



MINUTES

General Assembly of the XXIII World Masters Athletics Championships

8th September 2018

NH Hotel. Malaga, Spain.

In attendance:

WMA Council

Stanley Perkins (AUS), President; Margit Jungmann (GER), Executive Vice President; Brian Keaveney (CAN), Vice President of Competition; María Alfaro (MEX), Secretary; Jean Thomas (FRA), Treasurer; Selma Türkkal (TUR), Women's Representative; Pierre Weiss (FRA), IAAF's Representative; Leonie Etong (CAM), Africa Representative; Sivasambo Sivapragasam (MAL), Asia Representative; Kurt Kaschke (GER), Europe Representative; Lynne Schickert (AUS), Oceania Representative; Guillermo Guzman (MEX), North America, Central America & Caribbean Representative; and Richard Amigo (PAR), South America Representative.

Delegates

In accordance with section 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6 and 14.7 of the WMA Constitution, the WMA Members (former "Affiliates") listed below, by region, gave proper notice of their delegates, who in turn, had automatic voting rights.

- Africa (9):

Algeria (1), Cameroon (1), Ivory Coast (1), Kenya (1), Mauritius (1), Nigeria (1), South Africa (2), Tunisia (1).

- <u>Asia (18):</u>

China PR (1), Hong Kong (1), India (5), Indonesia (1), Iran (1), Japan (3), Korea (1), Malaysia (1), Philippines (1), Singapore (1), Sri Lanka (1), Thailand (1).

- Europe (59):

Austria (2), Belgium (2), Czech Republic (2), Denmark (1), Estonia (1), Finland (4), France (5), Germany (5), Great Britain & Northern Ireland (5), Ireland (2), Italy (5), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1), Luxembourg (1), Netherlands (2), Norway (2), Poland (2), Portugal (1), Romania (1), Slovak Republic (1), Slovenia (1), Spain (5), Sweden (3), Switzerland (2), Turkey (1), Ukraine (1).

- North and Central America & the Caribbean (17):

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

- Oceania (7):

Australia (5), New Zealand (2)

- South America (19):

Argentina (5), Aruba (1), Bolivia (1), Brazil (3), Chile (4), Colombia (1), Paraguay (1), Uruguay (1), Venezuela (1), Perú (1).

-Total	of Delegates	- 129
-Total	of Council Members	- 13
-Total	votes on GA	- 142

Note:

-At the opening of the Assembly, the first roll call, read by WMA President was of 117 Delegates plus 13 Council Members registered.

-7 Delegates attended after the first roll call.

-During the meeting a total count was made, and it was found that 5 other delegates had previously been included but had not been confirmed on the regional listings. So, this made a final total of 129 Delegates and 13 Council Members. -Those were the 142 votes, which were correct and match with the votes that were taken during the assembly.

Guests:

-VIP WMA Guests.- Cesar Moreno, the "father" of WMA; Viwat Vigrantanoros, President of Asia Masters Athletics Asociation; Bob Lida, 2017 Best Master award winner.

-Organizing Committee of Torun (POL) for WMA 2019 Indoor Championships.

-Organizing Committee of Toronto (CAN) for WMA 2020 Stadia Outdoor Championships.

-Bid team of Edmonton (CAN) for WMA 2021 Indoor Championships.

-Bid teams of Gothenburg (SWE), Tampere (FIN), and L'Aquila (ITA) for WMA 2022 Stadia Outdoor Championships.

AGENDA / MINUTES

1. 09.00 hrs. Opening of the General Assembly

General Assembly was opened at 09.05 hrs.

WMA President welcomed WMA Council, Delegates, VIP guests, observers, bid teams and future organizers.

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

WMA Secretary confirmed the proper calling of the General Assembly as per the WMA Constitution 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7, outlining that the proper notifications had been sent to the WMA Members.

WMA President indicated GA will follow Robert's Rules of Order and voting would be manually done.

3. 09.15 hrs. Election of 2 scrutineers for the minutes.

Jo Burrows (USA) and Sandy Pashkin (USA) were proposed and accepted.

4. 09.20 hrs. Election of up to 4 persons to count the votes.

