



World Taekwondo Federation

# WTF Council Meeting

Scandic Copenhagen / Rosenborg room  
October 11, 2009 / 10:00 AM

## 1. Roll call and Meeting called to order

WTF Secretary General Jin Suk Yang reported that a total of 38 Council members and 2 Auditors were present at the meeting. In accordance with article 16.9 of the WTF Rules & Regulations, a quorum for the meeting was constituted.

List of attending WTF Council members:

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President	Mr. Young Tae Kim, Member
	Mr. Ken Min, Member
Dr. Nat Indrapana, Vice President	Mr. Hong Ki Kim, Member
Mr. Soo Nam Park, Vice President	Mr. Metin Sahin, Member
Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov, Vice President	Mrs. Carine Lahoud El-Murr, Member
Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President	Mr. Minayaha Siaka Coulibaly, Member
Mr. Dai Soon Lee, Vice President	Mr. Ferenc Boo, Member
Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, Vice President	Mr. Heinz Gruber, Member
	Mr. Michel Madar, Member
Mr. Jin Suk Yang, Secretary General	Mr. Mario Mandel Vaisman, Member
	Mr. Mohamed A.K. Al-Sulaiti, Member
Mr. Pricha Thotrakul, Treasurer	Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member
	Mr. Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar, Member
Mr. Coleman C.Y. Lee, Member	Mr. Jae Young Kwak, Member
Mr. Rene Bundeli, Member	Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, Member
Mrs. Maria R. Borello Castillo, Member	Ms. Myriam Baverel, Member
Mr. Paul Viscogliosi, Member	Mr. Dae-Sung Moon, Member
Mr. Ivan Dibos, Member	
Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member	Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Ex-officio member
Mr. Gerrit Eissink, Member	Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Ex-officio member
Mr. Sung Chon Hong, Member	
Mr. Manuel Colmenero Firvida, Member	Mr. Tae Eun Lee, Auditor
Mr. Evgeny Klyuchnikov, Member	Mr. Dalibor Krpan, Auditor

## 2. President's Welcoming Speech

WTF President and Chairman of the WTF Council meeting, Dr. Chungwon Choue opened the meeting by informing the members of the WTF Council that he along with the WTF Council's IOC members, Mr. Phil Coles, Dr. Nat Indrapana, Mr. Ivan Dibos and Mr. Dae-Sung Moon had already been in Copenhagen for several days to attend the IOC congress.



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The Chairman started his opening speech by welcoming the WTF Council members to Copenhagen and informing them that the 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships Copenhagen is organized in the biggest scale ever with participating athletes from over 140 countries and with a record media coverage with over 30 TV channels across the 5 continents broadcasting the event. The Chairman pointed out that this makes the championships a historical event for the sport of taekwondo and a showcase for the efforts to bring change to taekwondo and WTF.

The Chairman continued by informing that this would be the last WTF Council meeting of its term which has lasted from 2005-2009 and that the work of the WTF Council would be finalized to be continued by new and old WTF Council members in the future. The Chairman expressed his gratitude for the hard work and dedication to taekwondo shown by the WTF Council and the pleasure that he had personally taken in working with the WTF Council members. The progress of taekwondo during this term has been extraordinary, he added.

A summary of the 121<sup>st</sup> IOC session in Copenhagen was presented by the Chairman, informing that a final decision had been taken by the IOC to include taekwondo on the Olympic program until 2016. The evaluation report on the 26 sports prepared by the Olympic program commission showed that taekwondo was excellent and was in good standing compared to other Olympic sports. The Chairman expressed the pleasure and pride that he felt upon receiving the evaluation of taekwondo. The report was provided for all WTF Council members.

The Chairman stated that this is the true proof that taekwondo is not in danger of being excluded from the Olympic program contrary to the groundless rumors and negative remarks that have been made recently against taekwondo.

