



**Ordinary Executive Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
14<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
2:00 PM (CET)**

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| • | Sabatino Aracu        | President   |
| • | Roberto Marotta       | Secretary General                                   |
| • | Doris Gentile         | Vice Secretary General                              |
| • | Karen Doyle           | First Vice President and Commissioner Oceania       |
| • | Luís Senica           | Vice President and President World Skate Europe     |
| • | Alberto Herrera Ayala | Vice President and President of World Skate America |
| • | Thomas Cai            | Vice President and President of World Skate Asia    |
| • | Nathanaël Koty        | Vice President and President of World Skate Africa  |
| • | Gary Ream             | Chair Skateboarding Technical Commission            |
| • | Nicola Genchi         | Chair Artistic Skating Technical Commission         |
| • | Andrea Fonzari        | Chair Inline Hockey Technical Commission            |
| • | Jorge Roldan          | Chair Speed Skating Technical Commission            |
| • | Carmelo Paniagua      | Chair Rink Hockey Technical Commission              |
| • | Sigfried Zistler      | Chair Alpine Technical Commission                   |
| • | Weifeng Gu            | Chair Inline Freestyle Technical Commission         |
| • | Olivier Pascal        | Chair Roller Freestyle Technical Commission         |
| • | Ellen French          | Chair Roller Derby technical Commission             |
| • | Helmeri Pirinen       | Chair Scootering Technical Commission               |
| • | Patricia Wallace      | Chair Medical Commission                            |

World Skate Manager and Staff

## **AGENDA**

1. Opening by World Skate President
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting
3. Approval of World Skate's 2022 financial statements
4. Approval of World Skate's 2023 revised budget
5. Updates on World Skate events for 2023 and beyond
6. New affiliations
7. Miscellaneous

## Minutes

After calling the roll, the Secretary General Roberto Marotta reads out the names of the EB members attending the meeting.

President Aracu greets everyone and enthusiastically states that World Skate has been granted by ASOIF the status of full member. The approval was unanimous, and this is an important step for World Skate because being a full member means having the rights to speak and vote. Some issues have yet to be defined, such as the sharing of the Olympic Games broadcasting rights. However, being part of ASOIF will certainly allow World Skate to have more financial strength in the future.

Paris 2024: Aracu believes that Skateboarding—with competitions taking place in one of the city's most iconic squares, namely Place de la Concorde—will be among the most popular sports. Even the IOC is putting great emphasis on this discipline, so much so that it included the skateboarding logo in the signature of all its event-related communications.

World Skate Games 2024: Aracu states that everybody agrees that World Skate targets young people and that it is the only federation capable of organising a multi-sport event that involves several sports and disciplines.

Italy is working on the WSG 2024 and dealing with all the difficulties that the organisation of such an event entails. The Games will take place in various towns and regions: Novara will host Rink Hockey, Rimini Artistic Skating, Abruzzo Inline Hockey and Speed, and all urban sports will be hosted in Rome.

WSK is also working with a major international agency to assess and determine the economic impact of such an event on the host Country. The result of this assessment will be communicated to all the Countries wishing to host the World Skate Games in the future.

Angola does not feel ready to organise the WSG in 2026. World Skate is therefore conducting private negotiations for the organisation of the Games, currently with Dubai, China, and India.

Los Angeles 2028: There are ongoing negotiations to include other sports. The situation is evolving, albeit slowly, and the IOC is showing interest.

Senegal 2026: We are starting to work on it, but this topic will be further addressed in October.

The Mediterranean Games request the participation of World Skate, as is the case with the Central American and Caribbean Games. The request is primarily for the organisation of an Open Marathon, which is certainly a good sign for the future.

Aracu goes on to announce that Lausanne will host one of the Olympic qualifier events for Skateboarding Street, pointing out that World Skate is the only federation able to organise such an event at the Olympic capital. Aracu also states that President Bach has invited the athletes to sign the Olympic wall.

WSK is also working at the organisation of e-sports, which represent an important activity for the future. It is necessary to urge National Federations to organise e-sports events, and the IOC is also pushing for a World Championship.



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The Olympic Day will be celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and World Skate will bring many skaters in the streets of various cities around the world with the slogan *Let's move*.

Aracu reminds everybody that WSK is also putting great emphasis on the Olympic solidarity. The YAD - Youth Athletes Development Fund - was very successful in Sharjah. Thanks to this development programme, athletes whose countries cannot bear the related expenses will be able to participate in Olympic qualifier events.

Aracu ends his opening remarks by recalling the success of the Rink Hockey Symposium, an experience that will need to be held for the other sports as well. Aracu also underlines that WSK is still waiting for the outcome of the appeal filed to the CAS by the Brazilian Skateboarding Federation.

The Secretary General Roberto Marotta asks if someone wants to take the floor. Since there are no requests, item 2 on the agenda is then tackled.

Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting are put to the vote. Approved unanimously.

Approval of the financial statements as at 31/12/2022. Marotta reminds everybody that the financial statements need be approved by 30<sup>th</sup> June and subsequently submitted to the competent Swiss authorities together with the report by World Skate auditor Paolo Ferri. Said documents have already been forwarded to all the Executive Board members.

Marotta reads out the main balance sheet entries clarifying that the full document is available for consultation at the Secretariat. Those who need further clarifications can send an email and the Secretary General will promptly answer.

Aracu takes the floor to say that the broadcasting fees are improving. WSK is providing high-quality broadcasting contents in over 100 Countries, in addition to the streaming service offered by Olympic Channel.

