final.pdf