



**Minutes of 2017 World Bowling Congress**  
**December 6, 2017, South Point Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, USA**  
**Registration starts at 08:00 am and Meeting starts at 09:00 am**

**World Bowling Executive Board Members Present:**

Sheikh Talal M. Al-Sabah	President, Chairman of Meeting
Mrs. Suwalai Satrulee	1st Vice-President
Mr. Ulf Sjöblom	2nd Vice-President
Dr. Danny Santos	Representing ABF President
Mr. Mike Seymour	ABF Delegate
Mr. Addie Ophelders	President, ETBF
Mr. Kim Thorsgaard Jensen	ETBF Delegate
Mr. Martin Faba	President, PABCON
Mr. Jorge Franco	PABCON Delegate
Ms. Clara Guerrero	Athletes Committee Representative

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Thomas Berk	President WNBA
Ms. Vivien Lau	Secretary General
Mr. Kevin Dornberger	CEO
Ms. Megan Tidbury	PR & Marketing Director
Mr. Nicholas Cheung	World Bowling Staff

**Federations Present: 35**

Aruba	Prisca Arends
Australia	Mike Seymour
Brazil	Guy Iglori
Canada	Cathy Innes, Hazel McLeary
Colombia	Ivan Orlando Ayala Rodriguez
Costa Rica	Martin Faba
Cyprus	Marios Nicolaidis
Czech Republic	Ivan Burian
Denmark	Toben V. Anderson
Dominican Republic	Luis Soto Francis
England	David Steiner, Ron Griffin
Finland	Perttu Jussila
France	Daniel Grandin, Michel Chopinaud
Germany	David Canady
Guatemala	Robert Giovanni Rueda Alcarado, Gustova Humberto Lopez Munoz
Hong Kong	Vivien Lau, Nicholas Cheung
India	Kannan Ramachandran

**Sheikh Talal M. Al Sabah**  
President  
Tel: +965 2262 0113 / 14  
Fax: +965 2262 0112  
Email: president@worldbowling.org

**World Bowling Secretariat**  
Tel: +852 2808 0970  
Fax: +852 2808 0843  
Email: secretariat@worldbowling.org

**Vivien Lau, BBS, JP**  
Secretary General  
Tel: +852 6146 8988  
Email: secgeneral@worldbowling.org



---

Italy	Rossi Stephano
Japan	Masahiko Kosugi
Kazakhstan	Makhmut Iskhakov
Korea	Choi Hosik
Kuwait	Salem Alradah
Macau	Winston Chan
Malaysia	Dato' Dr. P.S. Nathan, Maradona Chok Khong Yau
Mexico	Issac Amkie
Mongolia	Enkhbaatar Ochiral
Norway	Erik Garder
Panama	Jose Alvarez
Philippines	Steve Hontiveros
Qatar	Abdulsalam Abdulla HA Raheem
Saudi Arabia	Alalshakh Bader Abdulla A
Sweden	Ulf Sjöblom
Thailand	Suwalai Satrulee, Kim Eui Young
Chinese Taipei	Wu Fu Lung, Chen Li Shin
USA	Frank Wilkinson, Cathay Desocio, Chad Murphy, Jason Oberstreet

**Proxies: 22**

**To:**

Australia  
Brazil  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Cyprus  
England  
Hong Kong  
India  
Japan  
Kazakhstan  
Korea  
Kuwait  
Macau  
Malaysia  
Mongolia  
Norway  
Philippines  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Sweden  
Thailand  
Chinese Taipei

**From:**

Saipan  
Jordan  
Pakistan  
Uruguay  
Belgium  
Scotland  
China  
Oman  
Bahrain  
Belarus  
Egypt  
Uzbekistan  
Iraq  
Turkmenistan  
Nepal  
Wales  
Syria  
Iran  
UAE  
Spain  
Indonesia  
Tunisia

**Sheikh Talal M. Al Sabah**

President  
Tel: +965 2262 0113 / 14  
Fax: +965 2262 0112  
Email: president@worldbowling.org

**World Bowling Secretariat**

Tel: +852 2808 0970  
Fax: +852 2808 0843  
Email: secretariat@worldbowling.org

**Vivien Lau, BBS, JP**

Secretary General  
Tel: +852 6146 8988  
Email: secgeneral@worldbowling.org

1. Opening of the Congress at 09.00 hours

The President called the meeting to order at 9.15 am. He thanked all delegates for coming to the meeting.

2. Appointment of Chairman and Secretary of the meeting

The President appointed Kevin Dornberger as the Chairman for this meeting and Vivien Lau secretary of the meeting

3. Memorials

The floor observed 30 seconds of silence for Mr. Rune Widell, former Secretary General of WTBA and Mr. Brent Perrier of Brunswick who retired in July and passed away a few days ago.

4. Introduction of the other members of the Executive Board.

The Chairman introduced the members of the Executive Board including Clara Guerrero, representative from Athletes Committee, Vivien Lau, Secretary General and ex-officio of WB and Megan Tidbury.

