



Minutes

of the World Taekwondo
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0. Before the Opening of the Meeting

Before the opening of the meeting World Taekwondo President (WT President) Dr. Chungwon Choue calls for a special recognition of the Booyoung Group for their support of Taekwondo and Para-Taekwondo. Comment is made of Booyoung Scholarships, which are presented to help support to major championships. It is noted that Booyoung Scholarship Awards were granted to athletes from the following member associations: Djibouti, Niger, Bhutan, San Marino, Marshall Islands, and Haiti.

1. Establish quorum & Opening of the Meeting (at 10:20 am)

Secretary General Hoss Rafaty announces that delegates from a total of 136 member associations are present, and, together with Council Members 135 out of 164 eligible voters, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 7.8 of the Statutes.

The meeting is called to order by the Chair of the Meeting, Dr. Chungwon Choue (WT President).

The Chair calls for a moment of Silence for Grand Master Uhm Woon Kyu, who served as a WT Council Member from 1978-to-1989, and WT Vice President from 1989-to-2000, and who passed away on June 10, 2017.

A moment of silence is observed.

The Chair delivers the Opening Speech.

2. President's Opening Speech

Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to welcome all the representatives of the 28th WTF General Assembly. I also wish to give my special thanks to the Korean Taekwondo Association and the Organizing Committee for excellent preparations.

- *A record 183 MNAs have registered to participate in this Muju Championships, the largest ever in WTF history.*
- *Korean President Moon Jae-in will come to Muju for the opening ceremony.*
- *The ITF Taekwondo Demonstration Team is also competing to Muju for joint demonstrations with the WTF Demonstration Team.*
- *Also joining us at this championship will be IOC President Thomas Bach and 9 other IOC members, together with high-ranking international sports figures.*
- *Since the last General Assembly in November 2016 in Burnaby, Canada, a total of 37 national federations have elected their respective new Presidents. Let's give big welcome when their names are called:*
 - *Mr. Cyprien Bigirimana of Burundi*
 - *Mr. Mohamed Ali Abouzaid of Egypt*

- Mr. Ibrahima BA of Senegal
 - Mr. Chang-shin Choi of Korea
 - Dr. Habib Zarifeh of Lebanon
 - Hon. Senator S.A. Vigneswaran of Malaysia
 - Mr. Bashar Saleh of Palestine
 - Mr. Khalid Bin Hamad Al-Atiya of Qatar
 - Mr. Shadad Alamri of Saudi Arabia
 - Mr. Rozyyev Bashim of Turkmenistan
 - Mr. Ahmed Al Zeyoudi of the United Arab Emirates
 - Mr. Barys Nahorny of Belarus
 - Mr. Boubouh Abdelhak of Belgium
 - Mr. Jon Smith of Great Britain
 - Mr. Miklos Antal Patakfalvy of Hungary, re-elected
 - Mr. Jesus Castellanos Puebals of Spain, re-elected
 - Mr. Jean-Marie Ayer of Switzerland
 - Mr. Hassan Iskandar of Australia
 - Mr. Ronald Tufariua of French Polynesia
 - Mr. Jason Sam of Marshall Islands
 - Mr. John Cholai of Papua New Guinea, interim president
 - Mr. Talafou F. Esekia of Tuvalu
 - Mr. Robert Butler of Bahamas
 - Mr. Henderson Turton of Barbados
 - Mr. Luis Rolando Forero Sierra of Colombia
 - Mr. Ivan Fernandez Quiros of Cuba
 - Mr. Audy Muller of Curacao
 - Mr. Mr. Frenel Ostin of Haiti
 - Mr. Gonzalo Silveira of Uruguay
 - Mr. Moorosanan Nkesi of Lesotho
 - Mr. Jakhonzeb Karmishev of Tajikistan
 - Mr. Mikhail Kolvart of Estonia
 - Mr. Orn Helgason of Iceland
 - Mr. Kimberly Meli of Malta
 - Mr. Ricardo C. Blas of Guam
 - Mr. Nelson Ekeaua of Kiribati
 - Mr. Vaudreuil Vincent of Martinique
 - Mr. Fred Buitenhuis of The Netherlands
- *I am also pleased to inform you that Mr. Michael Fysentzidis, secretary general of the European Taekwondo Union, was elected president of the International Olympic Academy on 6 February 2017. Let's give a big hand to Mr. Fysentzidis.*

Dear colleagues,

Once again it is my tremendous joy and pleasure to preside over the General Assembly here in Muju.