Carroll DeWeese (USA), Latashia Key (USA), Beatriz Espinoza (MEX) and John Seto (USA) were proposed and accepted.

5. 09.25 hrs. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2016 General Assembly Perth, Australia.

WMA Secretary stated that no matters had been received.

The minutes of the Perth 2016 General Assembly were approved by GA.

6. 09.35 hrs. Submission and approval of reports from:

-President.- As per report included in GA booklet with the following key points.

-WMA Management Team. Works and impacts very well in WMA Championships.-Next step is to take total control -above the LOC-, because this is the most difficult and important masters athletics' event in the world. -Improvements to the bidding process.- A change on the look of the inspection visits. WMA must be sure that bid cities should provide all the needs for WMA Championships, in every aspect. -

-Pierre Weiss, always working in favor of WMA.- Regarding IMGA (International Masters Games Association), which negatively assigns the same dates of WMA events and they are not the official IAAF's masters body IAAF.

-IAAF's ban of Russian athletes.- The IAAF's AIU (Athletics Integrity Unit) is working on it. WMA recognizes and follows IAAF's decisions but President recalled his frustration due to Russian masters athletes not able to participate in WMA championships.

-Not granted visas.- WMA is absolutely disappointed as Spanish governmental authorities denied the entrance to hundreds of masters athletes from the world because they did not believe they come to Spain to compete. There were different criteria for issuing visas, with no order on their concepts (some people applying for tourist visas were granted, some applying for sport visas were denied). Very sad situation for WMA and for many athletes and their families.

-Executive Vice President. - As per report included in GA booklet.

-Vice President of Competition. - As per report included in GA booklet.

-Secretary. - As per report included in GA booklet.

-Women's Representative. - As per report included in GA booklet.

All 5 Reports were approved by GA.

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

As per report included in GA booklet. Report was approved by GA.

8. 10.25 hrs. Submission and approval of Treasurer's report

As per report included in GA booklet. Report was approved by GA.

9. 10.35 hrs. Submission and approval of IAAF's Representative report

As per report included in GA booklet with the following key points.

Pierre Weiss -2 years working in IAAF's Masters Commission- outlined some additional key points from his report:

-IAAF's Masters Commission is formed by 6 IAAF members and 6 WMA members.

-Edward Kho, from Philippines and well known in the masters community will be elected to the Commission.

-Masters play a large part in athletics within IAAF Members, so WMA and masters WMA bodies need to find a way to make all the IAAF Members -that are not within the WMA yet- to register.

-The relationship between WMA and IAAF had not been as good as before and the IAAF has more pressing priorities. There was still a lack of clarity with the situation of Russian masters, who are being treated the same way as the athletes of the National Federation. Members of the Commission do not think this is fair and want the IAAF to look at a conclusive position on the situation. WMA hopes to have Russian masters in upcoming future WMA Championships.

-Doping cases are under the independent IAAF's Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU, which began operating on April 3, 2017) but WMA does not receive reports from them first hand on this matter.

-Disappointment of not having the IAAF symposium in Malaga Championships but hopes to have it in the future as it is something that contributes to the advancement of masters athletics.

-It is hoped to have some WMA events in the IAAF, out of stadia competitions, possibly in 2019.

Report was approved by GA.

10. 10.50 hrs. Elect WMA Honorary Members.

WMA Honorary Silver Pins were awarded to Sandy Pashkin (USA), Winston Thomas (GB/NI) and Selma Turkkal (TUR), for service on the WMA Council.

WMA Honorary Bronze Pins were awarded to Bob Banens (AUS) and Karl-Heinz Flucke (GER)as proposed by their Members.

-A special plaque was presented to WMA President, Stanley Perkins by the WMA Council. WMA Vice President proposed to honor him as "Honorary Life President" during this meeting, but would take effect when he steps down, at the end of this championship. GA voted and accepted. On behalf of WMA Council, he received a book with messages and photos from his period in WMA/WAVA and as WMA President.

-A special mention was made from WMA President about the outstanding contribution from César Moreno -IAAF Personal Life Member- to WMA.

