



Meeting title	<b>APSO General Assembly</b>
Date	10 December 2021
Time	13:00 CET
Venue	FEI HQ, Lausanne, Switzerland / Video Conference
Chair	Sabrina Ibáñez
Minutes	Sergey Lyzhin

<b>Participants</b>			
<b>APSO Representatives</b>	Initial	Title	IF
<input type="checkbox"/> Sabrina Ibáñez		APSO President	FEI
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Dielen		APSO Vice President	WA
<input type="checkbox"/> Henk van Aller	HVA	APSO Treasurer	IBSA
<input type="checkbox"/> Colin Grahamslaw		APSO Executive Board Member	WCF
<input type="checkbox"/> Maureen Orchard	MO	APSO Executive Board Member	IWBF
<input type="checkbox"/> David Hadfield		President	BISFed
<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Kurzo		Vice-President	BWF
<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Lund		Secretary General	BWF
<input type="checkbox"/> Bettina de Rham		Director Para Dressage	FEI
<input type="checkbox"/> Liz Soutter	LS	Sports Manager	FISA
<input type="checkbox"/> Alistair Williams		Head of Wheelchair Tennis	ITF
<input type="checkbox"/> Raul Calin		Secretary General	ITTF
<input type="checkbox"/> Debra Alexander		First Vice President	World Triathlon
<input type="checkbox"/> Antonio Arimany		Secretary General	World Triathlon
<input type="checkbox"/> Charmaine Hooper		CEO	IWAS
<input type="checkbox"/> Norbert Kucera	NK	Secretary General	IWBF
<input type="checkbox"/> Amina Lanaya		General Director	UCI
<input type="checkbox"/> Gilles Peruzzi		Head of Track, Para-cycling and Indoor Cycling	UCI
<input type="checkbox"/> Dominique Ohlmann		Para Archery Committee Chairperson	WA
<input type="checkbox"/> Barry Couzner OAM		President	WPV
<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Leask		Board Director (Marketing)	WPV
<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Ling		Chief of Staff	WT
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Allcroft	RA	President	WWR
<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Griffiths		CEO	WWR
<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Loader		Board Director	WWR
<input type="checkbox"/> Sergey Lyzhin	SLY		APSO



<b>Invitees</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alastair Fox	Director of Events	WS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Massimo Dighe	Para World Sailing Manager	WS

<b>Agenda</b>		<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Annex</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	Chair	
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of the APSO GA 2021 Agenda</b>	All	
<b>3</b>	<b>Approval of the APSO GA Minutes 2019</b>	All	
<b>4</b>	<b>Finances</b>	Treasurer	
	<b>4.1</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2019</b>	
	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2020</b>	
	<b>4.4</b>	<b>2021</b>	
	<b>4.5</b>	<b>Annual Subscription fee</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>APSO Statutes amendments</b>	All	
<b>6</b>	<b>APSO Elections</b>	All	
<b>7</b>	<b>IPC General Assembly 2021</b>	All	
<b>8</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	All	

<b>Minutes</b>	
<b>R: Resolution</b>	<b>T: Task</b> <b>I: Information</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the APSO General Assembly (GA) and acknowledged that it was a regret that members could not meet in person due to the global pandemic circumstances. Nevertheless, it was necessary to carry out APSO elections and to review statutory amendments, therefore the APSO GA took place in a video conference format. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>The Chair on behalf of all APSO members thanked Henk van Aller's and Maureen Orchard for their invaluable contribution to the establishment of APSO and for their dedicated service on APSO Executive Board (EB). Both candidates had decided not to seek re-election to the EB. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>The LUMI voting platform was introduced and explained to the APSO GA and was used to conduct remote voting. With 14 voting delegates present the quorum for the GA was met. <b>(I)</b></p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Approval of the APSO GA 2021 Agenda</b></p> <p>The Agenda for the APSO GA 2021 was approved. <b>(R)</b></p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Approval of the APSO GA Minutes 2019</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the APSO GA 2019 were approved. <b>(R)</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Finances</b></p>
<b>4.1 – 4.4</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>HVA explained that the main income in 2019 was from the IPC Grant and from membership fees. Expenditures came from hosting meetings and from the launch of the website. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>Because of COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in 2020 there were even fewer financial transactions for APSO. The IPC Grant remained the only income in 2020 as the decision was taken to waive membership fees for that year due to financial difficulties caused by the pandemic to many of APSO members. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>The Chair informed the members that the IPC Grant for 2021 had still not been received. It was therefore necessary to liaise with the IPC post GA in order to obtain explanation on the procedures for further receiving of the grant. <b>(T)</b></p> <p>SLY informed the members that payment for the Nielsen project on Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games media research was scheduled for the end of the year and online Women Leadership Course was planned for early 2022 which would also require substantial financial resources. <b>(I)</b></p>
<b>4.5</b>	<p><b>Annual Subscription fee</b></p> <p>The GA approved to maintain the annual subscription fee at CHF 300. <b>(R)</b></p>