The promises we made at our last General Assembly in Burnaby, Canada have largely been fulfilled.

Let me talk you though some of our key achievements since Burnaby.

In November 2016, the WTF won Peace and Sport's prestigious "Federation of the Year" award in Monaco. This proves that our humanitarian efforts to empower refugees are being recognized by the wider sporting community.

In December 2016, the Grand Prix Final, the World Taekwondo Team Championships and Gala Dinner were held in Baku, Azerbaijan. All went off with great organization and without a hitch.

The controversy-free London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic competitions proved that taekwondo is now "fair and transparent." Our new mission is ensuring that taekwondo "dazzles and excites." We expect that the new competition rules adopted after Rio 2016 will facilitate taekwondo competitions to be much more dynamic and exciting.

In March of this year, I and the WTF Taekwondo Demonstration Team were invited to the U.N. headquarters in New York City. The WTF Demonstration Team performed, and two of our 2016 Olympians held a demonstration match. I think we left a lasting and positive impression on this important and prestigious global body.

In May, we successfully inaugurated the 1st WTF World Taekwondo Beach Championships on Rhodes Island, Greece. This is part of our efforts to take taekwondo into different formats and to get it out of the stadiums and into the open. It also gives our athletes the chance to participate in ever-more global multisport events: Rhodes paves the way for taekwondo's participation in the first ever World Beach Games in San Diego in 2019.

Also in May, I had the privilege of being invited by His Holiness Pope Francesco, a noted sports fan, in the Vatican. He showed particular interest in the efforts of the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation. There, I presented His Excellency with an honorary 10th dan black belt.

That is a significant set of achievements in just over half a year.

2017 is an election year. So let me look back on our broader achievements over the last quadrennial, since our last election in Puebla, Mexico, in 2013.

First and foremost, we saw a highly successful taekwondo event at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. This, following on from the similar success of London 2012, means that we have come of age as an Olympic discipline.

Taekwondo does not stand still. We are not afraid to innovate. We have successfully upgraded the game with innovations such as octagonal mats, head PSS and tweaks to our competition rules. We have upgraded our sports presentation with music, lighting and commentary.

In December 2013, we inaugurated the elite Grand Prix, which is proving itself a superb showcase for the athletes who are at the pinnacle of our sport. The Grand Prix events are upgrading the game by presenting a regular competitive format for taekwondo's elite. They also offer prize money and increase media exposure.

The 2015 World Taekwondo Championships in Chelyabinsk, Russia, were the best ever. I know you all recall the scale and excellence of that event. The Russians created a new benchmark for our world championships - one which I know Muju has studied carefully.

Our efforts to get taekwondo onto the Paralympic program also bore fruit in 2015. Our great para-athletes will make their first Paralympic appearance in Tokyo 2020. They are an inspiration. I know they will amaze the world with their dedication and skills.

In 2016, we created the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation, or THF. The THF proves that taekwondo, one of the world's most economical and deployable sports, is a great tool to empower the powerless - refugee children and orphans worldwide.

The THF's efforts are gaining us significant, positive attention in institutions like the U.N. and the Vatican. They are proving that we are a socially responsible federation within the IOC. And they are giving us all a chance to do good with the sport we love.

In just four years, that is a sensational set of achievements. I want to thank all of you who made it happen. Thank you!

Now, let me say this. Taekwondo's future is even brighter than its past. We will not rest on our laurels. We will accelerate our efforts to innovate and improve.

As IOC President Thomas Bach says, it is a choice of "Change or Be Changed." I can assure you that we, the world taekwondo family, will not be slaves to change: we will be masters of it.