11. 10.55 hrs. Presentation of WMA/IAAF Best Masters Awards

The 2017 Best Master Male award was presented to Robert Lida (USA), who accepted the trophy and certificate.

The 2017 Best Master Female award was presented to Kathy Martin (USA). In her absence, NCCWMA Regional Representative accepted the trophy and certificate.

12. Coffee Break

13. 11.35 hrs. Confirmation of the Expulsion of the Greek Veterans Athletics Association (OVEAS)EMA-WMA Council

WMA President stated that this procedure has been withdrawn (following a meeting with the OVEAS and Greek Masters) until specific documentation has been correctly evaluated by WMA so a resolution can been reached.

14. 12.00 hrs. Elections

President:

All three candidates offered a 3-minutes presentation to GA, and then, the votes were cast, as follows:

Margit Jungmann (GER)	- 110 votes
Vesa Lappalanen (FIN)	- 19 votes
Gary Snyder (USA)	- 12 votes
	- 1 null vote

Total : 142 votes

Margit Jungmann was duly elected as the next WMA President.

-Vacancy on Executive Vice President position.- Will be filled by a person which will be appointed by the new WMA President. Next election on this position will be held at General Assembly in 2020.

Treasurer: Jean Thomas (FRA)

The only candidate offered a 3-minutes presentation to GA, and then, he was elected unopposed, as the re-elected WMA Treasurer.

Women's Representative:

-As per Item 19. of the GA Agenda, regarding to Amendments to WMA Constitution:

NOTICE OF MOTION FROM THE WMA COUNCIL 1) Deletion of the Women's Representative from the Council.

-WMA President requested a change to the Agenda in order to vote on the deletion of the Women's Representative, due to the good representation of women on Council and Committees, as well as total equality in the competition events. The motion was presented by WMA President in advance of the election for this position. He outlined the views of the Council, followed by questions from the floor and a response from Selma Turkkal. After discussions, she

MOTION moved by USA. Seconded by AUSTRIA. In favor -115 Against -10 CARRIED

agreed to the proposal and this was put to a vote.

Total: 125 votes counted

-No election for Women's Representative was held. Position officially removed from Executive Council by constitutional amendment. Constitution and By-Laws would be modified to reflect the changes.

15. Lunch

16. 14:20 hrs. Status Report, 2019 Indoor Championships. Torun, Poland.

Host city offered a 20-minutes presentation to GA.

-Presentation of the host city of Torun was made by the following members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC):

Waclaw Krankowski, President PMA; Mariola Soczynska, Director Sport & Recreation Department - Municipality of Torun; Maja Nakanowska, Expert Sport & Recreation Department - Municipality of Torun; Krzysztof Ratajczyk - Polish Team Manager (2nd TM); Janusz Nath - Member PMA; Jerzy Krauze, President of LOC.

-March 24-30, 2019.

-Located in northern Poland with easy access by plane (5 airports within 260 km), by car (safe motorways) and by train.-Free local public transportation for WMA Championships.-5,000 hotel rooms.-Residents of Schengen zone (Poland is part of it) of non-EU and non-EEA states need a Schengen visa.

-All venues are located within 800 m from downtown.-Arena Torun, with 7500seat capacity: circular track, 6-lane of 200 m length. straight track, 8lane of 60 m length.

training room with warm up track. warm up room full athletics equipment restaurant.

-Main Stadium: discus and javelin throws

start and finish of: 10K RW, 10K road race, half-marathon

-Throws Arena: hammer throw

-Sports Hall: shot put and weight throw -Rudelka Park: cross country 8K, 6K -70+

17. 14:40 hrs. Status Report, 2020 Stadia Championships. Toronto, Canada.

Host city offered a 20-minutes presentation to GA.

-Presentation of the host city of Toronto was made by the following members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC):

John Craig, Paul Osland, Doug Smith, Vanessa Sarjeant, Irene Maguire, Simon Rayner, Vern Cristensen.

-July 20 - August 1, 2020. -Venues: Toronto Track & Field Center, York Lions Stadium -Indoor Warm-up Track with 100m Straight -Varsity Arena - Accreditation -Centennial Park - Cross Country -Toronto Island - Road races -Excellent transportation on airport, subway, bus, ferry terminal, -Accommodation covered -Variety of attractions and tours offered.

