

IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE IAAF

W M A WORLD MASTERS ATHLETICS

Minutes of the General Assembly held at : Hôtel Lyon Métropole, 13th August 2015, Lyon, France.

PRESENT:

WMA Council

Stan Perkins, AUS, President; Margit Jungmann, GER, Executive Vice President; Serge Beckers, BEL, Vice-President Stadia; Selma Türkkal, TUR, Women's Representative; Cesar- Moreno-Bravo, MEX, IAAF Representative; Leonie Etong, CAM, Africa Representative; Prasert Srisueb, THA. Asia Representative; Kurt Kaschke, GER, Europe Representative; Lynne Schickert, AUS, Oceania Representative; Sandy Pashkin, USA, North & Central America & Caribbean Representative; Richard Amigo, PAR, South America Representative; Jean Thomas, FRA, Treasurer; and Winston Thomas, GB/NI, Secretary.

Delegates

In accordance with section 4.2.5 of the WMA Constitution, the WMA Affiliates listed below, by region, gave proper notice of their delegates, totalling 113, who in turn had automatic voting rights.

- Africa (8):

Algeria (1) Cameroon (1), Ivory Coast (1), Mauritius (1), Senegal (1), South Africa (2) Tunisia (1)

- Asia (15):

Bangladesh (1), China PR (1), Hong Kong (1), India (3), Iran (1), Japan (2), Malaysia (1), Nepal (1), Philippines (1), Singapore (1), Sri Lanka (1), Thailand (1)

- Europe (51):

Austria (1), Belgium (1), Czech Republic (2), Denmark (1), Finland (5), France (4), Germany (5), Gt Britain & Northern Ireland (5), Ireland (1), Italy (5), Latvia (1), Netherlands (2), Norway (1), Poland (2), Portugal (1), Russia (2), Slovenia (1), Spain (5), Sweden (2), Switzerland (2), Turkey (1) Ukraine (1),

- North and Central America & the Caribbean (18):

Canada (4), Costa Rica (1), Jamaica (1), Mexico (4), Puerto Rico (2), after lunch. Trinidad and Tobago (1), USA (5).

- Oceania (6):

Australia (4), Fiji (1), New Zealand (1)

- South America (15):

Argentina (5), Bolivia (1), Brasil (3), Chile (2), Colombia (2), Paraguay (1), Uruguay (1),

(Note: It was recorded as 111 delegates plus 13 Council members registered at the beginning of the General Assembly, Total 124. The Delegates from Puerto Rico had visited in hospital their athletes who had been seriously injured on the 12th August, and arrived during the counting of the 2018 Bids, so were not counted until the afternoon session. So there were 126 Votes after Lunch.

Guests:

Marcel Ferrari Chairman of the Lyon LOC. Pierre Weiss, IAAF. Jean Gracia, EAA.

Organising Committee WMA 2016 Championships, Perth, Australia

Organising Committee WMA 2017 Indoor championships, Daegu, South Korea

Bid Teams for WMA 2018 Outdoor championships from:
Malaga. Spain
Province of Venice. Jesolo, Caorle, Eraclea, Italy.

1. 09.00 Opening of the General Assembly

The General Assembly started at 09.00 the President welcomed the assembly, and went on to introduce some of the guests. Pierre Weiss, former IAAF Secretary. Jean Gracia, Vice President EAA. Marcel Ferrari Chairman of the Lyon LOC. Perth 2016 Stadia Championship LOC. Daegu 2017 Indoor LOC. Bid Teams from Malaga, Spain, and Venice, Italy. Sadly we then paid respects to Jean Edmond, Mauritius who had passed away two days before. Jean was the previous African Delegate 2007-2011.

2. 09.05 Certification of the proper calling of the General Assembly and voting instructions.

Secretary explained that all the information pertaining to the calling of the GA was sent out in time as per the Constitution, with also a 2nd reminder, (most affiliates responded). The vote count we were still awaiting. The voting instruction and notice of formal procedures, was put on the screen for all to see.