<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>APSO Statutes amendments</b></p> <p>SLY introduced the proposed amendments to APSO Statutes to the members. They would entrench principles of non-discrimination, diversity and inclusion into the Statutes as well as commitment of APSO and all of its members to safe sport and good governance principles. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>It was also proposed to include into the Statutes provisions that would allow APSO EB to hold the GA by electronic means in exceptional circumstances. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>It was proposed to clarify role and responsibilities of the APSO Secretariat, which were to be fulfilled by the Honorary Secretary General on a non-remunerated basis for the time being. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>The proposed amendments were unanimously approved by the GA. <b>(R)</b></p> <p>DA noted that item 16 of the Statutes stated that the GA and the EB might appoint Commissions or Working Groups, which presumably required approval from both in such case. It was recommended to amend that provision in the future so that it was the GA and/or the EB authority. <b>(T)</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>APSO Elections</b></p> <p>SLY informed the members that one candidature was received for position of the APSO President and that 4 candidatures were received for 4 positions of APSO EB members. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>Sabrina Ibáñez (FEI) was elected APSO President for the term of 2021-2025. Tom Dielen (WA), Colin Grahamslaw (WCF), Charmaine Hooper (IWAS) and Steve Loader (WWR) were elected APSO EB members for the term of 2021-2025. <b>(R)</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>IPC General Assembly 2021</b></p> <p>It was of mutual interest for APSO members to discuss the Motions to the IPC GA 2021 and the potential consequences on APSO and the International Federations (IFs) should they pass. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>The members praised the IPC for a thorough consultation process on the Governance review and on the new draft constitution. Not all of the recommendations from IFs had been included in the final draft, but the APSO members were of opinion that the new IPC Constitution would still be a big step forward for the organization, thus should be supported. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>The members agreed that providing additional votes to the continental Paralympic Committees would contradict the proposed governance reforms of the IPC, specifically due to duplication of votes since each and every National Paralympic Committee of each concerned region already has full voting rights. <b>(I)</b></p> <p>The members disagreed to any potential interference of the IPC into the IFs membership fee policies. Many IF already had very affordable fees, either unique and equal for everyone (USD 300 for World Triathlon) or reduced for developing nations (CHF 500 for FEI). It also based on the fact that members of the IFs are predominantly their National Federations and the membership fee should not be decided by the paralympic side of the sport. As a matter of principle, it was agreed that such areas of business should have remained in sole authority of the IFs. <b>(I)</b></p>



<b>8</b>	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Program of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games</b>  NK raised his concern over the insufficiency of the consultation process from the IPC side in regard to such vital matters as athletes’ quotas and program composition for the Paralympic Games (PG). These concerns were seconded by many other IFs. The members agreed that it is not always possible to meet all the requests from multiple stakeholders of the PG, however the IFs were of a common opinion that communication should always have remained open, regular and transparent in that regard. <b>(I)</b></p> <p><b>ParaSport Partnership</b>  RA and NK raised the question in regard to the new IPC’s initiative on creation of the ParaSport brand and a commercial partnership program related to that (PSP). The current level of information provided did not make it clear on the scope and format of the marketing and sponsorship autonomy for the participating IFs and therefore deemed inappropriate for the moment for some IFs. That could be revisited in the future once the PSP brand was up and running. <b>(I)</b></p> <p><b>Refractive errors report</b>  LS found challenging the proposed changes to the classification principles and timelines for visually impaired (VI) athletes of other IFs than IBSA sent out recently by the IPC. LS invited other affected IFs to coordinate their efforts towards the formalisation of relationships with IBSA in that regard. <b>(I)</b></p>
	<p><b>Closing</b>  MO thanked all APSO members for their continuous support during her many years of service to the Paralympic movement.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the members for their confidence in her and congratulated the elected members of the Executive Board. She look forward to the continued productive discussions with APSO members; hopefully 2022 would allow them to meet in person. The meeting was formally closed.</p>