

Online Board Meeting

2 October 2024

Key Topics:

- **ICF HQ Meeting Room - SG Office's Decision on Meeting Start:** The meeting began with an acknowledgment of the time rotation agreement to accommodate different time zones, highlighting the global nature of the participants and the commitment to inclusivity.
- **Membership Fee Waiver for Sudan:** The ICF HQ Meeting Room - SG Office proposed, and the board agreed, to waive the membership fee for the Sudan Federation from April 15, 2023, due to the civil war in Sudan, emphasizing the ICF's support for member federations in crisis.
- **Togo Federation Name Change Approval:** The board approved the Togo Federation's request to operate independently from the Rowing and Canoe Federation, showcasing the ICF's flexibility and support for national federation autonomy.
- **Membership Approval for Central African Republic:** The board approved the membership of the Central African Republic, indicating the ICF's ongoing expansion and inclusivity towards new member federations.
- **Russian Federation's Request:** Toshi and the board discussed the Russian Federation's request regarding the C1 500m men's event, leading to a proposal to award an additional gold medal to resolve the dispute, reflecting the ICF's commitment to fairness and resolution of competition-related issues.
- **Headquarter Move to Hungary:** The board discussed moving the ICF headquarters to Hungary, driven by a financial grant offer from the Hungarian government, indicating a strategic decision aimed at financial stability and growth for the ICF.
- **Term Limits Clarification:** The board clarified term limits for office positions within the ICF, indicating a commitment to governance clarity and the promotion of leadership rotation.
- **Voting Eligibility for 2024 ICF Congress:** The board decided that national federations must pay membership fees to be eligible to vote, emphasizing the importance of financial compliance for participation in governance processes.

Action Items:

Statute Changes:

- Review and finalize the statute changes for Congress submission, ensuring all legal and governance issues are addressed. (Richard)

Due Diligence Process:

- Complete the due diligence process for the headquarters move to Hungary, including financial, governance, and legal reviews. (ICF Board)

Congress Voting Eligibility:

- Clarify and communicate the voting eligibility criteria for the 2024 ICF Congress, including the acceptance of cash payments for membership fees. (ICF Administration)

Action Item Review:

- Discuss and potentially revise the action items from this meeting in the board meeting before Congress, especially concerning the headquarters move and statute changes. (ICF Board)

Financial Compliance:

- Implement a strategy to ensure all national federations are compliant with their financial obligations by 2025, including membership fees and other dues. (ICF Finance Commission)