World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board in person in Lausanne on Saturday and Sunday 7-8 December 2024 between 10:00 – 17:00 & 09:00 – 14:00 CET. The Board also met virtually on 19th December 2024 at 10:00 UTC.

Present	**In Attendance**
1. Quanhai Li - President 2. Özlem Akdurak – Vice President 3. Daniel Belcher – Vice President 4. Tomasz Chamera – Vice President 5. Beatriz GonzálezLuna – Vice President 6. Dave Hughes – Vice President 7. Line Markert – Vice President 8. Josep M Pla – Vice President 9. Cory Sertl – Vice President	1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Nelia Smith – International Relations & Corporate Affairs 3. Urvasi Naidoo – Director of Legal & Governance

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) Presidents' Opening Remarks

The President welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He continued to provide an update on the meeting the day before with President Bach. He concluded by reiterating the importance of working together for the greater good of the sport.

b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies was received from Dave Hughes. (7/8 December 2024)

In relation to conflicts of interest, VP Daniel Belcher confirmed that he resigned as President of OSAF (Oceania Sailing Federation) and VP Tomasz Chamera reminded the meeting of his existing conflict on the subject of the Sailing World Championships. (7/8 December 2024.)

No apologies were received (19th December 2024).

Vice President Line Markert confirmed that she has resigned as President of the Danish Sailing Federation. (19 December 2024).

c) Minutes

The minutes of the 10 November 2024 meeting were approved. (7/8 December 2024)

The Board noted the previous email decision to reopen the nomination period for Committee & Commission membership from 2 to 13 December 2024, with an encouragement for female nominees.

The minutes of the 7/8 December 2024 meeting were approved and it was agreed that the minutes of the 19 December 2024 meeting would be incorporated as one set considering it was a continuation of the same agenda items. (19th December 2024)

d) Matters Arising
- Dakar Youth Olympic Games
- Presidents' appointment to the Athletes Committee
- 2025 Annual Conference Venue
- Opinion on co-operation for future

2. Executive Office

a) Meeting Calendar

The Board noted and reviewed the proposed 2025 meeting calendar. Following discussion and comments, an updated version was shared and approved during the meeting on 8 December 2024.

b) Board Portfolio and Liaison Roles

The Board decided on the distribution of responsibilities and liaison roles amongst directors. A matrix was prepared in line with the decisions and the Executive Office will prepare a final document for approval during the next Board meeting taking place on the 19th of December 2024. Following approval, it will be shared with the World Sailing Council and Members. (7/8 December 2024)

The Board approved the document as presented by the Executive Office. It was noted and agreed that Vice President Cory Sertl would create a draft policy paper outlining a basic code of conduct to assist and guide Board members when fulfilling their liaison roles across different portfolios. (19 December 2024)

c) Committee & Commission Chair & Vice Chair Appointments

The Board considered nominations received against the list of vacancies for Committee & Commission Chair & Vice Chairs and started deciding allocations. Considering the extension of the nomination period, the Board will finalise their recommendations during the next Board meeting on 19th December 2024. (7/8 December 2024)

The Board discussed and agreed the recommended Chairs & Vice Chairs for the relevant committees. It was also agreed that responsible Vice Presidents would approach the candidates and work with them to constitute full committee lists for approval by Council. (19 December 2024)

3. Legal

a) Nationality Change Requests

The Board noted the requests for nationality changes and agreed to manage this agenda item via email circulation. (19 December 2024)

b) Safeguarding)

This is a standing agenda item. No new safeguarding matters had arisen since the last meeting. (19 December 2024)

c) Case List Update
The Board noted a supporting paper outlining the current live and ongoing legal cases and their respective updates. (19 December 2024)

d) Safety
This is a standing agenda item. (19 December 2024)

4. AOB

a) e-Sailing
An update was requested on the current status and plan for e-Sailing. The CEO provided a brief verbal update and confirmed a report will be included in the next general Board meeting. (7/8 December 2024)

b) WS World Championship, Valencia
The CEO provided an update on the status of the discussion with Valencia to host the 2026 Sailing World Championships. (7/8 December 2024)
To note - following his declared conflict of interest, Vice President Tomasz Chamera left the meeting when this item was been discussed.

c) Dakar Youth Olympic Games
The President informed the Board that earlier in the week we received confirmation from the IOC on the event programme and athlete quota for the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Dakar 2026. He highlighted the importance of making this event a success and to showcase sailing in the best possible light. (7/8 December 2024)

d) President's Appointment to the Athletes' Committee
The Board discussed the Presidents appointment made to the Athletes' Committee. The President indicated that he would conclude the matter through discussion with the Chair of the Athletes' Committee. (7/8 December 2024)

e) 2025 Annual Conference Venue
The CEO update the Board with regards to the status of the venue selection for the 2025 Annual Conference. He confirmed that the Executive Office aims to make a recommendation to the Board for approval by the end of January 2025. (7/8 December 2024)

f) Opinion on co-operation for future
The President encouraged an open and transparent approach for the Board to conduct their business. (7/8 December 2024)

g) Re-Registration of Company
The Director of Legal confirmed that the re-registration of the company under the Companies Acts 2006 was discussed at the Annual General Meeting held on 29 October 2022, and it was resolved that from the end of the Annual General meeting held in 2024 the

directors would take steps as are necessary to re-register the company as a company limited by Guarantee under the Companies act 2006. The Board noted and authorised the President to sign the necessary documentation for the re-registration. (19 December 2024)

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