18. 15:00 hrs. Bid presentations and voting for future WMA World Championships

All four bid cities offered a 20-minutes presentation to GA.

2021 Indoor Championships.-

• Edmonton, Canada.

-Presentation of the bid city of Edmonton was made by the following members of the LOC:

James Rosnau, Executive Director of Athletics Alberta and Chair of LOC; Brad Babiak, Technical Director at Athletics Alberta; Katie Kennedy, Edmonton Tourism; Lindsay Harrison; Evelyn Burnett, Dave Dunn.

-April 6-12, 2021. -Partnership between City and Tourism in favor of sport and cultural events -1978 Commonwealth Games, 2001 IAAF World Championships, 2016 Canadian Olympic Trails -2019 Canadian Masters Athletics Indoor championships -Olympia Sport City of Champions / Main Indoor stadium 200M hydraulic banked track 100M straightaway Seating capacity for 2500 spectators Dual pole vault pits Dual jump pits First of its kind in Canada and fourth hydraulic banked Additional retail space, hotel, and meetings/office rooms. -University of Alberta Pavilion (Butterdome) / Stadia Track and Field 7 lane Mondo track Dual pits History of hosting major events Build for the Universiade Games No elevation -Kinsmen Sport Centre / Training site and back-up venue 200m 6-lane rubber surface -Foote Field / Non Stadia and Throws -All competition venues are close to each other and all accessible by Edmonton transit. -Free transportation with registration for 2021 WMA Indoor Championships -Touristic attractions, restaurants, hotel, shopping, art options offered.

Total: 133 votes counted

-Edmonton received the vote of approval from the General Assembly.

-WMA President officially named Edmonton the Host for the 2021 WMA Indoor Championships (April 6-12).

2022 Stadia Championships.-

-Presentation of the bid cities, as follows, were made by the following members of the LOC:

• Gothenburg, Sweden.

Stefan Olsson, Secretary General, Swedish Athletic Association; nna Linner Bassani, Head of Competition Management, Swedish Athletic Association; Goran Delic, President, Gothenburg Athletic Association; Bo Edsberger, CEO, Gothenburg Athletic Association; Niklas Wallenlind, Managing Director Athletics, Gothenburg Athletic Association; Annika Knutsson, Head of Project Management, Gothenburg Athletic Association; Åsa Borvén, Team Manager Event Support/Event Management, Gothenburg & Co; Anna Mjörnvik, Key Account Manager Sports Events, Gothenburg & Co.

-Host City for 1995 IAAF World Championships, 2006 European Athletics Championships, 2013 European Indoor Championships.
-Free public transportation for all athletes and officials.
-20 minutes maximum, between the arenas.
-Award winning design hotels and budget affordable accommodation on hostels, apartments and villages.
-Worldwide live streaming free-of-charge.
-Slottsskogsvallen / Primary stadia venue.
-Slottsskogen / Terrain running events venue.
-Ullevi Stadium / Secondary stadia venue.
-Bjorlanda Athletics, Aby Athletics / Training and additional venues.

• Tampere, Finland.

Perttu Pesä, City Representative. Director of Major Events, City of Tampere; **Oki Vuonoranta**; WMA Members Representative. Managing Director, Finnish Masters Athletics; **Mr Pekka Paavola**, City of Tampere, Sport dep. Sports Director, City of Tampere; **Ms. Elisa Hakanen**, General Secretary. GM Tampereen Pyrintö Sport Club; **Vesa Lappalainen**.