The Chair then moves on to the next agenda item, approval of the minutes.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The Chair calls attention to the Meeting Book, which was previously circulated to the General Assembly and which contains documents to be considered during the meeting.

The Chair asks the council if there are any comments on the minutes to the 27th General Assembly held on November 15, 2016 in Burnaby Canada, which had been circulated previously and which also appears as Appendix I in the Meeting Book.

There are no comments.

The Chair calls for approval of the Minutes. This is seconded, and unanimously approved.

Decision: Minutes of the November 15, 2016 27th General Assembly approved by the General Assembly.

The Chair then moves on to the next section on the agenda, new membership.

4. New Membership

The Chair announces the petition of French Guiana to become a member of the World Taekwondo asking the General Assembly if there are any objections. The acceptance of French Guiana would bring membership to 208 Member National Associations.

There are no comments.

The chair calls for approval of French Guiana as the new member of the World Taekwondo. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: French Guiana as new member of the World Taekwondo.

The Chair then moves on to the next item in the agenda, reports.

5. Reports

5-1 Auditors' Report

The Chair invites World Taekwondo Auditor Dalibor Krpan to deliver the Auditors' Report, which also appears in the Meeting Book at page 6.

Auditor Krpan confirms that he has audited the World Taekwondo financial statements for the year 2016 (page 8 and Appendix II of the Meeting Book) and the budget for the year 2017 (page 23 of the Meeting Book), and also has read the report by Ernst & Young (Appendix II of the Meeting Book) confirming that the financial documents are prepared properly in accordance with international standards. Auditor Krpan certifies that he is satisfied that they are in conformity, and recommends to the General Assembly that they be accepted.

The Chair thanks Auditor Krpan for his report, and then asks the General Assembly if there are any questions or comments.

There are no questions or comments.

The chair calls for approval of the 2016 World Taekwondo Financial Statements and 2017 Budget. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: the 2016 World Taekwondo Financial Statements and 2017 Budget approved by the General Assembly.

5-2 Financial Report

The Chair then directs the attention of the General Assembly to the 2016 Financial Report at Appendix II of the Meeting Book. He notes that the report was previously distributed to the General Assembly for their review. He asks if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the Financial Report. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: The Financial Report is unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

5-3 Operation Report

The Chair then directs the attention of the General Assembly to the Operation Report appearing at page 28 of the Meeting Book. The Chair introduces Seoul Office Director General Jinbang Yang for more details on the operation report.

Director General Yang notes that a World Taekwondo engaged in a wide range of business and activities. Among other things he notes that World Taekwondo membership increased to 207 member federations during 2016, which increased to 208 during this meeting.

He notes the growth in world championships participation, from 811 athletes from 130 countries in Puebla in 2013, to 870 athletes from 137 countries in Chelyabinsk in 2015, to an expected 183 countries and almost 1,000 athletes this year.

He also takes note of World Junior Championships held in Taipei in 2014 and Burnaby in 2016, as well as World

Poomsae Championships held in Bali, Indonesia in 2013 and Aguas Calientes, Mexico in 2014. He also noted the development of the Grand Prix, from its launch in Manchester, UK in 2013, to its development into a regular series in 2014 and 2015.

He discusses the development of the Olympic qualification system and improvements in event broadcasting. And he notes the improvement in the quality of G-ranked sanctioned events, and the introduction of Cadet and Beach Poomsae events

He notes that the challenged for the 2017-2020 cycle is to prepare well for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and taekwondo's first-ever appearance in the Paralympic Games. These preparations will focus on improving TV, media, and new media, as well as introducing new championships, including a new Grand Slam Champions series this year in the city of Wuxi, China, which was approved the day before by the Council. The Grand Slam event will invite the top 12 athletes from each Olympic weight category, and will include a \$70,000 prize for the winner of each category. This event is expected to attract more interest from both general audiences and the media.

He notes also that changed in the competition rules which will be applied to this year's championships are also intended to make competitions more viewer friendly. The changes to the competition rules are supported also by a project to develop a next-generation PSS, a new system to develop and manage international referees, and a new program to select and manage event hosts.

The Chair thanks Director Yang and asks the General Assembly if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the Operation Report. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: The Operation Report is unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

5-4 Continental Union Reports

The Chair introduces the five continental union presidents to deliver a presentation on their visions and operational plans.

First, Gen. Ahmed Fouly, president of the Africa Taekwondo Union, delivers the AFTU report. In addition to reporting on events hosted by AFTU members, Gen. Fouly takes note that, for the first time in history, the AFTU achieved five medals in the Olympic Games: one gold and one bronze for Cote d'Ivoire; one silver for Niger; one bronze to Tunisia; and one bronze to Egypt.

Second, Mr. Kyu Seok Lee, president of the Asia Taekwondo Union, delivers the ATU report. Mr. Lee purports that ATU members achieved five gold medals at the Rio Olympics. He also lists events hosted by ATU members, and the success of placing Poomsae in the 2018 Asian Games.

Third, Mr. Kenneth Schunken delivers the European Taekwondo Union report on behalf of Mr. Sakis Pragalos, president of the ETU. Mr. Schunken begins with the launch of the first World Taekwondo President's Cup in Bonn, Germany, followed by a second edition held in 2017 in Athens. He also notes that a Taekwondo Festival was held on the occasion of the European Taekwondo Championships for youths in Turkey. Also, championships for 35 years and older and for 50 years and older were held in Luxembourg. The ETU also cooperated with the European Broadcasting Union to televise the ETU Senior Championships to 15 countries. A video is then presented on the first World Taekwondo Beach Championships, held in Rhodes Island, Greece.

Forth, Mr. Ji-ho Choi, president of the Pan-American Taekwondo Union, delivers the PATU report. Mr. Choi notes that PATU has been working hard to develop Para-Taekwondo, and has recently hosted a President's Cup and a Para-Club event. He notes that PATU is now offering live streaming of competitions. And he notes that PATU is the first CU to include Poomsae in all multi-sports games, with the inclusion of Poomsae in the 2019 Panam Games. As part of preparations for Tokyo 2020, he notes that PATU is planning to contract with successful instructors in countries such as the US and Canada to provide training in developing countries in the region.

Fifth, Mr. John Kotsifas, president of the Oceania Taekwondo Union, delivers the OTU report. Mr. Kotsifas notes that many OTU member federations are attending a World Taekwondo General Assembly for the first time, and the largest number of athletes participating in a World Championships ever. Given that the OTU was only formed in 2005, there is still much to do to develop the region. The continent is looking to host more G1 and G2 events more frequently, together with the G4 continental championships every two years. Initiatives have also been developed for coach education, and athlete performance has been improving with 8 athletes qualifying in various weight divisions for Rio. In particular, Tonga qualified for the first time for any sport. He notes that OTU has about 3,000 followers on its Facebook page, which is a great way to communicate with the CUs dispersed membership base.

The Chair thanked the five continental union presidents and then proposes to move on to the next section of the Agenda: amendment proposals.

6. Amendment Proposals

6-1 Statutes

The Chair notes the amendment material contained in the Meeting Book beginning at page 86, and introduces Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Min gives a presentation on each of the proposed Statute amendments, including the following: Introduction of Art. 6.9 on Honorary Vice Presidents, a non-voting position awarded based on outstanding contribution to the Taekwondo Movement; Amendment of Art. 16.2 on Annual Fees, to adjust the payment period from the end of each year to the end of February each year, to make it easier for member federations who have long year-end breaks; Amendment of Art. 16.8 on MNA Reporting, to codify reporting practices related to elections and recognition of new administrations and also the taking of the member survey; Amendment of Art. 22 on Promoted Events, to update this section; and a full revision of Art. 27 on Committees to ensure a more focused and active committee contribution during the 2017-2020 cycle. A detailed explanation of the changes to the committee structure is given.

The Chair asks the General Assembly if there are any comments on proposed amendments to the Statutes.

There are no comments.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Statutes. This is seconded, and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed amendments to the Statutes are approved by the General Assembly.

6-2 Poomsae Competition Rules

The Chair notes the amendment material contained in the Meeting Book at page 95 and introduces Mr. Jinbang Yang, to deliver a presentation on the Poomsae Competition Rules.

Mr. Yang notes that there has been an increase in the technical skills of athletes over the year, which has revealed a need to enhance the Poomsae competition rules. He then gives a presentation on the proposed changes to the Poomsae Competition Rules. In particular, the consolidation of the over 60 and over 65 categories into the over 50 category; the removal of lower level form and the addition of higher level forms; and changes to scoring to increase the importance of technical movements, thus improving transparency.

The Chair thanks Mr. Yang and then asks the General Assembly if there are any questions or comments.

There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules are approved by the General Assembly.

6-3 Event Operation Rules

The Chair notes the amendment material contained in the Meeting Book at page 106 and introduces Mr. Jay Lee, Director of the Sport Department.

Mr. Lee gives a presentation on the proposed changes to the Event Operation Rules, including that all World Taekwondo recognized events shall be listed in the World Taekwondo Events Calendar; that World Taekwondo will appoint the Technical Directors for the Events, and that World Taekwondo will screen referees for the event, who will then receive credit from World Taekwondo.

The Chair thanks Mr. Lee and then asks the General Assembly if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments to the Event Operation Rules. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed amendments to the Event Operation Rules are approved by the General Assembly.

6-4 Para Taekwondo Competition Rules

The Chair introduces Mr. Chakir Chelbat, Chair of the Referee Committee to deliver a presentation on proposed amendments to the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules appearing at page 107 of the Meeting Book.

Mr. Chelbat makes a presentation to the General Assembly on the proposed amendments to the Para-Taekwondo Competition Rules. He explains that the amendments are included within the Meeting Book which was previously distributed to the General Assembly. He then explains how the changes in points allocated for

scoring techniques have been amended.

The Chair thanks Mr. Chelbat and then asks the General Assembly if there are any questions or comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of the proposed amendments. This is seconded and unanimously approved.

Decision: Proposed amendments to the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules are approved by the General Assembly.

The Chair then directs the members to the next section in the Meeting Book, announcements.

7. Announcements

7-1 Approved Bylaws and Standing Procedures

The Chair announces that the Administration of International Referees in Para Taekwondo Poomsae and Kyorugi were approved by the Council the day before the Council and explained the updated documents would be posted on World Taekwondo Website.

7-2 Ranking Bylaw

The Chair announces that the Ranking Bylaw was approved by the Council the day before the Council and explained the updated documents would be posted on World Taekwondo Website.

7-3 Host City Selections

The Chair announces the selection of host cities for eight (8) new events as follows:

- 2018 World Taekwondo Junior Championships awarded to Hammamet, Tunisia
- 2018 and 2019 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 1 awarded to Rome, Italy
- 2018 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final and Team Championships awarded to Fujairah, United Arab Emirates
- 2019 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series 3 awarded to Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2020 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final and Team Championships awarded to Tunis, Tunisia

The Chair congratulates the host cities and moves to the next section in the Meeting Book, Progress Reports.

8 Progress Report

8-1 MNA Survey

The Chair invites Mr. Corbin Min again to deliver a presentation on the progress report of MNA Survey.

Mr. Min explains that, as announced during last year's General Assembly in Burnaby, Canada, during the period from March to June, World Taekwondo had conducted a survey of all World Taekwondo Member National

Associations (MNAs) with the objective to better understand our members in order to provide better assistance when working with MNAs. He explains that 185 federations had completed the survey, and that World Taekwondo would continue to follow up with the remaining federations.

The Chair thanks Mr. Min and moves to the next agenda item.

8-2 Strategic Planning

The Chair introduces Secretary General Hoss Rafaty to give a presentation on the Strategic Planning and new logo.

