



ELECTIVE CONGRESS

ROME, 7 SEPTEMBER 2024

100 YEARS
AND MORE TO COME



Lausanne, 6th May 2024

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by mail only

To: World Skate National Governing Bodies

Official Summoning

(As per Art. 7.10 of World Skate Statutes)

World Skate Elective Congress 7th September 2024 - h 10:00 AM Rome - Italy

Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to announce that the Elective Congress of World Skate is scheduled to take place on 7 September, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in Rome, at the Salone D'Onore del CONI (the Headquarters of the Italian National Olympic Committee), Piazza Lauro de Bosis, 15.

The elections for World Skate President and First Vice-President, as well as for all Continental Vice-Presidents, will be convened according to the procedures outlined in Article 14 of World Skate Statutes.

As set out in Article 7.10 of World Skate Statutes, before the opening of the Congress the delegates of Member National Federations shall show their passports coinciding with the nationality of the represented Federation and deliver their credentials to the Secretary General.

Each delegate must be a citizen of the country of the relevant National Governing Body, and have a proxy issued by the National Federation of such country.

Only Federations up to date with the payment of World Skate annual membership fees will be granted the right to vote.

We will follow up with the Agenda of the Congress within 2 months before the date of the Congress, as well as with any related documents and further details.

Best regards,

Roberto Marotta
Secretary General



Lausanne, 5th July 2024

by mail only

To: World Skate National Federations

Agenda

World Skate Elective Congress 7th September 2024 - h 10:00 AM Salone D'Onore - CONI Rome - Italy

Dear Mr. President,

Following our official summoning sent on 6th May 2024, we inform you that the *World Skate Elective Congress* will be held on 7th September 2024 at 10:00 AM in the Salone D'Onore at the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) headquarters, located at Piazza Lauro de Bosis, 15, 00135, Rome, Italy.

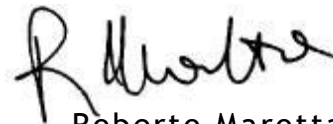
Please be reminded that the electoral procedure is comprehensively detailed in Article 14 of the [World Skate Statutes](#).

Please find below the agenda of the Congress:

1. Opening address by World Skate President
2. Declaration of constitutive and deliberative quorum
3. Appointment of scrutineers
4. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Congress
5. Ratification and withdrawal of memberships
 - 5.1 Ratification of the provisional memberships
 - Botswana Skate Federation (BOTSWANA)
 - Skate Maldives (MALDIVES)
 - Rwanda Skating Federation (RWANDA)
 - South Sudan Skate Federation (SOUTH SUDAN)
 - UAE Skate Sports Federation (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES)
 - 5.2 Ratification of the new Federative structure of the *Federación Deportiva Chilena de Patinaje* (CHILE) and the *Hellenic Skate Federation* (GREECE)
 - 5.3 Ratification of Resolution No. 2/2024 of the Executive Board and confirmation of the withdrawal of membership in relation with *Confederação Brasileira de Skateboarding* (BRAZIL)
6. New declaration of constitutive and deliberative quorum
7. President's report
8. Secretary General's report
9. Financial report
10. Presentation of candidates and elections for World Skate Presidency and First-Vice Presidency
11. Presentation of candidates and elections for Continental Area Presidency (World Skate Vice-Presidency) and Continental Vice-Presidency

12. Items of general interest duly submitted by Member Federations and/or by the Executive Board within 70 days from the date set for the Congress
 - 12.1 *Canada Skateboard*, the *Finnish Skateboard Association*, *Brettforbundet* and *Swe Sports* submitted the following items of general interest to be discussed:
 - a) Management of National Federations after the establishment of a single Governing Body per Country;
 - b) Timely publication of a draft of the Minutes from the Previous Congress;
 - c) Term limits for positions within *World Skate*.
13. Other urgent issues raised after the notification of the Agenda of the meeting. Their inclusion shall be subject to the approval of two thirds of the votes.
14. Ratification of the amendments to the [By-Laws](#), already sent to all National Federations on 12th January 2024 and uploaded to the official website
15. Miscellaneous

Best regards,



Roberto Marotta
Secretary General



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World Skate Ordinary Congress 30th October 2022 - h 10:00 AM Buenos Aires

National Federations attending LIVE:

ANGOLA	GREAT BRITAIN	PORTUGAL
ARGENTINA	GUATEMALA	RUSSIA
AUSTRALIA	HUNGARY	RUSSIA SB
BRAZIL	ITALY	SAN MARINO
BRAZIL SB	MACAO	SENEGAL
CHINESE TAIPEI	MEXICO	SERBIA
COLOMBIA	NETHERLANDS (KNSB)	SLOVAKIA
CROATIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH KOREA
CZECH REP.	PARAGUAY	SPAIN
EL SALVADOR	PHILIPPINES	URUGUAY
FRANCE	POLAND	USA

National Federation attending REMOTELY:

