

The World Sailing Board virtually on Thursday 30 January 2025 between 10:00 – 13:00 UTC

<u>Present</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>
1. Quanhai Li - President 2. Özlem Akdurak – Vice President 3. Daniel Belcher – Vice President 4. Tomasz Chamera – Vice President 5. Beatriz Gonzalez Luna – 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. Urvasi Naidoo – Director of Legal and Governance 3. Nelia Smith – International Relations & Corporate Affairs
1. Opening of the Meeting a) Presidents Opening Remarks The President welcomed everyone to the meeting. b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest No apologies for absence were received. In relation to conflicts of interest, Vice President Özlem Akdurak noted that she was the President of the Turkish Sailing Federation and therefore conflicted in relation to Agenda Item 3 (b). c) Minutes The minutes of the 15 January 2024 were discussed, changes were requested, and it was agreed that an updated version would be circulated by email for final approval. d) Matters Arising Iran Committee Nomination Form It was noted that the nomination form from Iran had not been received before the closing date for nominations. The Board requested the office to look into this and that the nominee be considered for appointment to a Commission or Working Group to ensure Iran was engaged as an MNA. e) Decisions by email There were none to note. 2. Legal & Governance a) Board Confidentiality There was a discussion regarding the confidentiality of the Board meetings. The President expressed there should be one voice for the Board decisions, he stated it is the Board's duty	

to debate and decide. The debate should remain in the room and the decision then communicated. This approach would create an environment where all Board members could speak freely within the Board meetings, and in turn build trust. The Vice President's agreed. It was noted that the Constitution, Board Charter and Code of Ethics imposed duties of confidentiality to the Members.

The President reminded the Board that he and the CEO were the only individuals entitled to publicly communicate with regards to the meetings.

b) Request for EGM

Vice President Özlem Akdurak was conflicted and left the meeting. She therefore did not take part in the discussion or decision making.

The Director of Legal and Governance provided a brief update on the background of the agenda item: The two motions received from the 29 MNAs (MNA Group 1) had been circulated for decision, the identical letters requested the decision be made via written resolution. After the MNAs received the motions 17 MNA's wrote to the Executive Office stating that they request the motions be debated and decided at an EGM.

World Sailing had obtained external legal advice from Bird and Bird and Isle of Man lawyers, DQ Advocates. The advice was that under Article 16.2(b) of the Constitution once the 10% threshold had been met, the Chief Executive Officer was obliged to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the two motions, and this supersedes the written resolution process.

It was suggested that the MNAs should have the opportunity to discuss the motions in a Town Hall as this had been the process in the past. It was also suggested that both groups of requesting MNAs should be respected and that the written resolution process should run its course.

The Board decided: a) To call an EGM b) To schedule a Town Hall c) To ask the Governance Committee their opinion on whether the EGM supersedes the written resolution process.

3. AOB

a. Response to Council Member Questions

The Board considered and agreed the proposed correspondence to Council Member Stacey Clark and Council Member Peter Hall.

b. Commissions

It was agreed that the Commissions would be appointed at the next Board Meeting.

c. 2025 Annual Conference

It was noted that the location of the Annual Conference 2025 would be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

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