Secretary General Rafaty describes the process begun at the start of 2016 to assess the federations' current position and to refine its objectives until 2020, including working with a panel of independent advisors with expert backgrounds in Olympic Sports and international organizations.

He explains that the process is to achieve high performance in three steps: first, to define the strategy and what we want to achieve; second, to transition the organization to create a structure capable of achieving the targets; and third, to actively manage the process of achieve those targets.

He explains that the next step is to get understanding and agreement from all members on the strategic priorities, after which target outcomes and actions plans can be created. The identified strategic priorities: first, maximize valued added to the Olympic Movement, such as improving key indicators; second, development of the sport and membership foundations by providing more support to member federations including education and training; and third, improving the World Taekwondo brand, including more appealing sport presentation and more disciplined marketing communications. This will go hand in hand with the launch of the new WT logo.

The Chair thanks Mr. Rafaty and explains that the new logo launching ceremony would take place at the opening ceremony the next day.

9. Other Matters

9-1 Muju Declaration

The Chair asks that the general assembly to adopt the following declaration:

The World Taekwondo Federation general assembly convening on the occasion of the 2017 World Taekwondo Championships in Muju, Korea on this 23 day of June, 2017 hereby adapts the following declaration. We will hold the values of Olympism close to our heart and practice them diligently. We believe and support that peace is more precious than triumph and therefore we will create and adjust peaceful world. We will do our utmost to take care of the weak and people in need specially refugees and orphans from different parts of the world.

The Chair asks if the General Assembly adopts this declaration. There is unanimous agreement and a strong round of applause.

The Chair announces that there will be a lunch break until 1pm, which will be followed by the Elections.

10. Elections

Following the lunch break the Chair reconvenes the meeting. The Chair introduces and passes control over to the Ad-Hoc Election Chair, Mr. Anthony Ferguson.

The Ad-Hoc Election Chair introduces the members of the Election Committee, Mr. Ivan Dibos(Chair), Mr. Luc Reychler, and Mr. Jongil Kim, all of whom will be overseeing the election process. The Ad-Hoc Election Chair then introduces Mr. Corbin Min, Senior Director of Member Relations, Development and Legal Affairs, to brief the delegates on the election process

Mr. Min explains that the election documents and procedure had been confirmed by the Election Committee and were based on Election Bylaws approved by the Council in March 2017.

Mr. Min directs the attention of the delegates to the presentation screens, which contains samples of the election ballots. Mr. Min reminds the delegates that a list of 28 candidates, with accompanying information such as vision statements and resumes, had been sent to them more than two months previously. Mr. Min informs the delegates that two candidates, Angelo Cito from Italy, and Mohd Najib form Malaysia, had just withdrawn from the election. This information was also posted in the voting booths.

Mr. Min explains that there are two sets of ballots: one for the election of one President and two Auditors; and one for the election of twelve Council Members. The ballots contain the names and photo of each of the candidates.

Mr. Min explains that the election will be conducted using Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) technology; an older technology, but one that is familiar, well-proven, simple and fast; that uses computer calculations, but also leaves a paper record.

There is one candidate for one WT President position, two candidates for two WT auditor positions, and 26 candidates for 12 WT Council Member positions. On the ballot, the Council Member candidates are divided into five groups based on region, one for each WT Continental Union. The delegates are reminded that there is a quota per content: 3 for Europe, 3 for Asia, 3 for Pan-Am, 2 for Africa, and 1 for Oceania.

Mr. Min explains that the Ad-Hoc Chair will call each voting delegate by name, first the MNA representatives, then the Council Members. To ensure an orderly process, and to minimize waiting in line, 6-to-8 voting delegates would be called at one time. The voters are to proceed to the front of the GA meeting room, where they will receive the ballots from the Election Committee. Each ballot will be signed by one of the committee members to ensure authenticity.

The voters will then proceed to one of the six curtained polling booths stationed on the right side of the meeting room. After voting, the voters should drop their ballots into one of the ballot boxes, next to the polling stations.

The auditors are called to check and confirm that the ballot boxes are empty. The boxes are raised and displayed to all delegates to confirm this.

