World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met virtually on Tuesday 2 December 2025 between 10:00 – 12:00 UTC

Present	In Attendance
1. Quanhai Li - President 2. Daniel Belcher – Vice President 3. Beatriz Gonzalez Luna – Vice President 4. Dave Hughes – Vice President 5. Corinne Migraine – Vice President 6. Sophia Papamichalopoulos – Vice President 7. Josep M. Pla – Vice President 8. Cory Sertl – Vice President	1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Antonio Cozzolino – General Counsel 3. Michael Downing – Olympic and Youth Olympic Games 4. Corinne McKenzie – Events Consultant 5. Raksha Patel – Director of Finance & Business Operations 6. Nelia Smith – Director of Partnerships & Brand 7. Scott Dougal – Director of Communications & Digital 8. Lisa Anderson – Director of Executive Office

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) Presidents Opening Remarks

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest.

Vice President Tomasz Chamera sent his apologies for this absence.

c) Minutes of the Annual Conference 2025 Board Meetings

The Minutes were approved.

d) Matters Arising

None.

e) Decisions by email

The following items had previously been circulated by email and approved by the Board:

a. Batch 3 Neutrality Applications
b. The Oceanic & Offshore Committee Members update
c. The directional policy for Continental Qualifiers.

2. Events

a) Events Committee Report to Council on Format of LA28

The recommendations made by the Events Committee in the Report to Council were discussed by the Board, in advance of the Council Meeting scheduled to consider this matter on 10 December 2025.

The Board unanimously voted to approve the Events Committee recommendations to Council contained in its report.

b) Invited Events Recommendation

The Board received a supporting paper setting out the Evaluation Panel's recommendation to select the wing-foil disciplines at the 2027 World Championships. In addition to the traditional disciplines, the Board approved the recommendation with the provision of receiving ongoing updates on the selection of racing disciplines for wing-foil over time.

c) Bid Process Review

The Board noted a paper on the process followed to review event bids. Following discussion, it was agreed that the bid and selection process document would be recirculated to the Board for further review and thereafter would be approved by email.

3. IPC Draft Para Bid submission, Brisbane32

The Board received the submission for the Para Bid for Brisbane in 2032. It was noted that the submission was in its final stages. The Board expressed its gratitude for the considerable amount of work that has gone into the submission from a wide group of stakeholders and volunteers.

4. Legal & Governance

Medium-risk applicants for neutrality

The General Counsel addressed the Board on the handling of medium risk neutrality applications. It was noted that all neutrality applications are externally screened, with most applicants classified as low risk. The Board discussed the refinement of the external risk assessments for those classified as medium risk, including the provision of an internal policy on neutrality determinations.

5. 2026 Conference Venue

Recommendation following site visit

The Board received a report outlining the venue options for the Annual Conference in 2026. The Board discussed the various options and voted for the 2026 venue. A public announcement will be made in the middle of January 2026.

6. Finance

Subscriptions – Resolution discussion

The Board reviewed a paper for the circulation of a written resolution to the General Assembly. The Board voted unanimously to have the General Counsel circulate a written resolution to members with respect to the 2027 subscriptions.

7. 2026 Calendar

Proposed dates for Board Meetings, Council Meetings and Conference

The Board reviewed a draft calendar of meetings for 2026. It was agreed that the final calendar would be approved on email after the changes requested had been implemented.

8. Any other business a. OOC-2025-023 use of storm jibs The Board unanimously approved the changes to the use of storm jibs in OOC-2025-023 b. Cultural and Arts Commission Terms of Reference An amended Terms of Reference for the Cultural & Arts Commission will be circulated to the Board on email for their comments. c. 2026 World Abilitysport Youth Games invitation The Board unanimously accepted the invitation from the World Ability Youth Games and agreed to promote the participation of sailing at this event. d. Re-assignment of board liaison role to new V-Ps The Board's Vice-President liaison roles on Committees, Sub-Committees and Commissions were updated.
There being no further items the President closed the meeting. **-END-**