

Extraordinary General Assembly Minutes

International Mixed Martial Arts Federation Extraordinary General Assembly, Rome 2019

Date: 21/06/2019 at 09.00am – 9:37AM CEST

Location: Pala Pellicone, Via del Sandolini, 79, 00122 Lido di Ostia RM, Italy

Roll Call:

President Kerrith Brown
CEO Densign White

Directors: Tom Madsen, Raymond Philips, Wissam Abi Nader, Frank Babcock,
Stuart Brain, Raymond Philips, Khalid Al Khayyat, Denitza Batchvarova, August
Wallen, George Sallfeldt

Apology: Bertrand Amoussou

Federations: Arjan Rizaj (Albania), Richy Cranny (Australia), Major Waleed (Bahrain), Ludovic Boulvin (Belgium), Tommy Dopret (Belgium) Stanislav Nedkov, Veronica Nalbatska (Bulgaria), Jett Grande (Canada), Chris Rees (Cymru) Mr Stefanos Charalambous (Cypres), Louis Charalambain (Cyprus), Clemens Werner (Germany), Lutz Heyden (Germany)Vallo Hannus (Estonia), Heikki Kaijalainen (Finland), Estelle Peyen (France), Andy Ryan (Ireland) Liam Og Grffin (Ireland), Vito Paolollo (Italy), Saverio Longo (Italy), Zarina Nazhbiyeva (Kazakhstan), Steven Differding (Luxemburg), Terry Hill (NZ), Luis Barneto (Portugal),Mihail Mihailovivi (Romania), Antonio Garcia (Spain), Jorgen Hamberg (Sweden), Nigel Burges (UK), Ryan Brueggeman (US), Prem Kumar (Malaysia)

Proxy:

Martin Skvara, (Czech Republic)
Erika Nemeth (Hungary)
Jamie Baron (Colombia),
Javier Rodriguez (Mexico)
Danny Corr (Northern Ireland)
Shingi Nishimura (Japan)
Jitinat Asdamongkol (Thailand)

There were 26 Full Member Federations with the right to vote registered on the day who joined the meeting to vote.

As per Article 21 of the IMMAF statutes the Quorum had been reached with more than two-thirds of eligible members present (29) and at least 3 continents represented. Therefore, the EGA was able to commence.

The chairperson, CEO Densign, White declared the Extraordinary General Assembly officially open and in compliance with Article 27 of the statutes, having fulfilled the notice period requirement of a minimum 30 days, and Article 21 having met the Quorum.

1. Opening of the meeting

2. President Kerrith Brown's Address

President thanks everyone for attending during such a busy time. The Championship schedule for last year was very busy. IMMAF continues its crusade for sport recognition. The obstacles created by other organisations are not going to stop IMMAF from reaching its goal, following full filing of its application for recognition, all procedures having been met for good governance as IMMAF sets an example to all its National Federations.

As individuals, we all have a role to play in our journey for MMA Sport recognition. We need to take the opportunity to secure the future of MMA, without losing values or dropping our standards for good governance.

Presidents and representatives all have a role to play in making us heard, when they go back to their countries they need to talk to their government and/ or local authority to make MMA's case heard and to communicate the value of the sport recognition for MMA.

National Federations are all part of the history of IMMAF. Over the years IMMAF has invested in coaches, athletes and put a stake in the ground for youth development. We need to keep continuity.

KB is very honored to represent all new members from WMMAA.

3. George Salfeldt

GS is happy to move on with the process. It is important that the board's term reverted back to 4 years. The term will help support IMMAF's journey to the Olympics.

DW continued with the proceedings of the meeting.

He welcomed the board representation from UFC of non-executive Director Denitza Batchvarova, who was present for the first time at an IMMAF meeting.

DW explained that since the merger additional executive directors sitting on the board from WMMAA site are required. Both boards need to merge as well. As part of the agreement we need to accept 6 seats, 2 from WMMAA and 4 non-executive from WMMAA. This is an election year and directors will be nominated during the November 2019 General Assembly.

It was decided to increase current board term to 8 years, with a return to 4 years in 2027.

This was for continuity, stability and continuation of current goals.

4. Amendment of The Article 32

The reason for convening an Extraordinary General Assembly is to present the amendment to the article 32 point 4, for Board of Directors for 8 year term.

ARTICLE 32 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*4. The General Assembly elects the President and Board of Directors for a **four (4) year term**. The President and Board of Directors are eligible for re-election subject to Article 24.*

Amendment:

*4. The General Assembly elects the President and Board of Directors for an **eight (8) year term**. The President and Board of Directors are eligible for re-election subject to Article 24.*

The amendment will be reverted during General Assembly in 2027 to the original **four (4) year term**

5. Voting

DW asked if all have a voting cards and explained the following rules:

Green for Yes,

Red for No,

Orange for Abstain.

Adopting the agenda.

Vote for agreeing the agenda, majority agreed.

All agreed

Appointing scrutineers

Richie Cranny from Australia

Clements Werner from Germany

All agreed

None disagreed

None Abstained

Amendment of Article 32

First Vote

Green 23

Red – 1

Abstain – 0

Proxy votes 6 votes received by proxy

Yes – 5

No – 1

There were 28 YES votes, Densign announced that motion was not carried over, therefore the EGM is required to be called again in November.

It came to everyone's attention that all votes had not been counted.

The votes had to be recounted, as not all votes were visible.

DW explained to everyone again how to show the vote by lifting the hand with the card.

Scrutineers confirmed that all cards had been counted on the second take.

To make it clear scrutineers were asked if they were confident and happy with numbers. Both said Yes.

Second Vote

Green 24

Red – 1

Abstain – No

Proxy votes 6 votes received by proxy

Yes – 5

No – 1

Gosha Malik confirmed proxy votes, 5 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain and with final total of 29 Yes votes.