2.1 The President asked Marcel Ferrari to welcome the GA to Lyon. Marcel welcomed everyone to Lyon and the championships. Having such a large amount of athletes over 4 stadiums has been challenging and not without problems. Thank to WMA for their cooperation and help and hope that you all have a good General Assembly.

2.2 The total voting members was recorded as 124 at the start of the assembly. Members still arrived late. Puerto Rico arrived later just before the 1st voting and was instated in the afternoon making 126 votes after lunch.

3. 09.15 Election of 2 scrutineers for the minutes

Maria Alfaro Casan and Bob Schickert.

4. 09.20 Election of 2 persons to count the votes

Marilyn Mitchell and Phil Greenwald.

Scrutineers and counters adopted together proposed Australia, 2nd Canada,

5. 09.25 Matters arising from 2013 General Assembly Porto Alegre, Brazil.

No matters arising.

6. 09.35 Submission and approval of reports from the:

- President

The president went through the various points of his report starting with 2013 Porto Alegre championships, outstanding reports and pending payment since November. It is hoped we will have a full report from Lyon, also in Perth and in the future. We still have some outstanding payments and results from the Indoor championships in Hungary. They also had problems with providing the free transport in 2014 and suffered a financial loss. WMA will be able to provide the final results should the LOC not fulfil their responsibility.

6.1 IAAF Masters Commission held its first meeting in Budapest during the Indoor championships. The president has had very positive feedback from the candidates running for the IAAF presidency (Sergey Bubka and Sebastian Coe). President attended several Regional championships and they were well conducted, in Asia (Kitakami) we had one athlete 104 year old from Japan. Europe over 2000 athletes, South America over 1900 athletes, North and Central America and the Caribbean in Costa Rica.

6.1.2 We had some regional affiliate conflicts and with the aid of Cesar Moreno-Bravo we have been able to resolve these. Cesar Moreno-Bravo helped to get an increase in regional grants. Regional representative meeting at council meeting has been working well.

6.1.3 Lyon championships. Lyon had a political change and the new administration did not keep their promise. There have been some problems with the city not backing the LOC on their transport and road closures for the marathon, the LOC has worked

hard to try and solve the problem of transport. Perth should be a very good experience. For Daegu, there has been a change in the Political scene and the President and Cesar Moreno-Bravo will visit in November.

6.1.4 Competition management initiatives working well. Management structure of 6 persons approved by council, so LOC could concentrate and focus on their work. In future years there will be no Council meetings before the championships, as this has proved to be too pressurized.

Master Games, is a big issue; a decision has been taken by council to have direct talks with the IAAF for support in regards the problem with the IMGA, and look for some feasible resolutions to get a working relationship. We have the same problems with the Regional Masters games where the National Federations are not contacted and general are not involved. Overall we want to cooperate with the Games and have a per athletes fee coming back to WMA. Athletics is not represented on the IMGA Board.

6.1.5 Congratulations to the Best Master named in his report, the President concludes with thanks to his team, the Council members.

6.2 - Executive Vice President
Margit Jungmann, report as circulated. She appreciates very much the feedback from the team managers and attending the team managers meeting, she hopes to have her organisational guidelines ready in 2016.

6.3 - Vice President Stadia
Serge went through his report as published. Though there were problems in Porto Alegre, the athletes enjoyed the competition. Changes were made for Hungary with no declaration for athletes, this worked well in some event and not in some, but overall it was good, and was a challenge. In Lyon we have used a similar format with the 1st winner of each heat and the next fastest going through, this has not been totally successful with some

races having only one or two persons. In Perth we will change and it will be done as it was in Sacramento and we might be able to re-seed. Perth will use two tracks, it will be an effort to get things sorted out but the LOC are working well, the entry booklet is done and is good.

6.3.1 We have to take care that we use IAAF rules on all implements for our championships. Hammer and Weight throw cable minimum lengths need to be looked at. We have to be WMA Age factors 2010, mainly for combined events, used by members for different reasons, but WMA it is for combined events, they are now completed up to 100 years age categories. IAAF Masters 2 events in Beijing and Portland Oregon. IAAF Masters Commission looked at the energy burn of officials at the Budapest championship.

