

# AGENDA

APSO Executive Board Meeting, 19 January 2022



Meeting title	<b>APSO Executive Board Meeting</b>
Date	19 January 2022
Time	10.00 – 11.15 CEST
Venue	Videocall
Chair	Sabrina Ibáñez, APSO President
Minutes	Sergey Lyzhin, APSO Honorary Secretary General

## Attendance List

Participants	Title	IF
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms Sabrina Ibáñez (SI)	President	FEI
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Tom Dielen (TD)	Vice President	WA
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Colin Grahamslaw (CG)	Member	WCF
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms Charmaine Hooper (CH)	Member	IWAS
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Steve Loader (SL)	Member	WWR
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr Sergey Lyzhin (SLY)	Honorary Secretary General	APSO

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### Annex

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## Minutes

<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR</b> The President wished a happy new year to the Executive Board (EB) members and welcomed everyone for the first EB meeting in 2022. Special welcome was given to CH and SL for their joining the EB.
<b>2</b>	<b>ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT</b> The President praised TD for excellent work he delivered during his first term as APSO Vice President and should he agree proposed his candidature for re-election for the new term. TD thanked the President for kind words and accepted the nomination. In accordance with article 12.5 of the APSO Statutes, the EB unanimously elected TD APSO Vice President for the term 2021 – 2025.

<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>ELECTION OF THE TREASURER</b></p> <p>The President noted a very good job delivered by former APSO Treasurer Henk van Aller. That duty was assigned to him for the initial term of the APSO EB in order to overview all the financial matters of APSO for the period when the APSO Secretariat was not thoroughly established. The position of treasurer was never formally entrenched into the APSO Statutes and remained an ad hoc responsibility for one of the APSO EB members. With the most recent amendments to the APSO Statutes and introduction of the Honorary Secretary General position, who now would be responsible for overseeing the financial matters, it was proposed not to elect the APSO Treasurer. The EB unanimously agreed to the proposal.</p> <p>TD noted that with departure of Henk van Aller the APSO required another EB member to serve along with himself as co-signatory for bank transactions. With due respect to different time zones of the EB members and for the sake of efficiency, it was decided to appoint SI as a co-signatory for APSO financial transactions. It was TD to liaise with the bank accordingly.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SECRETARY GENERAL</b></p> <p>In continuation to all the work had been done to date by SLY for APSO, the President proposed to appoint him to the newly created position of the APSO Honorary Secretary General. The EB unanimously agreed to the proposal, SLY was appointed APSO Honorary Secretary General.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT ON VARIOUS IPC AFFAIRS</b></p> <p>The President informed the EB members that since the APSO creation, the relationships between the association and the IPC were regulated by the agreement signed by both parties in 2018. Based on the agreement’s quadrennial review cycle it was necessary to renew the agreement with the IPC in 2022.</p> <p>She also informed the EB members that she drew special attention of the IPC President to the necessity of thorough and transparent communication with the International Federations (IFs) in regard to such vital subjects as forming the program and defining the athletes’ quota for the future Paralympic Games (PG).</p> <p>Some EB members had faced serious challenges in communication with the IPC recently with many emails remained unanswered. The President had informed the IPC President that there was a growing concern following the recent departures of a number of the IPC senior and mid-senior executives prior and after the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – that there was a lack of continuity within the IPC headquarters.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>UPDATE ON WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP COURSE</b></p> <p>SLY informed the EB that APSO members managed to select 30 women from within their sports to date for the online leadership course “Women Lead Sports” (WLS). With APSO’s contractual obligation to provide a total of at least 40 participants to the course there still was a process of participants’ selection within certain IFs. Beyond that an opportunity to take part in the WLS was also provided to the IPC, however due to logistic complications no registrations were received from the IPC/NPCs.</p> <p>The first group of 19 women from APSO members had already received their course materials and was preparing to their first online session scheduled for 27 January 2022. The second group was still in the process of formation with the first online session scheduled for 14 February 2022.</p>

<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Affiliate membership</b></p> <p>With increased number of queries from multiple sport organization in regard to affiliate membership, the EB members decided to revisit the ultimate purpose of APSO. It was noted that APSO was created first and foremost to unite, to protect and to promote the interests of the IFs represented on the program of the Paralympic Games. It was not duty nor intention for APSO to serve as a global umbrella organization for all possible international organizations managing sports for people with disabilities.</p> <p>The EB was of opinion that with due respect to the interests of non-Paralympic sport organizations and in order to better apply very limited resources of APSO for the benefit of the current members it was necessary to review the provisions of the APSO Statutes in regard to Affiliate Membership. It was decided to consult further with APSO membership and if necessary to propose the respective amendments to the Statutes for approval at the next General Assembly.</p> <p>CH noted that any non-Paralympic IF that would seek for APSO affiliate membership could be directed towards the IOSDs in order to receive an opportunity to become a sport on the program of the respective Games for people with disabilities (e.g., IWAS Games, IBSA Games and so on) thuswise supported in their evolvement.</p> <p><b>Media analysis of the Beijing 2022 PG</b></p> <p>TD proposed to approach the IPC and Nielsen Sports in order to seek the opportunity for World Curling Federation to obtain media analysis from the Beijing 2022 PG similarly to all other APSO members that received the respective data from the Tokyo 2020 PG. The proposal was supported by the EB.</p> <p><b>ParaSport Partnership</b></p> <p>SL raised his concerns over the ParaSport Partnership recently launched by the IPC and how that would affect commercial independence of the newly separated sports. The EB agreed to keep a close eye on the project’s development.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The President proposed to have the next EB meeting in April 2022. The EB members were invited to submit their availability for that month to SLY, the exact date and format of the meeting were to be defined in due course.</p>
	<p>The President thanked everyone for productive and fruitful meeting.</p>