“Respect for our sport should come from within in order to be respected by the sport community”, the Chairman said. The Chairman stipulated that any harmful accusations against the sport of taekwondo or the World Taekwondo Federation and its leadership will not be tolerated, especially if it comes from within the taekwondo family. The Chairman expressed that he is prepared to take action against such behavior.

The Chairman moved on to the next point on the agenda, approval of the meeting minutes for the extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Baku, Azerbaijan on June 9, 2009.

### **3. Approval of minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting held in Baku Azerbaijan on June 9, 2009**

The Chairman moved that the council approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held in Baku, Azerbaijan on June 9, 2009.

The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved by the WTF Council.



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#### **4. Report of the Chairman of the Election Committee**

The Chairman informed the council of the election of WTF officials to be held on October 13, 2009 and that in accordance with article 11.9 of the WTF Rules & Regulations the Election Committee was formed. The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Ivan Dibos, WTF Council Member and Chairman of the Election Committee.

Mr. Ivan Dibos presented the report from the Election Committee meeting held at the WTF Headquarters in Korea on August 5, 2009.

The five members of the Election Committee were appointed on July 15, 2009 in accordance with article 11.9 of the WTF Rules & Regulations. The appointed members were;

Mr. Ivan Dibos, Chairman  
Mr. Jason Pfeffer, Member  
Mr. Michel Madar, Member  
Mr. Coleman Lee, Member  
Mr. Tae Eun Lee, Member

The Election Committee meeting was held on August 5-6, 2009 at the WTF Headquarters in Seoul, Korea in full attendance of the members. The election committee decided the following: in case a candidate application lacks the proper documentation as prescribed in the WTF Rules & Regulations or if the documents were received after the deadline of July 13, 2009, 24:00 hours, Korean local time, the candidate's application would be declined. A Curriculum Vitae was not a required document for candidature according to WTF Rules & Regulations.

For the office of WTF President four (4) candidates were approved by the Election Committee, two (2) candidates has since then withdrawn, accordingly two (2) candidates remain.

For the office of WTF Vice President five (5) candidates were approved by the Election Committee.

For the office of WTF Council member thirty one (31) candidates were approved by the Election Committee.

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*On the day of the election, October 13, 2009 Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo withdrew her candidature.*

For the office of WTF Auditor three (3) candidates were approved by the Election Committee.

Mr. Dibos went on to explain the distribution of fourteen (14) WTF Council members in the five continental unions. In accordance with article 16.2 of the WTF Rules & Regulations a maximum of 14 WTF Council members will be elected, each continental union shall consist of at least one (1) and a maximum of five (5) council members. The five candidates who receive the most votes of their respective continental union shall be elected to the WTF



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Council, the remaining nine (9) positions shall be filled in accordance with the total number of votes received up to five WTF Council members per continent.

Mr. Dibos explained the function of the observers for the election to be held on October 13, 2009. Five (5) observers representing the continents of Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Pan America will be appointed by the acting chairman on the recommendation of the delegates to supervise the process of the election including counting of ballots. The observers will be chosen among the non-voting representatives and those who do not run for election. With this Mr. Dibos finished his report and asked if there are any questions regarding the work of the election committee or the election procedures.

There were no questions on the report of the Election Committee chairman, Mr. Dibos.

The Chairman informed the Council that he several times strongly emphasized that fairness and transparency should have the highest priority in this election. Nevertheless, all sorts of malicious rumors have been flying around and that this has done nothing but hurt the harmony among members of the WTF. The Chairman also pointed out that the Election Committee has been keeping a close eye on this kind of behavior.

### **5. Agenda for the General Assembly**

The Chairman opened up the floor for questions on the Agenda for the General Assembly. There were no comments or questions regarding the Agenda for the General Assembly. Accordingly, the Chairman declared the approval of the Agenda for the General Assembly and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

### **6. Progress report from the Organizing Committee**

The Chairman introduced Mr. David Lucks, head of sport competition of the London Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games to make a progress report on the games.

