

AGENDA

APSO Executive Board Meeting, 23 June 2021



Meeting title	APSO Executive Board Meeting
Date	23 June 2021
Time	15.00 – 16.30 CEST
Venue	Videocall
Chair	Sabrina Ibáñez, APSO President
Minutes	Sergey Lyzhin, Project Coordinator ASOIF

Attendance List		
Participants	Title	IF
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms Sabrina Ibáñez (SI)	President	FEI
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Tom Dielen (TD)	Vice President	WAF
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Colin Grahamslaw (CG)	Member	WCF
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs Maureen Orchard (MO)	Member	IWBF
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Henk van Aller (HvA)	Member	IBSA
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Sergey Lyzhin (SL)	Project Coordinator	ASOIF

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Minutes	
1	<p>IPC 2021 IF GRANT APPLICATION</p> <p>The President reminded the EB that the IPC had developed a new IF Grants Report template, despite the earlier agreement with the IPC. During a meeting with the IPC and APSO Projects Coordinator, the President raised her concern regarding the level of detailed information included in the new template. IPC had explained that due to limitations in the German law in regard to non-for-profit organisations the IPC was not allowed to pay general support (administration grants) to its members. Therefore, funds could only be granted to specific projects.</p> <p>The President briefed the EB on the key aspects of the proposed IPC Grants system. This included payment of the 80% of required sum in advance with further closing payment of the remaining 20% once the IF submit its report on completion of the project. The EB</p>

	<p>felt that this amount of administration was overly bureaucratic and would prove not only cumbersome for APSO members but also IPC staff.</p> <p>The total maximum volume of the grant could not exceed EUR 25.000 per federation per year. The proposed categories of expenses for reimbursement were to include: IPC membership fees, sport competitions/training and promotion of parasport movement.</p> <p>Regarding further possible projects, the EB agreed to propose to the IPC the following additional categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education/training for officials/technical officials/coaches; • Anti-doping (including education); • COVID-19 countermeasures. <p>It was also agreed that there should be a clear indication in the report template that not every area or category had to be filled in and that the entire sum of the grant could be attributed to only one project or area.</p> <p>The EB members were of opinion that that was the APSO responsibility to inform its member federations and clarify on the new procedure/standards once the report's template was to be approved by the IPC.</p> <p>HvA was disappointed that classification related expenses were now proposed to be covered by IPC IF grant while previously they fit under a different category therefore IFs had more opportunities to receive funding from the IPC for its essential activities.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>IPC SPORTS & APSO MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>The President highlighted APSO's Statutes in regard to criteria to become an APSO member, i.e. APSO member must be included in the Paralympic Games program and be independent from the IPC.</p> <p>In view of the IPC Governance review and in order to help those sports during the transition period in which they become fully independent from the IPC, the EB agreed to propose to APSO membership a transitory provision in the APSO Statutes which would allow these sports to become APSO Observers. Naturally, this would need the formal approval of the APSO General Assembly.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>FITEQ – APPLICANT FOR APSO AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>The President informed the EB members that application for APSO affiliate membership was received from the International Teqball Federation (FITEq). The EB agreed to study carefully the application and to consider proposing to General Assembly FITEq's acceptance as APSO affiliate member should their application fulfill all required criteria.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>APSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 – TAIPEI CITY, CHINESE TAIPEI</p> <p>The EB members approved hosting APSO General Assembly 2021 in hybrid (in-person and virtual) format in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei in connection with the IPC General Assembly. Exact date was to be confirmed.</p> <p>TD clarified that according to Swiss law since the General Assembly 2021 was to be the first one in the post-COVID era there was no requirement to have a provision in the Statutes that would allow hybrid/virtual General Assemblies. However, the EB members agreed to propose a respective amendment to APSO Statutes in order to allow hosting of General Assemblies in a hybrid/virtual format in the future.</p> <p>The EB agreed to reach out to the IPC in regard to remote voting system for the upcoming IPC General Assembly in order to potentially reduce the cost of the similar service for APSO General Assembly.</p>

5	<p>APSO STATUTES</p> <p>President & EB terms</p> <p>The President raised the question in regard to the terms of office of the EB members (including President) following the postponement of the Paralympic Games from 2020 to 2021 and due to provisions of the Swiss law and the APSO Statutes. (APSO's Statutes state that elections will take place the year following the Paralympic Games.)</p> <p>The EB members were of opinion that regardless of the Games' postponement the elections to the APSO EB should take place in 2021 as scheduled to maintain the 4-year cycle. For this happen, the EB would again propose a transitory provision to the Statutes to the APSO GA in 2021.</p> <p>Director/Secretary General</p> <p>The EB members agreed to propose the amendments to the APSO Statutes formalizing the role and responsibilities of Director/Secretary General.</p> <p>MO reminded that EB members, except the President, were in position of Directors, therefore the new executive position was to be titled ether Director General or Secretary General.</p>
6	<p>POTENTIAL APSO PROJECTS FOR UNSPENT IPC GRANTS</p> <p>The President suggested to host online Women in Sport Leadership courses for APSO Members that would encourage more women currently engaged in para sport activities on national and international level to step up. The similar leadership courses carried out by ASOIF earlier in 2020 was proven to be a success. The EB approved the proposal and agreed to offer each APSO Member one complementary spot on the course and an opportunity to send one more female at their own cost.</p>
7	<p>UPDATE ON PARASPORT BRAND</p> <p>SL updated the EB on the most recent development and expected timelines of the ParaSport Partnership (PSP) project and presented draft questionnaire for APSO Members that was to be distributed to federations in order to collect their feedback and define their capacity for the new IPC's marketing initiative.</p>
8	<p>NIELSEN SPORTS – TOKYO 2020 MEDIA ANALYSIS</p> <p>SL informed the EB that despite the communication with the IPC there was no formal tripartite agreement between the parties in place. It was decided to formalize the previous agreements with IPC and Nielsen Sports as soon as possible.</p>
9	<p>IPC CLASSIFICATION CODE</p> <p>TD updated the EB on the most recent developments of the IPC Classification Code review. Overall, the progress was good and the IPC was very cooperative and attentive to suggestions from its stakeholders. However according to his experience with compliance monitoring in other organizations the reviewed Code should be as simple and as flexible as possible in order for IPC to remain capable to monitor its implementation by the membership and for the membership such document to serve as assistance rather than a burden. The EB unanimously supported such approach.</p>
	<p>The President thanked everyone to productive and fruitful meeting.</p>