

TO: All AIBA National Member Federations
All AIBA Executive Committee Members
All AIBA Commission Members

DATE: March 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Progress Report since AIBA Extraordinary Congress

Dear Presidents and Secretaries General,
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to submit to you a progress report on all the work progress since the AIBA Extraordinary Congress held on January 27, 2018 and this until today.

Before the report is presented in detail, I would first like to convey my greatest appreciation for all the support rendered to me although we have difficult situations to face and overcome at this moment. As I emphasized during the Extraordinary Congress, I will give my utmost efforts to support all of your activities in order to have a total unity among our organization.

GOVERNANCE PROJECT WITH ASOIF

Just prior to the Extraordinary Congress, AIBA sent its answers to the IF Governance Questionnaires to ASOIF. Mr Terry Smith, an AIBA EC member, has done a great work to complete all answers in over 50 different Governance areas of AIBA.

The evaluation results from ASOIF were received with a slight increase of scores and it was clearly not satisfactory for us. This was a wakeup call which we cannot ignore. Therefore, we shall have the important task to improve all areas in our organization and sport in the very near future.

We have retained a reputable consulting firm on Governance, BM Sports, immediately after the Extraordinary Congress. Soon, an Ad-Hoc Committee will be formed to review all recommendations produced by this company before they are presented to the AIBA Executive Committee in July 2018 for a final approval. We are in a good progress of leveling up the overall Governance in AIBA and will ultimately achieve our goals for the good of our members and boxers.

LEGAL ISSUES

We are pleased to inform you that all individual legal disputes were solved by having entered settlement agreements with Messrs Ho Kim, Karim Bouzidi and Edward Atkinson last month. Thus, we are presently left with one legal issue with the company FCIT that will also be resolved by formalizing a business scheme being under discussions with Mr Di Wu.

FINANCES

Mr Di Wu has visited Dubai for a business discussion with me last month. Based on our good dialog and fundamental agreement, we are now waiting to receive his proposal to form a new entity to run all marketing programs for AIBA, WSB and possibly APB. We also have an agreement to possibly embrace AliSports as a potential co-partner in different aspects of our future marketing programs.

If all these agreements are realized, then our future financial situation will be enlightened without any risk, and will be a lucrative future.

As you were well informed previously, AIBA retained the company “K2 Intelligence” to do a full forensic investigation on finances for both AIBA and WSB. We are expecting an interim report by mid-April and a final report in May. We are determined to understand all confused and mismanaged finance records in order to close this chapter and have a clean start from July 2018.

EVENTS STATUS and TECHNICAL DELEGATES

(AIBA Events)

For this year, the following AIBA Events will be hosted and I have already made the following Technical Delegate appointments for these events as follows:

- All 5 Youth Men’s and Women’s Continental Championships will begin from next month as they are all qualification events for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games to be held in October in Buenos Aires:
 - AFBC Championships in Casablanca, Morocco, from May 5 – 13, Mr Waldemar Mencil
 - AMBC Championships in Colorado Springs, USA, from May 19 – 27, Mr Pat Fiacco
 - ASBC Championships in Bangkok, Thailand, from April 19 – 28, Mr Adam Kusior
 - EUBC Championships in Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy, from April 17 – 26, Mr Sima Viorel
 - OCBC Championships in Apia, Samoa, from May 29 – June 2, Mr Wayne Rose
- 2018 Youth Men’s and Women’s World Boxing Championships in Győr, Hungary in August – September (tbc), Mr Mohamed Moustahsane
- 2018 Women’s World Boxing Championships in New Delhi, India, from November 15 – 24, Mr Pat Fiacco

(Multi-Sports Events)

In addition to these AIBA Events, we will also manage all boxing competitions for the following Multi-Sports Events:

- 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia, from April 4 – 15, Mr Ray Silvas
- XVIII Mediterranean Games in Tarragona, Spain, from June 22 to July 1, Mr Osvaldo Bisbal
- Central American and Caribbean Games in Barranquilla, Colombia, from July 20 – August 3, Mr Mauro Da Silva
- 18th Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia, from August 18 – September 2, Mr Angel Villareal
- 2018 FISU World University Championships in Elista, Russia, from September 2 – 7, Mr David Francis
- South American Games in Cochabamba, Bolivia, from September 5 – 20, Mr Rafael Vega Rodriguez
- 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from October 6 – 18, Mr Franco Falcinelli

ADMINISTRATION

As you are well aware, we have now a new Executive Director, Mr Tom Virgets, who was appointed immediately after the Extraordinary Congress and will be present at the HQs Office from April 1. However, he has already begun his work and is currently working closely with me on all AIBA issues, this since January 27.

For other positions, we are currently searching both a Communication and a Sport Director. In addition, Mrs Patricia Steulet is returning to the position of AIBA External Relations Director and will be available for communication with you via email patricia.steulet@aiba.org again soon.

For the Interim President Office, a new Special Assistant to the AIBA Interim President based in Dubai has already begun to assist in communications between all of you and me and he will be available via email interimpresidentoffice@gmail.com from now on.

AIBA SPECIAL REPORT TO IOC

IOC sent a letter with all its requirements on February 8 for us to reply no later than April 25, 2018. These requirements are in the areas of Governance, Management, Finance and Sporting Integrity including Anti-Doping. We have been communicating with IOC via one channel, the AIBA Executive Director, in order to clarify IOC's demands and to prepare a full report to restore our damaged trust with IOC and the Olympic Movement.

We have also realized all concerns of our National Federations due to the IOC Solidarity Department's decision to suspend its funding to boxing. However, I would like to request your patience for the next several months in order to overcome this challenge as soon as possible.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - DIB


Following meetings with all Confederation Presidents and leaders during the Extraordinary Congress last January, I have initiated the launch of a new development program called "Diversity in Boxing (DIB)". We will send the entire plan and guidelines to all our members within this week and will immediately implement this program from April 2018.

I truly believe in the principle which is that AIBA and our sport will only be successful when our grassroots, National Federations, and youth generations are all on the same growth in all areas in our organization and sport. Based on this principle, we need to adopt the "Diversity" in our sport for our next generations. This initiative is currently in approval and confirmation process by all Executive Committee members and we will make an announcement shortly.

Once again, I and all EC members are truly appreciative of your full support on this given difficult situation for our organization and sport. I would also like to ensure you that our future Governance and management will be much different and enhanced with your participation after all the crisis we have to overcome with your patience and undivided support.

With this determination, I am truly sure that we will also be continuously supported by the Olympic Movement as one unified and respectful International Federation in the coming many decades.

Sincerely yours



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AIBA Interim President