6.4 - Vice President Non-Stadia

No report, the president gave him leave of absence as his father is very ill. Brian Keaveney has taken over the mantle. We are looking at removing the marathon from Stadia championships. Cost can not be justified by the number of entries. Too much work and money for very few athletes. Have half marathon and perhaps a 10km road race the day before the start of competition. We have been asked to consider Trail Running which is getting more popular each day. Brian Keaveney to look into it for WMA: Mountain running is done for us by WMRA and has an upper age limit of 79, due to medical problems. Ultra running is run by the IAU for WMA.

6.5 - Secretary

Secretary added to his report: Regions have to get more communication with their affiliates, some have arrived here today and have not registered, and perhaps had not received the information, which may be true, but as Secretary I can only act on the information I have from the regions, so please all get your "houses" in order, and help your affiliates.

6.6 - Women's Representative

Selma Turkkal went through some point of her report. The changes in Asia and South America have been good toward the women with more things happening.

Thanks to all of her women's committee members for their works, and it was good to have so many ladies at the Women's meeting. Thanks to the president, Cesar Moreno-Bravo and the IAAF for the masters event in Beijing.

6.7 Anti-Doping and medical, Steve Peter (UK) is the chairman of Anti-Doping and is doing a very good job. Steve credited for the help in many sports in the 2012 Olympics. He provides his services to WMA free. After talking with the IAAF we will look at Out of Competition testing in the coming year. Medical coverage in Lyon was poor but drug tests are being done; we need to provide better services at championships. "Argentina" asked about anti-doping costs. We are aware of these costs, and we ask the regions to do testing but we know it is limited. We also know that we need to inform athletes more as many do not understand, so we need more educational programs for the athletes as lots of them just take their medicines and do not consider they can be at risk of Doping. We have to continue to fight for a clean sport.

7. **10.15 Submission and approval of the auditor's report.**

Jean Thomas addressed the auditors report as printed in the GA handbook, we have new auditors KPMG.

8. **10.25 Submission and approval Treasurer Report**

Jean went through his report, and explained that we had doubled our income, increases by \$288.000.00 from the previous year and is still increasing. The main increase is due to the increased IAAF grant, and then the WMA Entry fees. We also have an increase in the expenses, but less than our income. As a result we have a balance of \$134.332.11 to be compared with shortfall in the previous years. So we have

recovered the losses of the previous four years. We now have a working capital that represents 5 months of WMA activities.

- 8.1 For the budget we are optimistic mainly with the number of athletes in Lyon, and for Perth 2016. The president explained that WMA had changed the structure of the sanction fees and initiated a WMA entry fee since 2013 and this has paid dividends and WMA works more closely with the LOC's. We have also increased the Regional grants payments. And some of the regions have also adjusted their financial situation to be more stable.

Carroll Deweese moved to approve all the reports as given, 2nd Jim Blair. **Adopted**

Ivar Soderlind asked about donation from sponsors, The President said we have none at the present time but there are some potential sponsors out there.

9. 10.40 Submission of report on IAAF

Report on the commission. Cesar Moreno showed a PowerPoint and addressed the meeting in Spanish. The PowerPoint outlined the things within his written report. Some main points:

At national level only half the affiliates come under their national federation some of the 1st federation USA, Spain, Germany, France recognise the masters, some others do not, and have no contacts with one another.

- 9.1 Masters and IAAF Athletes all love athletics in the same ways and share a lot of things in common thus we have the motto "One family". Of the Commission members 5 are on the WMA Council, and of the other Jean Gracia always were with us. He admired his previous colleagues who were very brave to forgo the Masters Committee to open the doors to a New Commission formed by 8 members. Together we have the vision of one single family and "athletics for life", regardless race, colour, gender, sex or citizenship.

9.2 IMGA is a potential problem and is supported by the IOC. Sergey Bubka and Sebastian Coe are both member of the IOC so we will have support from them in the futures, but we have to make sure they understand the needs of WMA. Following the IAAF Election in Beijing the first meeting of the commission will be February 2016.

