

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Federation took place on Thursday 13 March at 12.00 to 14.00 via Zoom hosted by Lumi Global Ltd.

1. Opening of the Meeting

a. Welcome from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates to the Extraordinary General Meeting.

b. Attendance

The following delegates were formally registered and recorded as present:

AHO	Cary Lee Byerley
Algeria	Mohamed Azzoug
America Samoa	Sandra King Young
Andorra	Matthieu Leyder Villers
Angola	Nuno Gomes
Argentina	Gonzalo Heredia
Armenia	Smbat Hakobyan
Austria	Wolfgang Mayrhofer
Australia	Shevaun Bruland
Azerbaijan	Burcu Algo Giorgianni
Bahamas	Lori Lowe
Barbados	Penny McIntyre
Belarus	Aleksandra Lugovaia
Belize	Sharon Hardwick
Belgium	Bart Van Hooreweghe
Bermuda	P. Sommers Cooper
Brazil	Marco Aurélio de Sa Riberio
British Virgin Islands	Tamsin Rand
Cambodia	Som Sothreitypong
Canada	Peter Hall
Cayman Islands	John Patrick Bodden
Chile	Yerko Cattarinich Garía
China	Zhang Xiadong
Chinese Taipei	Yeh Hui Wen
Colombia	María Carolina Latorre
Croatia	Edo Fantela
Cyprus	Andreas Christoforou
Denmark	Anders Kristensen
Dominican Republic	Irina Perez Leroux
Egypt	Ahmed Habach

**Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of
World Sailing Limited
Company Number: 022300V**



Estonia	Madis Ausman
Finland	Michael Rollich
France	Corinne Migraine
Georgia	Devi Kituashvili
Germany	Mona Kueppers
Great Britain	Stacey Clark
Greece	Emilios Papathanasiou
Hong Kong, China	Peter Backe
Hungary	Andras Holczhauser
Iceland	Gunnar Haraldsson
India	Jitendra Dixit
Indonesia	Dodik Pujiargo
Iran	Hamid Shomali
Iraq	Tahseen Ali Ahmed
Ireland	Fiona Bolger
Italy	Fabio Mazzoni
Israel	Smadar Pintov
Japan	Ikuko Horikawa
Kyrgystan	Kanat Mamakeev
Kuwait	Ibrahim Alfraih
Latvia	Inga Jakobsone
Lebanon	Rabih Salem
Lithuania	Raimundas Daubaras
Luxembourg	Jean Jacques Gelhausen
Madagascar	Geoffrey Michel Mohamad Gaspard
Mexico	Beatriz Gonzalez Luna
Moldova	Alexandra Paighina
Mozambique	Helio Da Rosa Alberto
North Macedonia	Slavcho Moshoski
Namibia	William Graham
Netherlands	Arno Van Gerven
New Zealand	David Abercrombie
Norway	Guro Steine
Pakistan	Muhammad Akram Tariq
Poland	Dominik Zycki
Puerto Rico	Boris Corujo
Qatar	Khalid Betthihthamou
Russia	Yana Dobzhitskaya
Romania	Radu Niculaita
Saint Lucia	Lily Bergasse

Saint Vincent & Grenadines	Jenny Trumble
Senegal	Mandiaye Diouf
Serbia	Ana Djordjevic
Seychelles	Michel Mathew Bristol
Singapore	Leslie Tan
Slovenia	Eldina Domzet
Slovakia	Martin Mydlik
South Africa	Philip Baum
Spain	Ferran Muniesa Triay
Sudan	Mohamed Elhadi Abdel Fatah Abdel Karim
Sweden	Annika Ekman
Switzerland	Martin Vogler
Tajikistan	Yan Pishchikov
Thailand	Bhanupan Sapprasert Ramd Rtn
Trinidad & Tobago	Lester Nicholas
Turkey	Vural Ocali
UAE	Mohamed Alobeidi
Ukraine	Yevgen Moyseyenko
Uruguay	Scott Perry
USA	Fred Hagedorn
Vietnam	Nguyen Hai Duong

- c. Formal apologies were received from Jordan.
- d. The Chief Executive Officer noted that there was a quorum was present with 83 Delegates present (some delegates were having technical issues, during the meeting attendance fluctuated between 83 – 90) There were no formal apologies submitted.
- e. To appoint Scrutineers for the meeting.
Balazs Hajdu and Sarah Treseder, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governance Committee were appointed as scrutineers for the EGM.