Mr. Min explains that after all the ballots are cast, a technician from the OMR Company providing the system will arrange them together with volunteers from the Organizing Committee into stacks. They will then be run through the computer for counting. This will all be done on a table at the front of the meeting room, in sight of all delegates.

The Ad-Hoc Committee Chair asks if there are any questions. A question is asked on how to mark the ballots. Mr. Min explains that, next to each candidate there is a round circle. To vote for the candidate, fill in the circle complete. Be careful not to mark within a circle for any candidate you do not intend to vote for. For Council Member ballots, any ballot with 12 votes or less will be accepted. Any ballot with more than 12 votes will be considered invalid.

The Ad-Hoc Committee chair asks if there are additional questions. There are none.

The Ad-Hoc Committee chair begins to call the MNA voting delegates, one-by-one. He then calls the voting Council Members, one-by-one.

After the voting is complete the ballots are organized by the OMR technician together with volunteers from the Organizing Committee. The ballots are run through the computer twice to confirm an accurate count.

The results are presented to the Ad-Hoc Election Committee Chair. The Ad-Hoc Chair announces to the delegates that Dr. Chungwon Choue has been re-elected as WT President. The Ad-Hoc Chair then passes control of the meeting back to Dr. Choue, to resume his role as Chair of the General Assembly.

The Chair then announces the results of the elections for other positions:

Auditors: Mr. Dalibor Krpan (Croatia) and Mr. Ali Sagirkaya (Turkey) are re-elected.

Council Members: Re-elected are Mr. Anatoly Terekhov (Russia), Mr. Driss El Hilali (Morocco), Mr. Hazem Naimat (Jordan), Mr. Issaka Ide (Niger), Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas (Spain), Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado (Mexico), Mr. Kook Hyun Jung (Korea), Ms. Maria Borello (Guatemala), Mr. Metin Sahin (Turkey), and Mr. Taekyung Kim (New Zealand). Newly-elected Council Members are Mr. An-Chin Hsu (Chinese Taipei) and Mr. Inseon Kim (Canada).

The Chair calls for a round of applause for the successful candidates.

The Chair then gives his acceptance speech as WT President:

My dear friends and colleagues,

I solemnly and humbly accept your vote of confidence. I look forward to serving World Taekwondo for another four years. I will do my utmost to fulfill all the pledges I have made, and I know I can count on you -- can count on your support.

How do I know? Because I look back on what we have achieved over the last four years. We have upgraded our field of play, our equipment and our rules. We have always seen of Flores Olympics in Rio. We have seen Para-Taekwondo incorporated into the Paralympic program in Tokyo 2020. We have inaugurated the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation and we are not going to stop here.

Our vision is to be a benchmark international federation within the Olympic movement. We will consolidate and upgrade our status at the Olympic Games. We will continue evolving our sport and our organization. We will upgrade our focus on our athletes. We will reach out to them to hear what they most want and need. We will empower our members by making our federation more committee centric.

As you know we are about to rebrand. The new brand World Taekwondo makes clear our universal global presence and our undisputed global prestige. It sends a clear signal. We alone lead the global Taekwondo movement. We have enjoyed great days in the past. However, I am confident that our best days are yet to come. Under the banner of our bold new brand, let us offer Taekwondo its second takeoff.

Thank you again for your confidence in my leadership. I returned that confidence by saying this. I know that I can rely upon each of you to give Taekwondo your full support in the exciting days ahead. Taekwondo forever.

The Chair then reminds delegates that the WT Continental Union General Assemblies and Elections will take place immediately following the close of the WT General Assembly. He reminds them that there will be buses waiting to take them to the designated areas and that there are guides in the lobby to direct each of the CU delegates to the proper bus.

11. Next General Assembly

The Chair announces that the next General Assembly would be held in Hammamet, Tunisia in 2018.

12. Closing of the Meeting

The Chair thanks the Organizing Committee and Jeolla-bukdo Province and volunteers for their efforts and wishes the General Assembly to enjoy the rest of the stay.