In conclusion the president expressed the dedication and passion of Cesar Moreno-Bravo to the masters.

10. 10.55 Elect WMA Honorary Members

President honoured the following persons:

Recipients of WMA Special Recognition Award
Cesar Moreno Bravo (MEX), Pierre Weiss (FRA), Rex Harvey (USA).

Award of WMA Silver Pins
Brian Keaveney (CAN). Kiyoshi Konoike (JPN)

Award of WMA Bronze Pins
Jorge Luis Manrique (PER). Ivar Soderlind (SWE).
Bob Schickert (AUS). Jean Gracia (FRA).

11. 11:10 Coffee Break

12. 11.40 Bid presentations and voting for future WMA World Championships. - 2018 Stadia Championships

The President addressed the meeting and outlined that the two biddings cities had the backing of their national federations (RFEA and FIDAL) WMA have done inspections in both cities, both have positive points and have worked hard to be able to present the bids. When voting please vote with your athletes in mind.

12.1 Malaga, Spain

Jose Luis de Carlos, General Director of RFEA made the presentation of Malaga with Fernando Marquina. PowerPoint shown.

Malaga in the South of Spain and will be the European Capital for sport in 2019. Inhabitation of around 540.000. Nice mild climate. They have

backing from regional Government, the Mayor, the city council and sports ministry, and elections have just been held so will be none for the next 4 years. They showed their competition structure and draft budget.

12.1.1 A compact competition area with 3 stadiums was outlined, two with 8 lanes and full throws and jumps facilities, the main stadium has 9 lanes and indoor training area. (Estadio Ciudad De Malaga. 2nd track Andaluna Carranque (Ciudad Deportiva Carranque, 3rd Track. Universidad De Malaga. Indoor hall, swimming pool and Rugby pitches.

12.1.2 There are two other stadiums that could be used. The transport system for the 3 tracks are all linked and the airport is 5km from the main track. The airport has over 100 direct connections, with several direct International connections.

12.1.3 The cross country events will be next to the main stadium, Road walks around the stadium or near by. Malaga has it own marathon course, so the marathon, half marathon, or 10km as decided will be catered for, we have experts to be resolve this with WMA delegates. Medical hospital at all tracks.

12.1.4 Training track I Torremolinos (10km) and 2 Benalmadena 15km, 8 lanes and 6 lanes will be also available.

For the Generals assembly we can make this in the Hotel or there are many possibilities at the tracks.

Good high speed trains and Road service, also boats. Bus and underground train to all 3 stadiums. There are over 74.000 beds, plus apartments. And you can find many possibilities on the internet. Many countries need visas and they will have the support of the RFEA office to help with them.

Many Volunteers and Officials, and the have many masters championships so have the capability.

12.1.5 Q/A from Argentina what will be the temperature, (A) around 25-27 degrees argent
Q) USA Accommodation costs, €160.00 is per room or per person (A) not really answered it show on the PowerPoint €160,00 for 4 persons, but there are lots of cheaper accommodation. Date proposed 8-20 September.

Q) Canada who owns the stadiums. A) 2 belong to the city and there is no conflict with the University Safety, there is no high level crime alerts as Malaga is a tourist area but it is not a high criminal area.

Q) Computer system for the results. A) Will follow the WMA board. Q) India, they had problem with visa previously how will this be resolved, A) the RFEA will help but need the requests in good time.

12.2 Province of Venice, Italy. (Jesolo, Caorle, Eraclea; supported by FIDAL,

Sergio Baldo, Nicola Maggio, Vito Vitorro, Macimo David. Moreno Baggio. Elizabeth Benito, Barbara Greco (Note the bid team left immediately after the vote so I was not able to get all the names). The bid team showed a short Video.

The area of Venice has always been a natural area for sport and will be a welcoming place for the athletes. Some event, Venice marathon, half marathons.

12.2.1 Events will take place in 3 areas along the coast, Jesolo, Caorle, Eraclea, With accommodation 140,000 beds from 28 Euros. , hotels, apartments, hostels. Transport Venice International Airport, Triviso International 40 minutes. Jesolo and Caorle train station, come to arrangement for free transport. ATVR will implement a transport plan for the championships. As well as urban transport and direct bus lines connecting the 3 towns all FOC.