-Proposed dates 22nd June - 3rd July 2022

-2018 IAAF World U20 Championships

-2013 EAA European Athletics U23 Championships

-2003 EAA European Athletics Junior Championships

-Tampere Stadion-Ratina / Main venue. Free WiFi Shopping centre Restaurants and caterings -Ylojarvi Sports Field / Venue 2 -Nokia Sports Field / Venue 3 -Hervanta Sports Field / Venue 4

-Accommodation
 Hotels in the city center
 3-4 stars hotels
 Over 5,000 hotel rooms
 Camping grounds, AirBnB system, Schools for budget travelers

 -Free local transportation with accreditation card

-To reach Tampere:By air, train, car and ferry via Helsinki

-Safe drinking tap water

• L'Aquila, Italy

Gianni Lolli, General Director and manager of LOC; Pier Luigi Biondi, Mayor of L'Aquila; Daniele Placidi, General Secretary of L'Aquila; Paolo Pietrucci, President of Regional Assembly Abruzzo; Camillo Franchi, New Member of LOC.

-3 airports, 3 train stations, 4 highways
-Free local bus shuttles will link accommodation areas with track venues
-Piazza D'Armi-Stadio Isaia Di Cesare / Main stadium
-Stadio Fattori / Throwing events stadium
-Centi Colella, Guardia Di Finanza / Secondary tracks
-Accreditation and Media Center
-Racewalks and road races / less than 0.6 from main stadium
-Half Marathon / 9 km from main stadium
-Accommodation average prices / 50-55 euros
7,000 beds, hotels and B&B
6,000 beds, house residences
-250 restaurants and fast foods
-Parks, nature, culture and history

After the presentations, the votes were cast, as follows:

Gothenburg	- 80 votes
L´Aquila	- 37 votes
Tampere	- 22 votes
	- 1 null vote

Total : 140 votes

-Gothenburg was duly elected winner by majority.

-WMA President confirmed Gothenburg as winner, and Host for the 2022 WMA Stadia championships (August 8-22). He thanked the other bid teams for their hard work and presentations.

19. 16.30 hrs. Amendments to: WMA Constitution, Rules of Competition.

WMA COUNCIL MOTIONS. -

-As per Item 14. of the Agenda.

1) Deletion of the Women's Representative from the Council.

That Clause 12.3 of the Constitution be amended by deleting item 12.3(vi)

So that Clause 12.3 will read as follows:

The 5 elected Officers are:

(i) the President

- (ii) the Executive Vice-President;
- (iii) the Vice-President Competition;
- (iv) the Secretary, and
- (v) the Treasurer.

Reason: Over time the composition of the Council and the Committees of the Council have changed so that women now have a good representation. There is also now total equality in the competition events provided.

The Women's Committee will continue to be a Committee of WMA.

2) THAT if the above motion is successful, the following motions will be presented:

That Clause 12.9 of the Constitution be deleted. This Clause is headed **Roles and Responsibilities of the Women's Representative**. **Reason:** The position will no longer exist.

3) THAT Clause 19.1 ELECTIONS AND TERM OF OFFICE be amended by deleting the words WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Reason: The position will no longer exist.

Any further amendments that are necessary should these Motions be accepted, namely the removal of reference to the position and the responsibilities of the position will be undertaken.

-It was duly accepted that the points 2) and 3) would be adopted into the Constitution and By-Laws.

-Motions CARRIED

MEMBERS MOTIONS. -

4) From Australian Masters Athletics

MOTION: Proposal to change the Clause 10.4 (ii) from:

each Member shall be entitled to one additional Delegate for each 100 of the total of its competitors at the last three outdoor WMA Stadia Championships, to a maximum of four additional Delegates, to read as follows:

each Member shall be entitled up to an additional Delegate where the total of its competitors at the last three outdoor WMA Stadia Championships is 300 or greater, and a further additional Delegate where the total of its competitors at the last three outdoor WMA Stadia Championships is 450 or greater,

Reason: This proposal to change the Clause 10.4 (ii) of WMA Constitution to make the organisation's General Assembly more democratic.

The proposal was discussed without dissent at the Oceania Masters Athletics General Assembly in Dunedin, in 2018.

1. It would provide (as currently) each attending Member with one voting Delegate regardless of the number of registered athletes at the past three WMA Stadia Championships;

-After discussion on the amendment about 1 vote per Country, this motion was withdrawn.

1.1 It would limit the maximum number of voting Delegates for any WMA Member to three (currently five) - in other words up to two additional delegates depending on the number of registered athletes at the past three WMA Stadia Championships. The mechanism for determining additional delegates would be the same as currently.

