

The World Sailing Board met by conference call on Monday 22 August 2022 between 10:00 – 12:00 UTC.

<u>Present</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>
1. Quanhai Li – President 2. Ozlem Akdurak – Vice President 3. Philip Baum - Vice President 4. Tomasz Chamera – Vice President 5. Sarah Kenny – Vice President 6. Yann Rocherieux – Vice President 7. Cory Sertl – Vice President 8. Marcus Spillane – Vice President	1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Nelia Smith – Executive Assistant 3. Urvasi Naidoo – Director of Legal & Governance 4. Alastair Fox – Director of Events 5. Michael Downing – Olympic Manager
1. Opening of the Meeting a) Presidents’ Opening Remarks The President welcomed everyone. He went on to thank the working party and VPs for the time they spent contributing to the paper. b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest Apologies received from Jo Aleh. There was a detailed discussion on possible conflicts of interest in the context of a vote on Olympic qualifying events. The following is noted with regards to feedback and/or additional declaration of interests: - Vice President Sarah Kenny declared a conflict in connection with the 49er Class due to her son competing in this class. She will abstain from voting on matters related to the 49er Class. - Vice President Marcus Spillane declared an interest on item 8.9 because of a potential for conflict given his leadership history (ex-officer) with the classes and will abstain from voting, unless otherwise informed by the President. - Vice President Tomasz Chamera confirmed he does not view himself as conflicted (in his capacity as MNA President) with regards to the subject being discussed. He requested for the minutes to reflect that no one within the Polish Yachting Federation, apart from himself and an Events Committee member from Poland has seen, worked on or been consulted for the paper and he acts in the best interest of sailing. He presented following examples of those who may be considered as conflicted: i. everyone in World Sailing voluntary bodies as we are all delegated by our MNAs, ii. any Class employee and/or former Class Boards’ members involved in the process, iii. any Events Committee members being MNAs’ paid employees involved in the process,	

iv. nationality issue when country's allocation is considered.

Following such examples he concluded his opinion the conflict of interest discussion is dubious. Furthermore he also concluded that he would engage in the discussion and if any of the members felt he was conflicted at the point of voting, he would abstain from voting.

- Vice President Ozlem Akdurak confirmed she does not view herself as conflicted (in her capacity as MNA President) with regards to the subject being discussed.
- VP Philip Baum outlined his point of view, stating that the matter of whether an MNA official was remunerated was not the only determining factor of whether such a person had a conflict or not. More importantly those who had executive authority or for whom a favourable outcome was important to their MNA could well have a conflict and should not vote or participate in the debate. Even the risk of a perception of a conflict ought to cause such an individual not to participate.

He went on to say that he respects the WS processes in place to define and declare conflicts, he considers some members to be conflicted and therefore they should consider not participating in the discussion or voting of relevant subjects. He concluded by saying that he leaves it to the President, as the chair of the meeting, to come to a view on how the process should be managed.

- Vice President Cory Sertl raised the importance for all members to be part of the discussion related to conflicts of interest and being an MNA President. She supported the remarks made by VP Philip Baum and said it is something that really should be taken under careful consideration as the topic is progressed.
- The President acknowledged the conflicts declared by VPs Sarah Kenny & Marcus Spillane, noting they aligned with the process as stipulated in the conflicts of interest register. With regards to the comments raised about a potential conflict of interest for VPs in their capacity as an MNA President, he considered there to be no conflict and that he trusts individuals to act in the best interest of World Sailing, rather than their individual countries.

2. Paris2024 Olympic Qualifiers

The Board acknowledged receiving a paper by circulation about the Paris 2024 Olympic Qualifiers, including the ILCA World Championships, Asian, Oceania, European Continentals and Last Chance Regatta.

Decision - The Board approved the following recommendations on Continental Qualification Events as set out in the paper and below:

1. The 2024 ILCA 6 Class World Championships in Mar del Plate, ARG from 12-19 January 2024 as the ILCA 6 World Championships qualifier for the Women's Dinghy Event.
2. The 2024 ILCA 7 Class World Championships in Adelaide, AUS from 24-31 January 2024 as the ILCA 7 World Championships qualifier for the Men's Dinghy Event.

3. The 2023 Sail Sydney in Sydney, AUS in December 2023 as the Oceania qualifier for 10 Olympic Events. It was noted that this recommendation should remain confidential until after Australian Sailing agree to an MOU with World Sailing.
4. The iQFOiL World Championships in Lanzarote, ESP from 26 January - 3 February 2024 as the European Continental qualifier for the Men's & Women's Windsurfing Events.
5. The 2023 Formula Kite European Championships in Portsmouth, UK from 16 – 24 September 2023 as the European Continental qualifier for the Men's & Women's Kite Events.
6. The ILCA Senior European Championship and Open European Trophy 2024 in Athens, GRE from 16 - 23 February 2024 as the European Continental qualifier for the Men's & Women's Dinghy Events.
7. The 470 Class World Championships in Palma, ESP from February - March 2024 as the European Continental qualifier for the Mixed Dinghy Event.
8. The 49er, FX and Nacra 17 2023 European Championship in Vilamoura, POR from 10 - 15 October 2023 as the European Continental qualifier for the Men's & Women's Skiff and the Mixed Multihull Events.

In addition, the following recommendation was approved regarding the Last Chance Qualifier:

1. The 2024 Semaine Olympique Française in Hyeres, FRA from 18-27 April 2024 as the last chance qualifier for 10 Olympic. It was noted that this decision should remain confidential until after the FFVoile agree to an MOU with World Sailing.

It was noted that VPs Marcus Spillane, Sarah Kenny, Yann Rocherieux and Tomasz Chamera abstained from voting on the Last Chance Qualifier.

All Qualification Events are approved subject to contract and compliance with the Olympic and Youth Olympic Games Qualification Event Requirements.

It was noted that final recommendations for the African and Asian Continental Qualification Events would be made as soon as possible. In addition, recommendations for the Mixed Dinghy Continental Qualification Events in North America and South America would be made as soon as possible.

2. Any Other Business

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting.