



## Minutes

WT General Assembly (via conference call)

20h00-22h00 | October 11, 2021 (local time Korea)

## AGENDA

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*Appendix 1: Minutes of the General Assembly held via Video Conference on October 6, 2020*

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## 1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

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1. The meeting was called to order by the **CHAIR** of the Meeting, **Dr. Chungwon Choue**, World Taekwondo (“WT”) President
2. The **CHAIR** welcomed all participants for joining the General Assembly in 2021. He asked **Mr. Hoss Rafaty**, Secretary General, to announce the quorum.
3. **Mr. Hoss Rafaty** announced that 129 Member National Associations (“MNA” – including 113 voting MNAs, and 16 non-voting MNAs), 27 Council Members and 2 Auditors were present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes.
4. He added that simultaneous translations for the General Assembly was available from English to French, Spanish, Korean and Arabic within Zoom.

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## 2. President Report

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5. The **CHAIR** thanked Secretary General and welcomed again the MNA delegates and Council Members. He first congratulated the newly-elected Presidents and Council Members from each Continental Union (“CU”).
6. He reported that WT used the time of Pandemic to reset operations and that it is time to restart and elevate World Taekwondo to the top as ASOIF (Association of Summer International Federations) will conduct their fourth governance review in the coming months, where WT will aim to maintain A2, if not reach A1. He reported that the IOC will also confirm the sports for the LA 2028 at its Session in Beijing next February.
7. He wished for the new CU leadership to work closely with World Taekwondo as WT aims to become one of the best and most respected international sports federations by WT’s 50th founding anniversary in 2023.
8. He remarked that the biggest achievement over the past four months was the very successful completion of the Taekwondo competitions at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and the fantastic debut at the Paralympic Games. He noted that WT managed to showcase a lot of good things about Taekwondo – fair competition, high standard of refereeing, respect from everyone, and a new generation of champions who will be the names to watch out for in years to come.
9. He stated that 17 out of the 32 medalists in Tokyo were previously medalists at Youth Olympic Games or at the World Junior or World Cadet championships, which is an important indicator of why WT should focus on encouraging participation in the youth championships. He said that IOC President Thomas Bach came to watch Taekwondo twice, which was a great boost to Taekwondo, and he witnessed how fair Taekwondo was with the new 4D camera complementing the instant video replay system.
10. He noted that main reasons for IOC President’s visit was to encourage refugee Taekwondo athletes. He added that WT received a lot of unexpected publicity when a female Afghan athlete Zakia Khudadadi appealed to the world for help. He also said that he was impressed by the exciting Taekwondo matches at the Paralympic Games. He mentioned that he has formed an ad-hoc committee to look into improving our competition rules to make Taekwondo more exciting and dynamic for the future.
11. He mentioned that WT organized two editions of the Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge in June and September, and that online Poomsae will be one of WT’s key Promoted events even after the pandemic is over.
12. He said that he was disappointed at some of the happenings within the CUs with the approach to the elections with accusations and outdated conservative thinking that is hurting the Taekwondo community. He hoped that it will not be repeated as it is against the spirit of

Taekwondo.

13. He concluded his report by saying that diversity is WT's strength. He asked for rebuilding relationships, celebrating diversity, and welcoming new faces.

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### 3. Approval of Scrutineer and Explanation of Voting Procedures

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14. The **CHAIR** announced that the electronic voting system WT will use for this meeting is managed by Lumi, a company headquartered in UK, and which is well known and has been providing electronic voting services to the IOC as well as many other major international sport organizations for many years. He explained that there will be several voting occasions even before the election.
15. He called upon **Mr. Gabriele Limonta**, manager of Lumi Asia Limited to give more detailed information.
16. **Mr. Gabriele Limonta** explained that all voting for WT voting members will take place within Lumi platform, and the eligible voting representatives should have received by email the login credentials – consisting of Username and Password – to enter the Lumi platform. He mentioned that voting will take place in Zoom so voting representatives should minimize Zoom for voting without closing. so that they can continue hearing the meeting and return to the web browser.
17. He instructed that whilst the poll is open it is still possible to change the vote by clicking on the desired choice or by clicking on the button of Edit Responses and then make a new choice. He noted once again that the choice will become highlighted and it will be available to see a voting completed message. He added that all voting is completely confidentially and anonymously and is being overseen by the scrutineer of the meeting. He asked to leave a message on CHAT icon on Zoom platform or on MESSAGING tap on Lumi platform if encountering any issues.
18. He concluded his instructions by conducting a test vote with the question of “The year 2023 will mark the 50th founding anniversary of World Taekwondo.”
19. The **CHAIR** thanked the **Mr. Gabriele Limonta**, and announced that WT will proceed with the first vote in order to appoint the Scrutineer of this meeting. He then handed over to **Mr. Jeongkang Seo**, Senior Director of Member Relations & Development Department, to continue with the process for appointing the scrutineer.
20. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** reported that the scrutineer will oversee the voting process and validate the voting results and ensure the process runs smoothly, and the important thing is that the confidentiality and anonymity of the vote are overseen by the scrutineer. He noted that after the subject matter of the vote is announced the scrutineer will instruct Lumi technician to open the vote and declare the vote open.
21. He informed that the scrutineer will also announce when the vote has been closed, and that each member has one vote. He informed that abstention is not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority, and the vote is opened and closed by the scrutineer's call, and also only votes received during such time-period are counted. He informed that if an eligible member is not able to cast the votes within such time-period for any reason whatsoever this is not considered as a vote.
22. He informed that the scrutineer will keep the voting open as long as any potential issue has been resolved, and all the decisions subject to the vote are taken by a majority of the votes casted. He informed that after the vote is closed, the voting result will be validated by the scrutineer before being announced.

23. He informed that due to the circumstances of this remote meeting, the President proposed to appoint an independent lawyer **Mr. Danny Rhee**, as scrutineer in Seoul to oversee the voting and overall election to ensure it takes place in strict compliance of the WT Statutes.
24. He asked voting representatives to minimize the Zoom window and go to Lumi voting platform page to proceed with the vote. He asked the question, “**Do you approve the appointment of scrutineer for WT General Assembly 2021 as proposed?**”
25. He declared the vote open and stated that voting representatives have 30 seconds of time to cast the vote. He noted that voting representatives need to select the voting choice and click submit button.
26. After 30 seconds, he informed that the vote is closed. He then passed floor back to the **CHAIR**.
27. The **CHAIR** announced the result that there are 134 total logged in voters, 120 total submitted votes, and 117 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstention. He declared that the appointment of scrutineer for WT General Assembly 2021 is approved.

- ***Decision: Appointment of Scrutineer is approved by the General Assembly.***

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#### **4. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly held via video conference on October 6, 2020**

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28. The **CHAIR** announced that the minutes of the General Assembly held via video conference on October 6, 2020 was previously distributed for review; and then he passed the floor to the scrutineer to open the vote.
29. **Mr. Danny Rhee**, scrutineer, proceeded with the vote for approval of the Minutes. He declared the vote open and said that voting representatives have 30 seconds of time to cast the vote. He noted that voting representatives need to select the voting choice and click submit button.
30. After 30 seconds, he announced that the vote is closed, and also one or two minutes will be required to verify and confirm the voting result by Scrutineer. He then passed floor back to the **CHAIR**.
31. The **CHAIR** announced the result that there are 134 total logged in voters, 130 total submitted votes, and 124 Yes, 3 No, 3 Abstention. He declared that the minutes of the General Assembly held on October 6, 2020 is approved.

- ***Decision: The Minutes of the General Assembly held on October 6, 2020 is approved.***

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#### **5. 2020-2021 Reports**

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a. *Approval of Operation Report*

32. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Hoss Rafaty**, Secretary General, to report the Operation Report.
33. **Mr. Hoss Rafaty** reported that the pandemic in 2020 resulted in World Taekwondo having lesser operating revenue than the previous year so World Taekwondo had to cut its budget for 2021 to offset the lack of resources. He mentioned that the expected income was set at 5.78 million dollars for 2021 against an expected expense line of 6.99 million dollars, and one of the key reasons for the lower than expected income is because WT has still not fully returned to organizing competitions, but that is expected to change next year.
34. He continued to say that the pandemic also presented an opportunity for World Taekwondo to,

in the words of the President, reset, and despite operating on a reduced budget, WT continued to invest in development programs in close cooperation with the IOC and IPC. He noted that this resulted in refugee Taekwondo athletes participating in the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo for the first time. He reported that the WT Council and WT Committees met more than 150 times virtually, thereby ensuring that WT meet regularly to discuss ways in which WT could operate efficiently and safely.

35. He reported that WT delivered numerous online initiatives for stakeholders, such as: virtual competitions like the Online WT Poomsae Open Challenge for athletes and grassroots, and more than 3,000 people worldwide have participated in the virtual competitions so far. He also noted that WT expanded education and training programs for referees, coaches, and technical delegates, and more than 4,120 members from 138 MNAs took part in the 61 online courses in 2020, and more than 2,150 members so far in 2021.
36. He reported that forums for global targets like gender equity and women empowerment have earned praise from institutions like the IOC and partner NOCs. And GMS, which has operated under the WT International Foundation in the U.S., finally moved to the Seoul headquarters at the end of 2020. He noted that every operation is now with the HQ and the WTIF accounts have been audited to the last penny, and as per U.S. procedures, WTIF will shut down by the end of 2021 and all remaining funds will be transferred to the HQ. He mentioned that WT is also close to renewing the service agreement with Simply Compete, and will work with them on a co-marketing basis to serve the MNAs.
37. He reported that WT had an excellent score in the ASOIF governance review last year in the third review, and this year, to further enhance good governance for the fourth review, WT worked tirelessly with the Continental Unions to align their CU statutes. He said that some MNAs have already begun the process and the MNA survey will be another key indicator of how WT can help the MNAs.
38. He reported that the WT Demonstration Team delivered outstanding performances to go all the way to the Final of America's Got Talent, and even though WT did not win the grand prize, the promotion of WT and Taekwondo on a global scale has been unbelievable. He concluded his report.
39. The **CHAIR** passed the floor to the scrutineer to open the vote.
40. **Mr. Danny Rhee**, scrutineer, proceeded with the vote for approval of Operation Report. He declared the vote open and said that voting representatives have 30 seconds of time to cast the vote. He noted that voting representatives need to select the voting choice and click submit button.
41. After 30 seconds, he informed the vote is closed, and one or two minutes will be required to verify and confirm the voting result by Scrutineer. He then passed floor back to the **CHAIR**.
42. The **CHAIR** announced the result that there are 132 total logged in voters, 129 total submitted votes, and 124 Yes, 1 No, 4 Abstention. He declared that the 2020-2021 Operation Report is approved.

- **Decision: The 2020-2021 Operation Report is approved.**

b. *Approval of Finance Report*

i. *Treasurer's Report on the 2020 Financial Statements*

43. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn**, Treasurer, to report the Treasurer's Report on the 2020 Financial Statements
44. **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn** reported that in 2019 WT made a loss; however, in 2020, due to the effective and practical management, WT made a profit about US\$34,544, which was assuring from the financial point of view. He also mentioned that the profit was based on the reduction of operating expenses from 2019 to 2020.

*ii. Auditor's Report on the 2020 Accounts*

45. The **CHAIR** thanked Mr. Pimol Srivikorn and asked **Mr. Hoss Rafaty** to present Auditor's Report on the 2020 Accounts on behalf of the auditors.
46. **Mr. Hoss Rafaty** reported that auditors have examined WT's financial statements ending December 31<sup>st</sup> last year and they confirm that the financial statements audited by an independent auditing firm in Korea conform with the general accounting principles in accordance with the Korean International Financial Reporting Standard. He mentioned that the auditors recommend the acceptance of the WT financial statements for 2020.
47. The **CHAIR** passed the floor to the scrutineer to open the vote.
48. **Mr. Danny Rhee**, scrutineer, proceeded with the vote for approval of Finance Report. He declared the vote open and said that voting representatives have 30 seconds of time to cast the vote. He noted that voting representatives need to select the voting choice and click submit button.
49. After 30 seconds, he informed the vote is closed, one or two minutes will be required to verify and confirm the voting result by Scrutineer. He then passed floor back to the **CHAIR**.
50. The **CHAIR** announced the result that there are 137 total logged in voters, 133 total submitted votes, and 128 Yes, 2 No, 3 Abstention. He declared that the finance report is approved.

**- Decision: The 2020-2021 Finance Report is approved.**

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## **6. Other Matters**

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51. As there are none of other matters, the **CHAIR** moved to the next agenda item 7: WT Elections.

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## **7. WT Elections**

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52. The **CHAIR** passed the floor to **Ms. Aicha Garad Ali**, Chair of the Ad-hoc Election Committee, and **Mr. Jean-Marie Ayer**, Member of the Ad-hoc Election Committee, to manage the entire election process.
53. **Ms. Aicha Garad Ali** stated that WT Election Committee, which has worked together for the past several of months, was made of herself, **Mr. Jean-Marie Ayer** and **Mr. Jung Heon Kim** and with support of head of WT Legal Affairs Office, **Mr. Corbin Min**. She then passed the floor to **Mr. Jean-Marie** as an Acting-Ad-Hoc Chair to manage the election.
54. **Mr. Jean-Marie Ayer** presented the Election Procedure which was distributed previously and announced the list of the eligible candidates; one (1) candidate for President, thirty-three (33) candidates for Council Members and two (2) candidates for Auditor. He mentioned that one (1) President, seventeen (17) Council Members and one (1) Auditor will be elected, and the term for officials elected this year shall run from 2021 to 2025. He then went through the election procedure as stipulated in the distributed guidelines.

a. *Election of the President*

55. **Mr. Jean-Marie Ayer, Ad-hoc Election Chair** stated that the first subject matter of the vote is election of the WT President, and that **Dr. Chungwon Choue**, the current President has been declared eligible by the Elections Committee as the sole candidate of the presidential election. He passed the floor to the scrutineer to open the vote.
56. **Mr. Danny Rhee**, scrutineer, proceeded with the vote for election of the President. He declared the vote open and said that voting representatives have 30 seconds of time to cast the vote. He noted that voting representatives need to select the voting choice and click submit button.
57. After 30 seconds, he informed the vote is closed, and then passed floor back to **Ad-hoc Election Chair**.
58. **Ad-hoc Election Chair** informed that one or two minutes will be required to verify and confirm the voting result by Scrutineer.
59. He then announced the result that there are 135 total logged in voters, 131 total submitted votes, and 129 Yes, 2 No, 0 Abstention. He declared that **Dr. Chungwon Choue** is elected as the President of World Taekwondo for the term from 2021-to-2025.

- ***Decision: Dr. Chungwon Choue is elected as the President.***

b. *Election of the Council Member*

60. **Ad-hoc Election Chair** informed that the second subject matter of the vote is WT Council Members and there are 33 candidates, who have been declared eligible by the Elections Committee. He addressed that voting representatives will be electing seventeen (17) Council members and can vote a maximum of 17 candidates regardless of gender or continent. He stated that within the candidates from each continental pool, the candidate who receives the most votes shall be elected, and then the next highest vote receiver, until that continental quota is completed.
61. He noted that there shall be at least one female Council Member elected per continent, so in any case the female candidate receiving the most votes within continental pool shall be elected. He added that the female candidate who receives the highest number of votes will be elevated to Vice President.
62. He noted that should there be a tie for a position, then there shall be a tie-breaker vote after all other positions have been elected.
63. He passed the floor to the scrutineer to open the vote.
64. **Mr. Danny Rhee**, scrutineer, proceeded with the vote for election of Council Member. He declared the vote open and said that voting representatives have 5 minutes of time to cast the vote. He noted that voting representatives need to select the voting choice and click submit button.
65. After 5 minutes, he informed the vote is closed, and then passed floor back to **Ad-hoc Election Chair**.
66. **Ad-hoc Election Chair** informed that a few minutes will be required to verify and confirm the voting result by Scrutineer and suggested watching the video of WT Demonstration Team's Performance at 'America's Got Talent' during the verification time

67. After the verification time, **Ad-hoc Election Chair** announced the result that there are total logged in voters are 136, total submitted votes are 132, and elected Council Members by Continent are as follows

□ **Africa**

- **Mr. Driss EL HILALI** 113 votes
- **Mr. Mohamed SHAABAN** 71 votes
- **Ms. Magaret Elizabeth BINGA** 65 votes

□ **Asia**

- **Mr. Kook Hyun JUNG** 100 votes
- **Mr. Jin-bang YANG** 89 votes
- **Mr. Ahmed Hamdan ALZEYOUDI** 73 votes
- **Ms. Nadin Farid Khalil DAWANI** 61 votes

□ **Europe**

- **Mr. Metin SAHIN** 84 votes
- **Mr. Anatoly TEREKHOV** 84 votes
- **Mr. Angelo CITO** 83 votes
- **Ms. Anna VASSALLO** 55 votes

□ **Oceania**

- **Mr. Hassan ISKANDAR** 64 votes
- **Ms. Jamie Lee CARPENTER** and Ms. Malia PASEKA both received 34 votes (*during a Second round of voting, as provided by the Election Procedure, Ms. Jamie Lee Carpenter broke the tie with 66 votes and was elected.*)

□ **Pan America**

- **Ms. Maria Rosario BORELLO CASTILLO** 79 votes
- **Mr. Inseon Kim** 76 votes
- **Mr. Mario MANDEL VAISMAN** 58 votes
- **Mr. Richard Jay WARWICK** 46 votes.

68. He added that **Ms. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo** who has the highest votes among female candidates will be elevated to Vice President.

- ***Decision: 16 above-mentioned Candidates are elected as the Council Member and Ms. Maria Rosario BORELLO CASTILLO is elevated to Vice President.***

c. *Election of the Auditor*

69. **Ad-hoc Election Chair** informed that the third subject matter of the vote is election of the WT Auditor and there are two candidates who has been declared eligible by the Elections Committee. He passed the floor to the scrutineer to open the vote.

70. **Mr. Danny Rhee**, scrutineer, proceeded with the vote. He declared the vote open and said that voting representatives have 30 seconds of time to cast the vote. He noted that voting representatives need to select the voting choice and click submit button.

71. After 30 seconds, he informed the vote is closed, and then passed the floor back to **Ad-hoc**



### **Election Chair.**

72. **Ad-hoc Election Chair** informed that one or two minutes will be required to verify and confirm the voting result by Scrutineer.
73. He announced the result that total logged in voters are 134, total submitted votes are 126, and **Mr. Ali SAGIRKAYA** who received 91 votes is elected as the auditor.
- **Decision: Mr. Ali SAGIRKAYA is elected as the Auditor.**
74. The **Ad-hoc Election Chair** noted that the tie-breaker vote will be taking place for **Ms. Jamie Lee CARPENTER** and **Ms. Malia PASEKA**. He passed the floor to the scrutineer to open the vote.
75. **Mr. Danny Rhee**, scrutineer, proceeded with the vote. He declared the vote open and said that voting representatives have 30 seconds of time to cast the vote. He noted that voting representatives need to select the voting choice and click submit button.
76. After 30 seconds, he informed the vote is closed, and then passed the floor back to **Ad-hoc Election Chair**.
77. **Ad-hoc Election Chair** informed that one or two minutes will be required to verify and confirm the voting result by Scrutineer.
78. He announced the result that total logged in voters are 134, total submitted votes are 122, and **Ms. Jamie Lee CARPENTER** who received 66 votes is elected as the Council Member.
79. The **CHAIR** thanked **Ms. Aicha Garad Ali** and the Election Committee for the efforts over the past months in delivering a fair and transparent election. He mentioned that it is his honor to serve all Taekwondo family as President of World Taekwondo, and he will do his utmost best for beloved World Taekwondo.
80. He stated that WT will be one of the most respected and well-governed international federations by 2023, when celebrating the 50th founding anniversary of World Taekwondo.
81. He also congratulated the new WT Council Members and Auditor. He added that WT has a great responsibility in the coming years, so he asked newly elected Council Members and Auditor for unity and support to elevate WT as one of the best IFs in the Olympic and Paralympic movements.

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### **8. Next Meeting**

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82. The **CHAIR** mentioned that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on the occasion of the World Taekwondo Championships in Wuxi in April, 2022, and the date of the Council Meeting is on April 11, 2022, with the General Assembly on April 12, which will be followed by the World Championships from April 13th to 19th. He expected the Chinese friends will put on a wonderful show in Wuxi.
83. He addressed that the World Taekwondo Championships has been already postponed; therefore, WT needs a guarantee that it will happen in Wuxi, and believes it will be held since by then, China would have finished hosting the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. He said that the Council passed a resolution at the Council Meeting held via video conference on October 10, 2021, that WT must receive a guarantee by January 17 next year that the World Taekwondo Championships will take place as scheduled in April 2022.

84. He added that if WT cannot get the guarantee, it is needed to find another host city for the World Taekwondo Championships or cancel it entirely and prepare for the World Taekwondo Championships in 2023.

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## **9. Closing of Meeting**

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85. The CHAIR addressed that this is another watershed moment for WT, and WT may face challenges that are beyond the control, such as the pandemic; however, he believed that diversity and unity will help WT overcome any challenge such as pandemic.
86. He thanked all participating MNA Representatives and Council Members, and adjourned the 2021 World Taekwondo General Assembly.