Staff expenses relate to the 38 people now working at the operating offices in Rome and Lausanne, in addition to collaborators from various parts of the world.

Marotta puts the 2022 financial statements to the vote. Approved unanimously.

Marotta then reads out the budget for 2023, with expenses of over 7 million USD. However, the deficit expected for 2023 should be fully covered by the existing liquidity.

The 2023 budget is put to the vote. Approved unanimously.

Events in 2023 and beyond: Aracu recalls the success of Sharjah and gives the floor to Francesco Zangarini, WSK Sports Director.

Zangarini reminds everyone that after Sharjah, there was the Skateboarding Tour stop in San Juan. As for Artistic Skating, there were the AIS semifinals, while the final will take place soon in San Juan (Argentina). Then, there are the Scootering World Championships (Street and Park) in Madrid, and the Skateboarding Tour stop in Rome. In July, there will be the Inline Slalom Championship in Barcellona, and then the Asian Games which do not depend on WSK, but are still very important. At the end of



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August, there will be the Speed World Championships in Montecchio Maggiore (VI) and later the Skateboarding Street stop in Lausanne. In the same period, there will also be the Artistic World Championships in Ibagué (Colombia). In the first week of October, the Skateboarding Park World Championship will take place in Ostia (Rome). The Inline Freestyle and Skate Cross World Championships will be hosted in Shanghai (China) in November. The last 3 events will be the Pan American Games for Artistic Skating, Speed, and Skateboarding, along with a Skateboarding stop in Tokyo. The last event at the end of December will be the Marathon in Cuba.

Marotta says that with twelve sports, WSK has many international events which often overlap.

New memberships: The Secretary General states that many Federations applied for membership, but many of the still have to submit some of the required documents. For the time being, the provisional recognition of South Sudan, which has sent the full documentation, can be put to the vote. Approved unanimously.

Marotta moves on to the Miscellaneous and gives the floor to Pat Wallace for her short report.

Pat Wallace greets everyone and says that the Medical Commission meets regularly, but it needs to find new doctors to replace Scott Kleimann and Egbert Schulze.

The WADA Compliance Questionnaire comprises 300 questions that require detailed answers, and both her and Angela Masci have been working hard to make sure that they comply with the requirements within the established deadline. WADA believes that the educational programme is very important, and both her and Angela Masci have completed the Clean Sport Educational Programme.

Pat Wallace goes on to say that the Medical Commission needs to find three more people, possibly from different disciplines, that could attend the new courses starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The ITA will organise five webinars, starting from 6<sup>th</sup> July, open to athletes, the administrative staff of continental areas, and anyone who belongs to National Federations. The webinars will be in English with translation into Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, Russian, French, and Spanish.

There will be many Educational Programmes during WSK events and Pat Wallace invites everyone to participate to understand the importance and impact that they can have on athletes. Angela and Alessandra took part in all WSK events as antidoping delegates, and Pat herself will attend the Artistic Skating events in Oceania.

From a financial viewpoint, Pat Wallace is grateful to World Skate for the economic support, but there are still problems with the in-competition tests due to the high costs that organisers and federations must bear. This leads to difficulties in the preparation of an adequate schedule as required by WADA. The creation of a fund for this specific purpose would be a great help.

There were difficulties also with the continental areas for the testing during their competitions, again due to the high costs and the lack of recognition of the authority of World Skate and the NADA in this respect.

It should not be forgotten that World Skate has absolute authority when it comes to antidoping both at world and continental level, and as such it has to be respected and followed. In this regard, Pat Wallace thanks Ricardo Araujo, secretary of WSE, for establishing good relationships with the European Countries.



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Marotta thanks Pat Wallace for her work.

Aracu takes the floor and thanks Olivier Pascal for the successful event in Montpellier, which was appreciated also by the IOC. Aracu also thanks the newcomer Facundo Cernadas, who was Deputy Director General at the Youth Olympic Games celebrated in Argentina in 2018, and also held an important position at the Football World Cup in Doha.

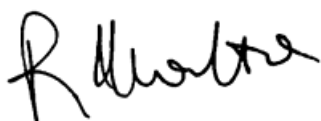
Alberto Herrera takes the floor to say that the Pan American Games will take place in Santiago de Chile from 20th October to 5th November with 36 sports. World Skate will be present with Artistic Skating, Speed, and Skateboarding (Park and Street). The technical delegates will be: Nellie Lilly from the USA for Artistic Skating; Jorge Roldán for Speed; and Lauro Neto for Skateboarding. There will be 18 participants for Artistic, 44 for Speed, and 34 for Skateboarding. In the Pan American Continent there are many events that do not only involve athletes of senior categories, but also junior athletes that will have the opportunity to compete professionally at a higher level. Herrera then lists the various Games that will take place, such as the ODESUR and the Caribbean Games.

Marotta takes the floor again and asks the Presidents of Continental Areas to send their financial statements so that World Skate can approve them with an online voting procedure. To date, only Luis Senica has submitted the financial report for Europe. Therefore, Marotta invites the other Presidents to send their reports.

Aracu takes the floor and reiterates what Marotta said. A successful cooperation with the continental areas also depends on the submission of financial statements so as to better understand their needs and identify any aid to be provided.

As there are no further items to be discussed, President Aracu thanks everyone for attending and closes the meeting.

The meeting ends at 15:40.



Roberto Marotta  
Secretary General



Sabatino Aracu  
President

