



**18th IFAF CONGRESS
Canton, Ohio, USA, Friday, July 17, 2015**

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND THE OPENING OF CONGRESS

IFAF Vice President MAC KANEUJI made an opening speech to welcome all federations to Canton, OH USA.

The Chief Executive of USA Football Mr. Scott HALLENBECK made an opening speech to welcome all federations to Canton, OH, USA.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDEES:

19 votes were present at the start of the meeting.

Australia, Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Serbia, Sweden, United States

The attendance of non-members Kenya and China was approved.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Mr. Martin COCKERILL (Great Britain), Mr. Chris JOSEY (Australia), Mr. Esa Haavisto (Finland).

VOTE: UNANIMITY

4. APPOINTMENT OF THREE DELEGATES TO WHOM THE MINUTES MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR FOR CHECKING BEFORE DISPATCH TO THE MEMBERS

Mr. Javier L'EPISCOPO (Argentina), Mr. Gustavo SOUSA (Brazil), Ms. Marie SOLHAUG (Norway).

VOTE: UNANIMITY

4. a. ELECTION OF THE MINUTE TAKER

Mr. Roope NORONEN proposed Mr. Michael PRESTON as the minute taker.



VOTE: UNANIMITY

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING CONGRESS

VOTE: MAJORITY

The minutes of the last Congress were approved by the majority. It was noted that Australia requested that the 2014 minutes be submitted for approval along with the 2015 minutes.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE IFAF MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mr. Andy FULLER presented to the IFAF membership.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE IFAF EXECUTIVE BOARD COVERING THE PERIOD OF THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR

Mr. NORONEN submitted the report of the Executive Board.

8. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT BY THE TREASURER

Mr. Jim ELIAS submitted the Annual Report.

The auditor questioned who should sign the report due to the current IFAF leadership situation and recommended that the report not be voted upon until that was clarified.

9. PRESENTATION OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Andy FULLER submitted the report.

The auditor Baker Tilly has questioned who should sign the report due to the current IFAF leadership situation and recommended that the report not be voted upon until that was clarified.

10. VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, THE TREASURER AND THE AUDITOR

Mr. NORONEN proposed the approval of the Executive Board report.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

The report of the Executive Board was approved.



Mr. NORONEN recommended that the all members of the Executive Board are required to sign all future Auditor's reports before seeking approval from the membership.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

The motion was approved.

Mr. NORONEN recommended that the signing of the Treasurer and Auditor's Reports be deferred until the current IFAF leadership is clarified.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

11. SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET AND THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE UPCOMING FINANCIAL YEAR PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mr. Andy FULLER submitted the report.

12. VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET AND THE PLAN OF ACTION

Australia and Argentina proposed additional provision be allocated to cover legal fees and the budget was amended accordingly.

The Executive Board and membership agreed that there must be a detailed budget presentation at future Congress.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

13. ADMISSION AND / OR RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

There was no resignation of members.

There was no admission of new members.

14. VOTE ON ANY PROPOSAL OR MOTION SENT ACCORDING TO THE STATUTES AND PROPOSALS BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mr. Roope NORONEN proposed the rejection of the proposal of Motion 1.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

Motion rejected.



Mr. Roope NORONEN proposed the rejection of the proposal of Motion 2.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

Motion rejected.

Mr. Roope NORONEN proposed the rejection of the proposal of Motion 3.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

Motion rejected.

**15. ELECTION OF THE IFAF PRESIDENT (IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 9)
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM UNTIL 2016**

The Executive Board informed the Congress that IFAF accepted the resignation of the former IFAF President Mr. Tommy WIKING.

Mr. Martin COCKERILL (Great Britain) nominated Mr. Roope NORONEN for the position of interim President until the 2016 Congress elections.

IFAF Vice President Mr. MAC KANEUJI assumed the chair of the Congress.

No other nominations for the position of IFAF President were received prior to or during the Congress.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

Mr. Roope NORONEN was confirmed as IFAF President.

The Vice President role vacated by Mr. NORONEN will be filled at the 2016 IFAF Congress.

**16. ELECTION OF THE IFAF SECRETARY (IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 9)
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM UNTIL 2016**

Mr. Roope NORONEN presented the proposal that to meet gender representation rules the position should be filled by a female candidate.

Sweden nominated Ms. Minette ROGNER (Sweden) as IFAF Secretary.

New Zealand seconded the proposal.

VOTE: UNANIMITY



Ms. Minette ROGNER was elected as IFAF Secretary.

17. ELECTION OF AUDITOR

The Executive Board recommended retaining the services of Baker Tilly.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

18. 2016 CONGRESS

The IFAF President proposed that the 2016 IFAF Congress is held following the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil and that the Executive Board will source the most suitable venue.

VOTE: UNANIMITY

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Congress was informed that IFAF has received a proposal from the Bahamas to host the 2016 IFAF Flag Football World Championship. The IFAF Executive Board is currently doing due diligence to review this proposal.

Congress discussed possible participation at the World Games in Poland.

The current status of the IFAF standing with regard to IOC provisional membership was discussed. The position of the IOC was not disclosed.

20. CLOSE OF CONGRESS

Mr. Roope NORONEN closed the meeting.



Signed and written

Mr. Michael PRESTON
Minute taker

Mr. Roope NORONEN
President

Mr. Chris JOSEY
Australia

Mr. Martin COCKERILL
Great Britain

Mr. Esa HAAVISTO
Finland