To all WTBA member federations

Presidency nominees’ joint letter
The two nominees for the position as World Bowling/WTBA President – Kevin Dornberger and Sheikh Talal Mohammad Al-Sabah – have in a joint letter expressed how they want to work together for the best of our sport. See the attached letter.

2015 WTBA Congress


The agenda and the documents for FIQ Congress is also be available on the website

The Congress Bulletin was distributed September 29.
The Bulletin and all forms are available on 2015 WWC website http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org/information/

If your federation has not registered to participate - Please send your registrations to participate at the two Congresses soonest.

Proxies must be received by the Secretary General latest 8 days before the Congress.

African Zone formation meeting on December 14
All current and potential members located within Africa are invited to participate in an organization meeting whose purpose will be to start an African Zone of World Bowling/WTBA. The meeting is scheduled to December 14 at 18.00

Seminars on December 14
December 14 the Executive Boards of FIQ and WTBA will have meetings. At the same time we will organize two seminars for all representatives from the federations who want to attend. You are all welcome!
13.00 – 14.00 Lane inspection and Technical Delegate issues – Marios Nicolaides
14.30 – 15.30 Building a better federation – Dave Steiner

Coaching Clinic on December 14
All current and potential members located within Africa, as well as the Gulf Region, are invited to attend a coach clinic designed to assist federations to establish a national coaching program. The presenter will be Kim Terrell Kearney, Team USA Coach and one of the few female Gold coaches.

Seminar on December 17
09:00 – 17:00 Referee certification clinic – Danny Santos

Seminar on December 17-19
09:00 - 17:00 Technical inspector certification clinic - Marios Nicolaides
2015 World Women Championships (WWC)
2015 WWC will be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE December 5 – 14, 2015.

29 countries have registered to participate. We can accept some more registrations in case your federation has missed to register.

Adjusted schedule
Because of the number of participants is lower than expected some adjustments in the schedule has been done. You find the adjusted schedule on WWC website.

Follow the WWC on internet
You find all information about the event on WWC website http://2015wwc.worldbowling.org/
All results, statistics and information about participants will be presented there.

You can also follow the championships by online scoring and live streaming. The links will be published on WWC website when the event starts.

World ranking
WBT ranking is updated on World Bowling website www.worldbowling.org/athletes/rankings/

Top-10 in the two divisions are as follows:

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Next WBT events are Qatar Open, Kingdom International Open Saudi Arabia and 2015 WWC.
TO: WTBA EXECUTIVE BOARD, WTBA SECRETARY GENERAL
AND MEMBER FEDERATIONS

RH: FUTURE OF WORLD BOWLING

DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Dear Colleagues and Friends in BOWLING

2015 has been a very busy year for WTBA/World Bowling. The good news was that bowling was selected by the 2020 Tokyo Organizing Committee for the shortlist for additional sports to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. In the end we were not selected among the final list of proposed additional sports to the IOC. Throughout the selection and review process we underwent an exhaustive examination of our sport's current strengths and weaknesses, as well as our ability to showcase our events at the highest level. We have received public and private feedback as a result of the process, and we believe these would be valuable in shaping the future course of our sport.

You are certainly aware that there would be an election for WTBA/World Bowling President scheduled for December 15-16 during our Congress in Abu Dhabi. You are also aware that we are the only two candidates for that position within the statutory time frame. Over the past several months we have had several discussions regarding the best way to forge a path for greatness of our sport and our organization. We agree completely that the entire bowling community must become united in our efforts: Zones, federations and the bowling industry. We could only achieve our maximum potential by combining and targeting our resources on our primary goals, which include:

1. Making our sport more appealing to youth through promoting our sport in schools and youth in the community.

2. Increasing our television coverage and spectator appeal.

3. Successful solicitation of more commercial sponsors and partners outside the bowling industry.

4. Ensuring that we are perceived to the public as having elite athletes besides recreational bowlers.
5. Assisting and encouraging all federations to develop better relationships with their NOCs and Government Ministry of Sport through upgrading the management of the federation and development programs.

We have reached the conclusion that this could only be accomplished by combining our abilities and resources within our Organization. We have agreed that the best way to accomplish this would be for Sheikh Talal to become President of World Bowling, and Kevin Dornberger to remain as CEO. Therefore we have proposed the following steps to be taken:

A. Kevin Dornberger hereby officially would withdraw his nomination as President for WTBA/World Bowling for the period 2015-2019.

B. Sheikh Talal has agreed with Kevin Dornberger to work together for the benefit of World Bowling.

C. Upon becoming President, Sheikh Talal would propose to the Executive Board that Kevin Dornberger would continue to remain the CEO of WTBA/World Bowling for a period of 3 years.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Dornberger, President, World Tenpin Bowling Association/World Bowling

Sheikh Talal Mohammad Al-Sabah, President, Kuwait Bowling Federation