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APSO Executive Board Meeting, 29 April 2022



Meeting title	APSO Executive Board Meeting
Date	29 April 2022
Time	10.00 – 10.45 CEST
Venue	Videocall
Chair	Sabrina Ibáñez, APSO President
Minutes	Sergey Lyzhin, APSO Honorary Secretary General

Attendance List		
Participants	Title	IF
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms Sabrina Ibáñez (SI)	President	FEI
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Tom Dielen (TD)	Vice President	WA
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms Charmaine Hooper (CH)	Member	IWAS
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Sergey Lyzhin (SLY)	Honorary Secretary General	APSO

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6	BEIJING 2022 MEDIA RESEARCH BY NIELSEN	
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1	<p>WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR</p> <p>The President welcomed the Executive Board (EB) members present to their second meeting in 2022. Colin Grahamslaw and Steve Loader were excused.</p>
2	<p>APSO AFFILIATES STATUS</p> <p>In a follow up to the decisions taken in the previous EB Meeting on 19 January 2022, the APSO EB decided to propose to APSO members to amend the APSO Statutes’ article 4 so only the IPC-recognized International Federations (RIFs) could apply for affiliate status in APSO. That would align APSO and IPC’s approach towards development of the Paralympic movement and would allow to use APSO limited workforce resources wisely. SLY was tasked to provide the EB with exact wording of such potential amendment to the Statutes.</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>APSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022</p> <p>In the view of preparation for the APSO General Assembly (GA) 2022 in the fourth quarter of the year SLY was tasked to liaise with the IPC in regard to any potential clashes with IPC-led events. Should there be provision to have one which would require in-person participation from the IPC's member-IFs, it was decided to arrange the APSO GA in the same city and on the same dates in order to minimize travel costs for APSO members. The APSO GA 2022 is to be held in hybrid format (in-person and virtual participation).</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>APSO/IPC AGREEMENT UPDATE</p> <p>The President updated the EB that there was no progress on the new agreement between APSO and the IPC. In order to proceed with discussion on the subject SI was tasked to draft an official letter to the IPC President.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>IPC MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND GRANTS UPDATE</p> <p>On 13 April 2022 the EB had a fruitful meeting with the new staff of the IPC Membership team in regard to IF Grants and the IPC Membership services. It was reiterated in the EB meeting that more clarity was yet to be provided by the IPC in regard to Grant reporting conditions and eligible activities.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>BEIJING 2022 MEDIA RESEARCH BY NIELSEN</p> <p>SLY updated the EB on the project timelines with results scheduled for delivery in early May and invoicing to be settled in early June 2022.</p> <p>Pascal Schulte, Nielsen Vice President offered to arrange a workshop on potential use of data originating from the Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 Paralympic Games media research. The proposal met with the approval of the EB, SLY was tasked to liaise with Nielsen in regard to dates and arrangements for the workshop.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>APSO WOMEN LEAD SPORTS 2022 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM RESULTS</p> <p>SLY informed the EB that both APSO groups successfully graduated from the online leadership course "Women Lead Sports" (WLS). In total 40 women representing 13 APSO members and other Para-sport organizations (e.g. the IPC, British Paralympian Association) benefited from the course.</p> <p>The EB took note that very positive feedback was received both from the WLS coach Gabriela Mueller and from the participants.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>2022 IF Open Days at the IPC</p> <p>TD and SLY were to attend the 2022 IF open Days at the IPC Headquarters in Bonn on 2 June. The EB agreed to invite other IFs to join them on the same date if that would suit their individual schedules.</p> <p>APSO Finances</p> <p>SLY updated the EB on the financial matters of APSO. The EB took a note of the cashflow and other banking affairs. SLY was tasked to arrange an independent audit of APSO accounts in accordance with the APSO Statutes.</p>

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	<p>IPC Classification Code</p> <p>TD informed the EB that the first draft of the reviewed IPC Classification Code was to be ready by the end of May 2022. The finalized draft of the Code was scheduled to be presented to the IPC Membership in the fall on 2024. TD noted that not every recommendation from IFs was reflected in the newly drafted Code, though overall there was remarkable progress achieved.</p>
9	<p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The President proposed to have the next EB meeting in September 2022. The EB members were invited to submit their availability for that month to SLY, the exact date and format of the meeting were to be defined in due course.</p>
	<p>The President thanked everyone for productive and fruitful meeting.</p>