5. Roll call, validation of proxies (done by scrutineers) and determination of voting rights.

There were 35 federations present and 22 proxies. Voting rights are 57. Majority would be 30. Two-third majority would be 38.

6. Admission and expulsion of member federations

6.1 Admission of member federations – Somali and Romania (Tenpin)

6.2 Expulsion of member federations –Myanmar and Moldova

Mike Seymour moved the motion to grant full memberships for Somali and Romania (Tenpin) seconded by Cathy Innes of Canada. It was granted unanimously. Myanmar had not paid membership fees for two years. Moldova asked for termination because lack of funding. The motion was moved by Australia and seconded by USA to terminate the membership of Myanmar and Moldova. The motion was passed unanimously.

7. Approval of the minutes of the previous Congresses held in Abu Dhabi, UAE

7.1 FIQ Congress dated 15 December 2015

There were no questions and the minutes was adopted unanimously as proposed by Philippines and seconded by Brazil.

7.2 WTBA Congress dated 15 December 2015

There were no questions and the minutes was adopted unanimously as proposed by Qatar and seconded by Saudi Arabia.

8. Discussion of the President's Report and Secretary General Report

**Sheikh Talal M. Al Sabah**

President

Tel: +965 2262 0113 / 14

Fax: +965 2262 0112

Email: president@worldbowling.org

**World Bowling Secretariat**

Tel: +852 2808 0970

Fax: +852 2808 0843

Email: secretariat@worldbowling.org

**Vivien Lau, BBS, JP**

Secretary General

Tel: +852 6146 8988

Email: secgeneral@worldbowling.org

#### 8.1 President's Report

The President added that Megan Tidbury would update the floor on the work of the office in Lausanne. IOC wanted more youth in our sport not just in participation but also watch our sport. Megan then made a presentation on the work that was done to draw youth to follow our sport quoting statistics and data from the WB facebook.

Lane Talk, partner of World Bowling also made a presentation and the new App developed for bowling.

#### 8.2 Secretary General Report

There was no question on the Secretary General report.

### 9. Reports of the Zone Presidents

#### 9.1 ABF President

No addition from the President and also no questions from the floor.

#### 9.2 ETBF President

Addie Ophelders supplemented that Certificate of Appreciation were presented to World Bowling and the President for their contribution to the ETBF i-Coach Conference. There were no questions.

#### 9.3 PABCON President

No update and no questions from the floor.

### 10. Committee Reports

#### 10.1 Technical Committee

Gus Falgien explained the difference between having dual patterns and single pattern. Single pattern sort of handcuffed the technical personnel. So the TC are recommending two bank patterns each with different length and 90 days before the competition started, the specific bank must be made known to the federation. With one pattern, the TC would like to allow the TD to make some minor adjustment to accommodate the topography of the lanes in the venue.

#### 10.2 Youth Development Committee

Ulf Sjöblom informed federations that the coaching curriculum for training youth was given to the Coaching Committee to handle. There would be some funding for new and developing federation from World Bowling to set up youth programme. IOC wanted international federations to focus on youth and so the Committee proposed to have a World Junior Championships for youth 18 years and under. The number of bowling balls used in championships was also discussed by the Committee.

#### 10.3 Anti-doping Committee

The various sub-committee, TUE sub-committee, Appeal sub-committees have been set up. The Chairman Dr. Julia Chang was based in Hong Kong. He was the team doctor of Hong Kong NOC. He felt that there should be more education for the federations on prohibited drugs, TUE, testing procedure, Sample A and B etc. There would be a World Bowling Coaching Conference in Hong Kong before the World Men Championships and one of the topics would be Anti-doping. The Hong Kong Sports Institute

and the Hong Kong Anti-doping Committee would be providing the qualified expertise to speak on the various topics.

The Chairman informed the floor that the proposal from the Coaching Committee have been withdrawn as the EB considered this should not be a statutory changes. So these would be left to future Tournament Director to take care of. The Coaching Committee Chairman would explain to the floor some of the plans for the future. The Committee would like to build up a World Bowling Coaching System and Certified Programme. Presently World Bowling recognized the ETBF, Finland and USBC programme. Some federations utilized programme from ETBF and USBC. It was felt that there was a need to certify coaches to be recognized by WB so that they could be in the coaching/ bowlers' area. Rod Ross requested federations that have coaching system to submit to Coaching Committee and the Committee could review them and made recommendation.

11. Discussion of the Auditor Report including financial statements 2015 and 2016  
There were no questions and Qatar moved to adopt the audit report, seconded by Kuwait, India and Costa Rica. The motion was unanimously passed.
12. Release of the Executive Board from further responsibility concerning the annual and financial reports 2015 and 2016  
The motion moved by Philippines and seconded by Hong Kong was unanimously passed.