12.2.2 All 3 stadiums are owned by the authorities. Jesolo has 8 lanes and a large area for possible TIC and Logistic area. 4th stadium for throws and jumps 3km from main stadium. Caorle 6 lane track with throws/jumps facilities and warm up area

parking, changing rooms and showers. Erecla 6 lane track, with throws/jumps facilities and warm up area, parking, changing rooms and showers. There will be further development on all 3 stadiums in the coming years.

Non Stadia Jeselo has a marathon course.

Road competition will be in Caorle

The cross country will be along a wooded area

They gave an outline of the LOC.

12.2.3 Q) Argentina; Will the throws be at one venue or all? A) The throws will be at all 4 stadiums.

Q) Mexico; What Languages will be used? A) They will have some translators for all languages.

Q) Trinidad and Tobago; Prices on accommodation?

A) All types from BB, 1 star to 5 star and can cater for any need 40,000 tourists per year. Q)

USA; Distance between tracks? A) 30 km and the traffic will be quiet so travel time will be about

30 minutes. Q) The date for the championship? A) September 8-20. The Temperature around 26 degrees.

Q) Ireland; why are we using 4 tracks? A) 3 tracks for all competition and the 4th only for throws and training. Q) Which system to be used? A) Will use

SIGMA, provided by FIDAL Computer system.

Ballot was taken, with voting cards.

Vote Count. MALAGA 98. VENICE 25

The 2018 Championships are Formerly Awarded to Málaga, Spain.

Carroll DeWeese proposed ballots to be destroyed, 2nd Wilma Perkins. Carried.

Vesa Lappalainen. Made a proposal which was ruled out of order for the present GA but was asked to submit for the next GA, so the proposal was given to the Secretary for inclusion in 2016 GA.

13. 12:40 Status Report Stadia Championship 2016, Perth, Australia. Presentation of video.

Dave Budge, Lynne Schickert, Bob Schickert. Jake Trewin, Kirsten Drower, Jade Just. Inhabitation of Perth 1.6 million people. Perth 2016 LOC is

partnered with Tri- Events, AWA Competition aspects, State Government, and 3 other members are local governments, Australian Athletics, Australia Masters Athletics, plus sponsors, partners and Volunteers. Looking at around 4000 athletes, two high quality stadiums. stadium 1, 9 lane with 12 lane home straights, and all jumps and throw areas. 15 minute drive from main city to Western Australian Stadium, recently refurbished. There is an excellent grass track for warm up.

- 13.1 2nd stadium 8 lane with 10 lane home straights and full throws and jumps. Marathon and half Marathon will be on the banks of the Swan river. The road walks and cross country will be close to the main stadium.

The opening ceremony will be at a new facility Elizabeth Quay, on the swan river. Athletes party 2nd November at the Perth Zoo includes food and wine. Perth has a variety of accommodation. Transport is easy in Perth with buses and taxi from the airport. Regular dedicated championship transport, taxi, rental cars, buses and trains. Complimentary shuttle from centre to venues. Entries open n January 2016. Check out the Perth website. Perth2016.com. Thanks to the WMA and LOC for their welcome and help in Lyon.

14. 13:00 Status Report Indoor Championship 2017, Daegu, South Korea. Presentation of video.

Presented the members and a 2 minute video, March 19-25, looking at approximately 4000 athletes. Budget 2.8 million. Will take place at Daegu Sports Park. Showed the main indoor arenas (2) and the stadium.

Non Stadia facilities have a scenic view, IAAF certified as well as the Half Marathon course. The road walks will be outside of the stadium in a IAAF certified course. The cross Country will be in the river sports park, close to down town.

- 14.1 They have developed various activities to promote the championships. They will have 35,000 rooms for the championships, with free transport for accredited participants, Daegu is a very safe

city. Special opening and closing ceremonies, and merchandising. Samsung started in Daegu. Hy-Tek system provided by WMA. 66 countries need visa to enter, 48 countries do not need visa, and Daegu is easily reached on international flights.

