

# MINUTES

APSO Executive Board Meeting, 18 October 2022



Meeting title	<b>APSO Executive Board Meeting</b>
Date	18 October 2022
Time	10.00 – 11.45 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

## Agenda

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome from the President</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>APSO General Assembly 2022</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>APSO/IPC agreement review</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Applications for APSO membership</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Amendments to APSO Statutes</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>APSO Women Lead Sports 2023</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>

## Minutes

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome from the President</b> <p>The President welcomed Executive Board (EB) members to their third meeting in 2022. In her welcoming message she noted that the raise of travel cost not only prevented people from meeting in person but also seriously affected the event hosting. There was evidence from several sports that event hosts became much more reserved in terms of hosting sporting events and level of their spendings, with the overall number of anticipated sporting events in 2023 showing tendency to decline comparing to the previous years. It was noted that with launch of qualification process for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games the 2023 promises to be a difficult year for International Federations (IFs).</p>
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<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>APSO General Assembly 2022</b></p> <p>Following the IPC’s announcement of hosting the Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) on the day prior to APSO General Assembly (GA), the EB agreed to host a videocall with APSO Membership on 3 November 2022 in order to discuss agenda items of the upcoming IPC’s EGA, which were yet to be circulated by the IPC. SLY was tasked to provide all APSO members with the videocall details.</p> <p>The APSO EB agreed to host the APSO 2022 GA at the INNSiDE Berlin Mitte Hotel on 17 November 2022 from 18:00 to 20:00 in in-person format. With no motions received from APSO Members, the agenda for GA was approved.</p> <p>SI informed the EB members that due to overlap between FEI and APSO General Assemblies she was not able to attend the latter. TD was tasked to chair the APSO 2022 GA in her absence.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>APSO/IPC agreement review</b></p> <p>The EB members discussed the revised agreement between APSO and the IPC which would regulate future cooperation between the two organisations for the time period of 2022-2026 and which would replace the initial agreement that was in place for 2018-2021.</p> <p>SLY was tasked to provide the IPC with detailed feedback on the provisions of the agreement.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Applications for APSO membership</b></p> <p>SLY informed the EB members that there were 3 (three) potential new members of APSO. FIS and IBU became governing bodies for Para Skiing/Para Snowboarding and Para Biathlon respectively, thus were eligible to apply for APSO full membership. World Sailing submitted their application for affiliate membership back in 2019 but due to the restrictions on hosting in-person meetings because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the GA’s voting on their membership was postponed.</p> <p>The EB took a note of the three potential new APSO members and recommended to propose all of them for voting to the APSO 2022 GA, subject to their submission of thoroughly completed application files.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Amendments to APSO Statutes</b></p> <p>SLY presented to the EB the suggested amendments to the APSO Statutes and the rationale behind them. The EB agreed to the proposed changes and recommended them for approval at the GA.</p> <p>SL noted that the wording of the current statutes used American English pronunciation of “organization” while the official name of APSO used the British English form “organisation”. In order to achieve coherence of the Statutes, the EB unanimously agreed to amend wording to British English language.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>APSO Women Lead Sports 2023</b></p> <p>SLY informed the EB that the leadership coach Gabriela Mueller confirmed her availability for the APSO women’s leadership courses in February-March 2023 and that financial condition would remain the same.</p>

	<p>In order to define the scope of the program for the next year SLY was tasked to collect expressions of interest from APSO membership. Based on the outcomes of that exercise the EB would define in due course whether one or two groups were to be formed from women affiliated to APSO member federations.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <p><b>APSO Finances</b></p> <p>SLY provided the EB with an update on the current financial situation for APSO. It was noted that financial assets made a total of approximately CHF 44.000 to date. SLY confirmed that all financial duties of APSO were fulfilled for 2022 and that APSO membership fees and reimbursements from third parties were received in full.</p> <p>SLY was tasked to present financial report to APSO Membership during the GA and to provide APSO budget 2023 for the GA's approval.</p> <p><b>Safeguarding</b></p> <p>SLY updated the EB on the Safeguarding project that was being carried out by APSO Secretariat at the initiative and under the guidance of World Triathlon Vice President Dr Debbie Alexander. Safeguarding policies of three international federations (FEI, WCF and World Triathlon) were defined as the best practices in that area and a template of Safeguarding policy for Paralympic IF was designed based on them. The advice from external experts familiar with paralympic movement had been sought and the project was to resume once that to be received and evaluated.</p> <p><b>Transgender policies</b></p> <p>TD and CG enquired whether the EB members were aware of IPC's approach towards transgender athletes in para sport. With no official information being circulated by the IPC on the subject to date it was agreed to raise that topic for future discussions with the IPC.</p> <p><b>Dissolution of ASOIF Para Sport Consultative Group (APCG)</b></p> <p>TD informed the EB members that dissolution of the APCG for which he was the chairman was on the ASOIF Council meeting's agenda for 2 November 2022. That was due to existence of firmly established and effective APSO. The EB took a note of those developments.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>SLY was tasked to propose dates and format for the next EB meeting in due course.</p>
	<p>The President thanked everyone for productive and fruitful meeting.</p>