(Break for lunch)

13. Discussion of proposals for amendments

A roll call was taken before the voting. Voting number is 57. Item 13.2 was discussed and voted on first

13.1. Article 1.4 Statutes (EB proposal)  
The voting was 45 For and 12 Against.

13.2. Article 1.4 through 1.7 Statutes (ETBF proposal)

The voting was 15 For and 40 Against.

13.3 World Junior Championships (EB proposal)  
The voting was 44 For and 13 Against. The WJC will start in 2019.

13.4. Technical Committee Proposal to the Congress  
The voting was 50 For and 7 Against. The proposal regarding pattern bank and notice of pattern bank to federation and ball rules would become effective January 1, 2018.

13.5 Competition Committee Proposal to the Congress

13.5.1 Alternate Scoring System

The Committee proposed to try one time the new scoring system in Detroit in the World Youth Championships, which was used in WBT Final and the ABF Tour. After much

discussion, the voting was 34 For and 23 Against. There was some discussion about proxy.

13.5.2 World Bowling Statutes Revision

The Congress agreed to have the Statute revisited and revised the wording.

13.6. Coaching Committee Proposals to the Congress – withdrawn.

13.7. Revision of World Bowling Statutes (Ulf's proposal) – withdrawn.

14. Projection of budget 2018 and 2019 and establishment of dues

There were no comments from the Congress. The budget for 2018 was approved earlier.

15. Any Other business

15.1 Lausanne Report

Kevin Dornberger explained to the Congress that in 2015 it was passed by 45 – 23 to have the main office of WB moved to Lausanne. After two years our registration has not gone through. Recently the WB was informed that Lausanne Government counted abstention as voting power which our Statute did not state anything like this. In order to enable the registration to go through, the Congress has to go through one more voting to move the main office of WB to Lausanne. The voting was 48 For, 6 Against and 3 Abstained.

15.2 Questions and Answer Session from Member Federations.

As the Olympic Games would be in Paris in 2024 France would like to know what WB has planned to try to get bowling into the 2024 Olympic Games. Kevin Dornberger stated that WB would definitely try every effort to lobby again with the help of the Friends of Bowling. President has set up a working group and liaise with the US bowling industries. USBC has assisted through their personnel.

Finland asked about the sanction fee and entries fees for WYC (suggested fee US\$75,000) and WC (suggested fee €150,000). The sanction fees and entries fees for each championships were given to WB. In this championships there were no promotions here in South Point. It was explained that because of the special situation of Kuwait not being able to host the championships and South Point agreeing to take it up at short notice, they did not pay the exact amount of sanction fees but there were other offers in return. WB spent US\$137,000 in this championships including the live broadcast with technical requirement, uploading the video on the Olympic Channel, the 14 staff board and lodging, the banquet etc. WB need to produce a product the public and IOC liked if WB want to get our sport into the Olympics. In 2014, 2015, Brunswick USBC, Kegel, Storm and BPAA have come up with US\$350,000 for our Olympic effort. They have again committed to join the Paris Olympic effort.

Brazil felt we have to make ourselves more prominent and so we have to look for more sponsors. WB should bring in non-industry commercial sponsors who wanted to brand their product. England also felt we need financial backing in our projects. However, federations were also lacking in finance. It was expensive to come to the championships.

Kevin Dornberger mentioned that in the World Games, The President of IWGA was interested in our sport and stayed to watch the finals and even done the Award Presentation. So we are close.

**Sheikh Talal M. Al Sabah**

President

Tel: +965 2262 0113 / 14

Fax: +965 2262 0112

Email: president@worldbowling.org

**World Bowling Secretariat**

Tel: +852 2808 0970

Fax: +852 2808 0843

Email: secretariat@worldbowling.org

**Vivien Lau, BBS, JP**

Secretary General

Tel: +852 6146 8988

Email: secgeneral@worldbowling.org

Kim Jensen (ETBF) supported the statement from Finland and added that the high frees prevents World Championships from being hosted in Europe and having a weak geographical diversity of our events was bad for the sport.

It was explained to the Congress that there was a change in IOC 2020 Agenda in that no new sport would be added in the general programme of the Olympic Games. New sport would have to lobby the Host of each Olympic Games. We have been told by the IOC then we should not contact the prospective host until the host and IOC indicated that the Programme for those Games is open. The 5 sports that would be in Tokyo also have to lobby again in the 2024 Olympic Games.

Canada mentioned the feedback from their NOC and this was good for our sport. Germany felt there should be some diversity in the host of the world championships. Brazil felt we should attract the youth. How do we attract them to our sport? We should do some challenge events. We needed idols. Other sports have idols. We needed ranking. We needed youth to think of new format of competition which would attract more spectators.

Finland felt we have too many world championships. USA felt we need to restructure our marketing plan to promote our sport. We were not doing enough in the PR and communication aspect not only WB but also each federation.

#### 16. Close the Meeting

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3.30 pm.

Reported by



Vivien Lau  
Secretary General  
Date: December 6, 2017

Confirmed by

Sheikh Talal Mohd. Al-Sabah  
President  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_