Kiyoshi Konoike congratulated the Daegu LOC on the championships. Asked about the Budget. Governmental Support, \$2.8m. Any sponsors presently no but they are working on it. 14 Korean master participating in Lyon.

15. 13:15 Lunch

16. 14.45 (15:00) Proposal by the Transitional Committee Of the New WMA Constitution, Bye-Law and Championship Rules, to take effect in 2016.

Bob Banens went through the report and transition agreement as outline below, with explanations to the General Assembly.

Report of the Transition Committee to WMA Council

The following provides a background and the outcomes of the Transition Committee established in Porto Alegre (Brazil) to finalize the Constitution and By-Laws for the new World Masters Athletics (WMA) organisation. It should be read in conjunction with the final Constitution, By-Laws and Championship Rules as submitted to the WMA Secretary.

Purpose

- To enable the (Original) WMA, currently registered in Sweden, to be transferred to and registered in Monaco at the IAAF address.
- To develop a new updated Constitution and By-Laws for the new WMA as well as a process that would enable the new organisation to be established and assume the position, authority, activity, affiliations, assets, obligations and outcomes of the Original WMA.

Background

- An initial draft outline of a constitution prepared by a Monegasque lawyer was presented to the Council in Sacramento, however, this was considered unsatisfactory and abandoned.
- The WMA Law & Legislation (L&L) Committee was then charged with the responsibility of preparing an acceptable Constitution and By-Laws for Porto Alegre
- It provided an opportunity to update, modernise and reform some aspects of WMA through these documents.
- The new draft Constitution and By-Laws developed by the L&L Committee were presented at the Porto Alegre General Assembly and given in-principle endorsement as documents that could be further developed.
- George Reilly and I who had been members of the L&L Committee were then tasked as part of a 2-person Transition Committee to further refine and finalize the new Constitution for approval at the Lyon General Assembly.
- The process involved consultation and consideration of feedback from key stakeholders in particular the WMA Council.
- Regrettably George Reilly resigned from the Transition Committee about a year ago, and I have continued to finalise the documents and process in consultation with the President, taking into account comments from a range of individuals and organisations.
- In developing the new Constitution and By-Laws the spirit, intent and requirements of the original WMA Constitution were also considered, while the IAAF Constitution was also used as a guide on some issues.
- The issue of brevity verses clarity (also European verses English style constitution) was noted, and that clarity through some more detail was considered preferable.
- The issue of what should go into the Constitution (and require a special 2/3 majority for change at a GA) and what should go into the By-Laws (and

require simple majority for change at a GA) was also part of the consideration. In the end the higher level and broader elements were included in the Constitution and the detail in By-Laws.

- The spelling and language for the documents is Australian (i.e. British) English as that is my principal language, and English will be the language for interpretation, although the Constitution and By-laws will be translated into French for registration in Monaco.
- The Championship Rules were a later inclusion for revision and updating
- It was argued by some that the Championship Rules could have been split between the By-Laws and the newly proposed Formal Policies which dealt more with management of WMA administrative activities. It was decided that on balance it was more useful to keep these related matters as a separate document.
- It should be noted that one key element of reform - the democratization of WMA by only giving each Member one vote at the General Assembly - such as in the case with the IAAF - **was not pursued**. It was considered more imperative to have the new Constitution and By-
- Laws approved, than to engage in a battle that may well not have been won.
- This will be an important reform for the future and might be progressively achieved by reducing the maximum number of delegates from 5 to say 3 then to 2 and then to 1.
- The question as to whether elected officers should have a vote at a General Assembly might also be considered.