1.2 It would increase the requirement for qualifying for additional Delegates, such that 300 or more registered athletes at the last three outdoor WMA Stadia Championships would qualify for one additional Delegate, while 450 or more registered athletes would qualify for a second additional Delegate. Specifically, this Notice of Motion seeks to change Clause 10.4 (ii) of the Constitution.

-Wilma Perkins (AUS).- Spoke on the motion and explained how it would be fairer to the smaller Members with less entries in the competition, to make for more equitable voting for each country.

-Serge Beckers (BEL).- Backed the motion, but such amendment would change the context and application of the motion. He said small countries like Belgium will never have the same number of athletes as the large countries as USA or Canada.

-Arthur Kimber (GB/NI).- Motion is unfair for the Members with larger teams.
-Vern Christiansen (CAN).- To reduce the number of votes is more democratic.
There is no reason for WMA to follow same IAAF conditions.
-There were several other speakers. After discussion, motion as follows:
MOTION moved by BELGIUM. Seconded by HONG KONG.

In favor -45 Against -79

Total : 124 votes -Motion was NOT CARRIED

5) From the French Federation (FFA) and the Italian Federation (FIDAL).

-NOTE: This motion was withdrawn by the proposers.

MOTION: Proposes the following New addition to Clause 4. Membership, of the WMA Constitution

4.4 Once admitted, the association or organisation that represents Masters Athletes for each Country or Territory is a WMA Member for indefinite duration, unless:

- it withdraws its Membership or
- it is suspended or expelled from Membership in accordance with WMA Constitution or
- the WMA Member is not recognized anymore by the National Governing Body to be representing the Masters in the Country or Territory.

Reason: There is presently no clause for the initial withdrawal of WMA membership in the Constitution.

COMPETITION MOTIONS. -

6) From Oceania

-Brian Keaveney.- Announced that a committee has been set up to review age graded tables.

-NOTE: This motion was withdrawn by the proposer, as the Competition Team are presently working on the item.

MOTION: 3 parts

1.- That one (1) year age grading be reinstated to assist the holding of events which require such percentages to have accurate performance results.

2.- That a sub-committee of up to seven (7) persons be appointed by WMA to undertake the revision of the Age Graded Tables ready for publishing in 2020.

3.- That WMA arrange for the Age Graded Tables be reviewed every five years.

20. 17.15 hrs. Voting on:

WMA By-Laws, Championship Rules, Rules of Competition

By-Laws.- WMA President requested the General Assembly to eliminate item 4.2 Members of the Executive shall not hold concurrent executive positions on their Regional Association boards. By-Laws need to support WMA Constitution, accordingly.

Motion to accept By-Laws approved with item 4.2 deleted

Approved by GA.

Championship Rules.- Included in the GA Booklet still apply for this Málaga Championship, but this document also needs to be updated. Pierre Weiss proposal is to forget about the English version.

Motion to accept Championships Rules, Approved by GA.

By-Laws and Championship Rules have been brought up to date for adoption by the WMA and submission to the IAAF. They now line up with the WMA Constitution. The General Assembly voted for acceptance to the updates for both the By-Laws and the Championship Rules.

CARRIED

Rules of Competition.- Brian Keaveney reported that the Rules of Competition are updated and have been carefully checked and translated to Spanish and French. Document, uploaded to WMA website.

Update of Rules of Competition, Approved by GA. CARRIED

-WMA President thanked these modifications, as competition officials and judges have been able to do their work better.

21. 17.45 Date of the Next General Assembly

At the next WMA World Championships in Toronto, Canada. July 2020. Exact date, to be decided on WMA Council meeting.

22. 17:50 hrs. Closing of the General Assembly

WMA President outlined that WMA is a respected organization and can make its own decisions. Under his presidential period, the most important task, was to make the masters athletes to have regional representation. Now, they have a better organizational body which looks after them, and will continue promoting masters athletics in a positive way in all Regions of the world.

Stanley Perkins gave words of thanks on his last General Assembly.

General Assembly was closed at 18.05 hrs.

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