

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

EXTRA ORDINARY CONGRESS

MINUTES OF THE
ICF EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS
HELD IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN
24 NOVEMBER 2016





Minutes

1. Opening of the Congress

The ICF President, Mr. Jose Perurena Lopez opened the ICF Extraordinary Congress and welcomed all the delegates from the National Federations.

He announced the deaths of people within the Canoeing family over the last two years. Special mention was made to the German coach and former athlete, Stefan Henze who died in an accident during the Olympic Games in Rio 2016. A one minutes silence was honoured as a mark of respect to all.

The President of AZE Canoe Federation was thanked for his collaboration in organising the ICF Congress.

The President of Azerbaijan Canoe Federation welcomed everybody and expressed his happiness to have the ICF family in Baku. He added that the Congress was supported by the ministry of sport.

The ICF President explained the reason for holding the extra ordinary congress. The ICF Board of Directors had prepared a proposal for a new governance structure which he explained in brief. The proposal was the reason for the extra ordinary congress.

2. Appointment of scrutinisers for the period of the Congress

The following delegates were approved by the Congress as scrutinisers for the voting:

Leyla Alyeva AZE

Jens Kahl GER

Charles Luckeman USA

3. Roll-call of delegates and establishment of quorum

A roll call was held for the Congress. There were 95 eligible votes.

Voting devices were used for all decisions by Congress. All votes and elections were by secret ballot and validated by the scrutinisers.

3. New Governance

The ICF Secretary General explained the proposed structure point by point.

The goal of the ICF was to have an organisation with good governance practices that were effective and efficient.

WHAT IS GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Leadership – Vision and Communication
- Set strategic direction of organisation
- Ultimate responsibility (accountability of all)
- Management (efficiency and results)
- Administration (rules and procedures)
- Financial transparency and clear duties
- Establishing policy frameworks and decision making processes
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Objectives for ICF Governance

- ICF President committed to renew ICF Governance structure
- Roles and Responsibilities of all members
- Reduce Board size and increase efficiency
- Determine ICF Strategic Plan
- Draft operational processes for the organisation
- Implement working Policies and Best Practices
- Financial Structure based on objectives
- Measurable performance of organisation

What was completed

- External experts used in the process
- Governance Survey of NFs and Board Members
- Roles and Responsibilities survey to Board
- Discussed several times at ICF Board meetings
- NFs had ability to respond to Governance paper
- Finally ICF Board voted and agreed Governance structure at Board



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meeting in Madrid, March 2016

ICF Governance structure

- ICF Congress needed to approve or reject the proposed Structure
- The ICF Governance Structure Proposal was agreed by the ICF Board of Directors in April 2016
- The ICF Congress would vote on each item of this proposal one by one

In the case that the new proposal would be rejected the existing structure would remain.

Comments: USA asked for more clarity about the HQ flatwater and whitewater managers. It was clarified that the two staff members would mainly focus on the Olympic disciplines Sprint and Slalom. It would be a triangular relationship between the two staff, the Secretary General and the Chairman of the committees. The ICF Board had decided to place the two Olympic Chairs on the executive committee. The Chairs would have the opportunity to discuss important matter relating to the Olympic Games at the Executive.

It was commented that the size of the Board was still the same as before. The ICF President responded that the Board would meet once a year and the important aspects of work would be dealt with at the Executive Committee.

The Congress members discussed voting for the new governance as a whole or by each role and position of the ICF. The proposal was put forward that it should be discussed point by point then voted on as a whole package.

The Congress was asked to vote on the new governance as a whole or section by section.

Does the ICF accept the new governance as a whole:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	44
NO	46
ABSTAIN	6
MOTION NOT CARRIED	

THE ICF GOVERNANCE WOULD BE VOTED ON SECTION BY SECTION

The ICF President to be elected to the Executive Committee:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	86
NO	6
ABSTAIN	3
MOTION CARRIED	

Three ICF Vice Presidents to be elected to the Executive Committee- minimum one female:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	87
NO	5
ABSTAIN	1
MOTION CARRIED	

The Olympic Discipline Chairs to be elected to the Executive Committee

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	76
NO	17
ABSTAIN	3
MOTION CARRIED	



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The Continental Presidents to be part of the Executive Committee:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	86
NO	8
ABSTAIN	
MOTION CARRIED	

The Athletes Committee Chair to be part of the Executive Committee:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	76
NO	18
ABSTAIN	2
MOTION CARRIED	

Does the Congress vote for having a Vote on the Treasurer position:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	67
NO	25
ABSTAIN	1
MOTION CARRIED	

Add the ICF treasurer from the ICF Executive Committee:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	64
NO	28
ABSTAIN	0
MOTION CARRIED	

The Executive Committee to be part of the ICF Board of Directors:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	85
NO	5
ABSTAIN	3
MOTION CARRIED	

Canoe Ocean Racing to be a full member of the Board of Directors:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	73
NO	19
ABSTAIN	2
MOTION CARRIED	

Continental Representatives must have at least one female:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	74
NO	21
ABSTAIN	0
MOTION CARRIED	

The African continent would gain one more Board representative:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	46
NO	47
ABSTAIN	0
MOTION NOT CARRIED	



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A person can only serve 3 consecutive terms on the ICF Board of Directors:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	76
NO	17
ABSTAIN	1
MOTION CARRIED	

For each Committee and Commission there must be at least one representative of each Gender:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	77
NO	16
ABSTAIN	0
MOTION CARRIED	

Reduce the European delegates from 3 to 2 members:

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	55
NO	37
ABSTAIN	0
MOTION NOT CARRIED	

President thanked the ICF Secretary General for his work on the governance preparation documents.

ICF STATUTES – NF PROPOSALS

ART 13, Russia Proposal

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	35
NO	51
ABSTAIN	1
MOTION NOT CARRIED	

ART 15.5 DEN proposal

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	30
NO	59
ABSTAIN	5
MOTION NOT CARRIED	

ART 16 Women Commission proposal

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	49
NO	46
ABSTAIN	1
MOTION NOT CARRIED	

ART 16 Russia Proposal

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	17
NO	68
ABSTAIN	2
MOTION NOT CARRIED	

Art 19 Russia Proposal

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	17
NO	68
ABSTAIN	2
MOTION NOT CARRIED	

ART 20.2 and 21.4 NOR to postpone the deadline to 1st March

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	88
NO	8
ABSTAIN	0
MOTION CARRIED	



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ART 23 NOR to remove proxy vote

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	28
NO	63
ABSTAIN	0
MOTION NOT CARRIED	

ART 44 BRA the competency of continental Congress

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	74
NO	14
ABSTAIN	2
MOTION CARRIED	

ART 46 BRA The cost of the Court of Arbitration of the ICF

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	50
NO	39
ABSTAIN	2
MOTION NOT CARRIED	

Does the ICF Congress accept the new governance proposal?

Vote on	
Ballot	Votes
YES	73
NO	20
ABSTAIN	2
MOTION CARRIED	

The ICF President thanked Simon Toulson, ICF Secretary General for his work and thanked the Congress delegates for approving the ICF Governance. The Extra ordinary Congress was officially closed.