Key steps in the Process

1. The General Assembly in Lyon to agree the Constitution and By-Laws (and Championship Rules) for the new WMA at Lyon.
2. The General Assembly in Lyon to agree that Council be able to approve minor changes to the documents that may be required by Monegasque authorities (as

- well as any corrections to spelling, grammatical or internal reference errors).
3. Council agree that the elected officers can sign any Transition agreement between the Original and New WMA.
 4. Register new WMA organisation in Monaco as soon as practicable after Lyon - the existing Office Bearers of the Original WMA become the interim Office bearers of the new WMA for the purpose of registration.
 5. Although there will be two coexisting WMA organisations -the Original and new for a period - the Original WMA will continue to function until the end of the Perth Championships, while new WMA will exist in name only until that time.
 6. Prepare and check the legalities of a Transition Agreement for signing between Original and New WMA after the Perth General Assembly (draft outline already prepared).
 7. Hold elections for Office Bearer of the new WMA (under the new Constitution and By-Laws) at the General Assembly in Perth.
 8. Transition agreement between Original and New WMA organisations signed by elected officers of both organisations.
 9. From Perth the new WMA will take over the position, authority, activity, affiliations, assets, obligations and outcomes of the Original WMA.
 10. The Original WMA registered in Sweden should then be wound up as soon as practicable after Perth.
 11. At the next General Assembly after Perth the new WMA Constitution should be tidied up by removing the transition clauses as well as revising the transition wording in some clauses.

Key New Elements of the Constitution

- It provides for only one Vice-President Competition.
 - It provides for staged elections for officers.
- Q) Nederland; What is the philosophy of the staged elections? A) The purpose is so that there is continuity within the officers so that not all of***

them are replaced at the same time and you lose all their experiences, it was felt that you did not want the election of the President and Vice president at the same time, but also we looked at the impact that each position would have, but it was not based on personalities.

- It specifies maximum terms for Officers, Council and Regional Delegates.

Q) Denmark; Election of officer, term of office?

A) Officer may be re-elected once to the same office and may be elected to another office, but can serve only a maximum of 16 years.

Q) Canada; Clarification, those 16 years

include any year spent in the Old WMA?

A) Correct.

- It formally establishes an Executive - elected officers plus the IAAF representative.
- It clarifies the powers of the General Assembly, Council and Executive.
- It introduces residency requirements for elected Council members - as with athletes.
- It establishes standards of conduct for office bearers, athletes, officials, support staff and administrators including disciplinary procedures for breaches.
- It makes the President as well as the Treasurer signatories to the organisation's accounts.
- It introduces Formal Policies for the administrative activities of Council, the Executive and Committees.
- It includes Transition clauses (generally in italics) to enable the new WMA to succeed to the position, authority, activity, affiliations, assets, obligations and outcomes of the Original WMA.

Key New Elements of the By-Laws

- It identifies general responsibilities of elected officers

- It defines in detail the roles and responsibilities of each Office Bearer and the Regional Representatives.
- It clarifies the roles of Committees.
- It provides for a new Media Marketing & Communications Committee.
- It provides for a new Finance Committee.
- It provides for Stadia and Non-Stadia Sub-Committees.
- It provides for natural justice in relation to discipline matters and sanctions.
Q) USA; Natural justice may not be understood by every one. Suggested that this be added to the glossary. A) This will be done.
- It has referenced the new IAAF Code of ethics.
- It provides the Court for Arbitration in Sport as the ultimate appeal for disciplinary measures.

Key New Elements of the Championship Rules

- It has been re-organised and tidied up.
- It has been expanded to cover aspects of all WMA Championships.
- It provides a clear process for identification and selection of bid cities.
- It clarifies the country designation for competition.
Q) GB/NI; Two questions, is there a specific time of designation to say when a person can be classed as a permanent resident. With the freedom of movement in the EU it is important for clarification as there seem to be different rulings. A) The intent of the rule is clear but changes may be needed. Affiliates to give some input as there are variations.
- It expands and clearly specifies misconduct and discipline matters beyond just doping, and includes the IAAF Code of Ethics.
- It expands misconduct to cover a wider range of issues and individuals.
- Provides ultimate appeal Court of Arbitration in Sport.

- Championship rules kept separate, but much could have been incorporated into the By-laws and some process matters into formal Policies.
- It provides the Court for Arbitration in Sport as the ultimate appeal for disciplinary measures.