Mr. David Lucks delivered his presentation from the LOCOG. He emphasized the differences from the Beijing Olympics. The Taekwondo competitions of the London Olympic Games will take place in a building called Excel situated close to the Olympic village and that it will take athletes a mere 11 minutes to get to the venue. Technical officials will be able to walk from their accommodation to the venue. Mr. Lucks also mentioned that he understood that there was a discussion whether to use one or two courts for the Taekwondo games at the Olympic, but he assured that the LOCOG could accommodate any decision made by the WTF on this matter. The taekwondo competition is scheduled from day 12 to day 15 of the London Olympics in the suggestion to be put forward to the IOC. The test event for taekwondo has been scheduled for December, 2011. Mr. Lucks informed that the training venue for taekwondo would be located 15 minutes away from the competition hall (Excel). With this Mr. Lucks finished his report from the LOCOG and asked if there are any questions from the WTF Council.



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The Chairman thanked Mr. Lucks for his presentation and opened the floor for questions and comments to Mr. Lucks.

Mr. Phillip Walter Coles, WTF President and IOC member congratulated Mr. Lucks for the wonderful plan of the Organization of the Games and wished Mr. Lucks the best of luck in the future.

The chairman thanked Mr. Lucks again and moved on to the next point on the agenda.

### **7. Other matters**

The Chairman took up the current problems facing taekwondo in Australia. The Australian Olympic Committee sanctioned Taekwondo Australia which had led to difficulties as the governing body of taekwondo in Australia. This is an internal matter for Australia. However, this affects Australian athletes and the national selection of athletes for championships. Under the current system Sports Taekwondo Australia is in charge of team selection and they have a provisional membership to the WTF until the end of October, 2009. The Chairman mentioned that Sports Taekwondo Australia will be given a prolonged provisional membership to the WTF until the next WTF Council meeting to be held in Cairo, Egypt on November 29, 2009 in order to give more time for mediation between the parties in Australia so that the matter could be finalized at the next WTF Council meeting.

The Chairman gave the floor to Ms. Myriam Baverel, Athlete Council member.

Ms. Baverel presented a report from the Athletes Commission of the IOC that she and Mr. Dae-Song Moon, Athlete Council member, attended. Ms. Baverel and Mr. Moon will be working with the Athletes Commission of the IOC as the first representatives ever from the World Taekwondo Federation.

The WTF Council applauded the news.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Baverel for the good news and Mr. Coles expressed his appreciation to Ms. Baverel and Mr. Moon for their hard work and added that the council could feel proud of their achievements.

### **8. Next WTF Council Meeting**

The Chairman informed the Council that the next WTF Council Meeting will take place in Cairo, Egypt on November 29, 2009 on the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

### **9. Closing of the meeting**

The Chairman started his closing speech by expressing the pleasure he had taken in working with the WTF Council for the past four years and that the remarkable development of taekwondo could not have happened without the passion and devotion the WTF Council has shown for the sport of taekwondo.



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There have been many moments to remember both those of joy and those of disappointment. After all, this is a path that we have walked together to shape the course of development for our beloved sport of taekwondo. The chairman once again thanked the Council for being with him along the path for the betterment of taekwondo and especially those who have confided in him and helped the chairman to unfold his vision for taekwondo.

The Chairman went on to point out that all though the Council has achieved significant changes and great accomplishments there is still a lot of work to be done in updating the system and creating a new image of taekwondo. The Chairman believes that this can be done by continued close work with the international sports community.

The Chairman stated that the next four years will be crucial for the development of taekwondo. The Chairman pleaded that regardless of the results of the election the work to further improve taekwondo will be carried on by the Council keeping in mind what is best for taekwondo and not for personal gains.

The Chairman presented all the WTF Council members with plaques to show his appreciation for their hard work over the past years and asked that they all would continue their work for taekwondo in the future regardless of where they will be. With this final statement the Chairman ended his closing speech.