2. Minutes

- a. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 9 November 2024 were formally approved.
(78 Approve Reject 0 Abstain 5)
- b. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Reports

- a. The President
The President gave a brief report to the EGM. He updated the membership on his meeting with the IOC President. He thanked all the members for their attendance and their contributions on this important governance matter.

b. The Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer announced that the World Sailing Annual Conference would take place in Dun Laoghaire, Dublin from 3- 8 November 2025.

In relation to the Sailing World Championships the Chief Executive Officer confirmed that Valencia had officially withdrawn their offer to host the 2026 Combined World Championships. Negotiations were underway with an alternative host and it was hoped that an announcement would soon be made.

In relation to the online proposals portal – Monday.com. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that this would be operative at the end of the month following some technical and staffing difficulties.

The Extraordinary General Meeting had been called specifically to discuss and vote on two specific motions to change the Constitution.

Timeline

On the 1st of August 2024, 11 MNAs made a submission to change Article 23 (5) (e) which prevents a Vice President of World Sailing from being an official in their National Federation. This submission was withdrawn on November 8th, the day before the Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections in Singapore.

From the 8th of January 2025, letters were received from a total of 30 MNAs requesting that the motion be revived, along with a second motion to amend Article 14.4 (which is regarding the payment of dues and voting rights in elections). The submitters also specifically requested that this be decided by a written resolution.

It is not within the members gift to decide whether EGM matters be determined by a written resolution, therefore on 15 January 2025, the Board convened and agreed to allow the motions to be determined by written resolution; the Executive Office circulated the motions to the members on the same day.

Post that notification the World Sailing Executive Office received letters from 17 MNAs requesting that the same motions be discussed at an EGM, this met the 10% required by the World Sailing Constitution. The Board met on 30 January 2025 the following day the Board called the EGM.

Between the 3rd and 5th of February 2025 the Executive Office also received an interpretation request from the national federations of France, Algeria and Israel, which contained 3 questions.

On the 12th of March 2025 the Governance Committee issued its Interpretation (001-25) which had been circulated and published on the World Sailing website. The Interpretation answered three questions:

1. Does the calling of an EGM take precedence the Written Resolution process?
The Governance Committee deemed it did.
2. If so, should the written resolution process that has already commenced be called to a halt?
The Governance Committee deemed it did and went on to say that all results should be disregarded, and members should vote at the EGM.
3. Can a meeting of the General Assembly be validly called on the same proposal once the Written Resolution process is already underway?
The Governance Committee deemed that yes it could.

The Governance Committee also recommended that the Constitution be amended to make this point clearer going forward.

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that Ozlem Akdurak had indicated that she had not resigned her position as President of the Turkish Sailing Federation by the 9th of February deadline and she therefore became ineligible to be a World Sailing Director on that date. In accordance with the Constitution this position would remain vacant until the 2025 General Assembly when new elections would be held for a female Director to replace Ozlem.

Discussion

Delegates were given the opportunity to express their views on both motions. 17 Delegates spoke either in support of or against the motions. The meeting was live streamed on the World Sailing YouTube channel and a full record of these contributions is available online, see link below.

4. Special Resolutions

After discussion the Chief Executive Officer asked Lumi to conduct the vote on both motions.

- a. **Motion 1:** To delete Article 14.4.

Article 14.4 provides:

14.4 From 1 February 2025, a Member National Authority which: has been a Member for more than two years; and, did not pay, within 30 days of the due date its annual subscription for that calendar year and the previous calendar year, is not entitled to vote in any election for President or Vice President at the General Assembly. This rule applies whether or not the arrears are paid prior to the meeting.

The Motion was to remove this 14.4 and also proposed to remove references to Article 14.4 in Article 10.1 (c) and Article 18.1.

Voting Result

Accept - 50 (57.47%)

Reject – 37 (42.53%)

Abstentions - 1

The motion failed as it did not receive the required 75% majority to change the Constitution.

b. **Motion 2:** To amend Article 23 5 (e).

Article 23.5.(e) provides that a Director shall not be *“an Employee, board member, president, or other officer of a Member at the time as being a director of the Federation”*

The motion was to remove “board member, president, or other officer” from the Article.

Voting Result

Accept – 53 (60.23%)

Reject – 35 (39.77%)

Abstentions 1

The motion failed as it did not receive the required 75% majority required to change the Constitution.

The voting was verified by the Scrutineers. A full voting report is attached to these minutes.

5. Any Other Business

There was no other business notified to the President before the start of the meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the General Assembly would be 8 November 2025 (subject to formal notice).

7. Close of the Meeting

The President closed the meeting.

The meeting was livestreamed and is available to view here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHo6qWiyovg>