Outline of Transition Agreement

Date

Relevant Definitions

Parties

- a. Original WMA
- b. New WMA
- c. Original WMA elected Officers
- d. New WMA elected Officers

Recitals

The purpose of this Transition Agreement is to enable the Original WMA incorporated in Sweden to be replaced by a New WMA to be incorporated in Monaco, and for the Original WMA's authority, functions, assets, obligations, debts and contracts to be transferred New WMA. As part of this transition process the Constitution and By-Laws of the Original WMA will be replaced by a new Constitution and By-Laws relevant to the New WMA.

1. New WMA is established and incorporated in Monaco, with the Original WMA office bearers being the inaugural office holders for purposes of registration.

Q) India; What is the advantage of moving from Sweden to Monaco and WMA should see that all the regions have a constitution that corresponds to that of the WMA as each region has its own and it does not follow that of WMA? A). We will be co-located with the IAAF who we are working more and more with, and whilst we are now registered in Sweden we do not have anyone with WMA connections in Sweden.

Second, we do not necessarily want the regions to have the same constitution; we just want them to be consistent with that of WMA.

2. Newly elected officers of New WMA in Perth make take over from after Perth.
3. Original WMA lists and certifies its assets.
4. Original WMA lists and certifies its obligations and debts.
5. Original WMA lists and certifies contracts.
6. Parties agree to cooperate to effect transition of Original Woman's activities, authority, assets and liabilities etc. to new WMA.
7. Original WMA assigns and transfers assets to New WMA.
8. Original WMA offers and New WMA assumes obligations, debts and contracts
9. Original WMA offers and New WMA accepts authority, activities, etc.
10. New WMA succeeds to Original WMA
11. Original WMA Officers resign
12. Original WMA is deregistered

Q) Austria; What will happen to the present member of WMA? How will they be transferred to the New WMA? Will they have to be re-registered? A) This will be covered by the Transition agreement and clauses in the constitution, Covered in 14.3,1. 26.1-2-3)

Q) Canada; Should we not have a resolution to say what we are being asked to pass, and Vice President Competition, how will the change be made in the new constitution from two to one position? A) The two positions will be a "shell" like position with both Vice President stadia and Non stadia as acting up to the elections in Perth when the elections take place. For the Resolution the president has the resolution to put the GA.

Q) Sweden; The appointment of committees for 4 years, can they be appointed for further 4 years in the new WMA? A) Yes you may be, the terms may be 4 years and you may be appointed indefinitely.

Q) Argentina; Is there a possibility to create an Athletes' Committee so they can give opinions and be

heard? A) It is a great idea, but we may have to wait until 2016. That Committee exists in the IAAF, so we will think about it.

Following the detailed explanations from Bob Banens and questions from the floor, the proposal was made for the Constitution, By-Law and championship to be accepted.

This was accepted in principal but a specific motion as set out below was required to cover the work needed by the Monegasque Law.

Finally a motion drafted by the President as below was made, and proposed by CAN, 2nd GER.

The General Assembly attains that the New Constitution, By-Law and Championship Rules presented to the member in Lyon on the 13th August 2015, be adopted and that the operative date for the Constitution, By-Law and Championship Rules to become effective will be November 3rd 2016.

The Proposal was voted on by the Assembly with a **Unanimous** vote.

2nd proposal moved by US 2nd by AUS,

The General Assembly further propose that the registration of the new Constitution be lodged within one month with the Monegasque Government.

Further that the WMA Council be approved to make minor changes and adjustment as required to the wording of the constitution in making the translations from English to French to facilitate registration with the Monegasque authorities. And that the General Assembly authorises Mr. Pierre Weiss, FRA, to undertake the registration in Monaco on behalf of WMA.

The Proposal was voted on by the Assembly with a **Unanimous vote**.

17. 16.40 Date of the next GA,

Thursday 3rd of November 2016, Perth, Australia

18. General Assembly closed at 16:31

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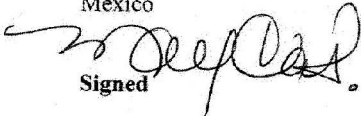
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