AUSTRIA	GERMANY	NORWAY
BELARUS SB	HONG KONG	PAKISTAN
BENIN	INDIA	SINGAPORE
CANADA SB	IRAN	SLOVENIA
CHINA D.R.	ISRAEL	SOUTH AFRICA
CONGO D.R.	JAPAN	SWEDEN SB
COSTARICA	LATVIA SB	THAILAND
DENMARK	LITHUANIA	ZAMBIA
EGYPT	NAMIBIA	
FINLAND	NORTH MACEDONIA	

Executive Board members attending:

• Sabatino Aracu	President
• Roberto Marotta	Secretary General
• Doris Gentile	Vice Secretary General
• Karen Doyle	1 st Vice President and Commissioner of World Skate Oceania
• Luís Sénica	President World Skate Europe
• Alberto Herrera Ayala	President World Skate America
• Nicola Genchi	Chair Artistic Technical Commission
• Andrea Fonzari	Chair Inline Hockey Technical Commission
• Carmelo Paniagua	Chair Rink Hockey Technical Commission
• Gary Ream	Chair Skateboarding Technical Commission
• Jorge Roldan	Chair Speed Technical Commission
• Helmeri Pirinen	Chair Scootering Technical Commission
• Olivier Pascal	Chair Roller Freestyle Technical Commission
• Weifeng Gu	Chair Inline Freestyle Technical Commission

- Sigfried Zistler Chair Downhill Technical Commission
- Patricia Wallace President Medical Commission (Remotely)
- WORLD SKATE Managers and Staff

AGENDA

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2. Appointment of scrutineers
3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Congress
4. President's report
5. Secretary General's report
6. Proposal of the amendments to the World Skate Statutes to be approved
7. 2021 Financial statement
8. Ratification or withdrawal of memberships
9. Items of general interest duly submitted by Member Federations and/or by the Executive Board within 60 days.
10. Other urgent issues raised after the notification of the agenda of the meeting. Their inclusion shall be subject to the approval of two thirds of the votes.
11. Miscellaneous

The Congress starts at 10.10.

President Aracu opens the Congress by greeting and thanking all the delegates attending in person and those connected remotely for their participation.

Aracu thanks and greets the guests present: Mario Moccia, President of the Argentinian National Olympic Committee, Leandro Larrosa, Director of Digital Engagement and Marketing of the IOC, and Gherardo Werthein, member of IOC Executive Board.

Aracu gives the floor to Mario Moccia, who greets and thanks Aracu and World Skate staff, as well as all the countries present at the World Skate Games. All the sports present at these Games have a considerable potential that will be increasingly developed, especially the "urban sports" that are more and more attractive to young people. Moccia concludes by wishing everyone success and a fantastic stay in Argentina.

Aracu gives the floor to Gherardo Werthein, representative of the IOC.

Werthein greets everyone and expresses the pleasure of welcoming the World Skate family to Argentina with the urban sports and this new vision of sports. This event will produce an important return on the investment made by Argentina, as it happened for the Youth Olympic Games. The impact of skateboarding on the Olympic scene is enormous; since 2018 the importance of going to where "urban" sports are to observe them has been clearly understood: it is a concept that works, and a bright future is certainly ahead of World Skate.

Finally, Werthein praises President Aracu for the extraordinary work he is carrying out and for the close collaboration with the IOC.



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Aracu thanks all the guests and gives the floor to the Secretary General Roberto Marotta for the official opening of the Congress.

1. Declaration of the constitutive and deliberative quorum

Marotta takes the floor and declares that there are 53 National Federations attending: 33 in the room and 20 connected remotely. There are 344 votes available, and they are allocated only to the federations that have fulfilled the accreditation procedures; furthermore, when performing the voting procedures, a quorum based on the number of voters will be taken into account.

2. Appointment of scrutineers

Marotta appoints the scrutineers: two technical tellers who will monitor the votes remotely and three tellers in the room: Lauro Netto, Elisabetta Bozzano and Lina Maria Lizcano. They will detect the number of votes cast in the room, but the voting procedures will take longer than usual, because the votes cast remotely will have to be added to the votes cast in the room.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Congress

The Secretary General proposes to move on to item 3 in the agenda: the approval of the minutes of the previous Congress, sent in due time to all the National Federations. Marotta asks if any delegate intends to propose amendments, and as nobody takes the floor, the voting procedure starts.

Mr. Sembrano, the delegate from the Philippines, asks to amend the Spanish version of the minutes of the previous Congress by adding that the Philippines attended the Congress remotely, as written in the English version.

Marotta thanks and assures that the amendment will be made.

In favour: all

Against: none

Abstained: none

The minutes of the previous Congress are unanimously approved.

Marotta gives the floor to President Aracu for his report.



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4. President's report

Aracu thanks all the Argentinian authorities for the great efforts made, which have allowed the realization of the World Skate Games that risked not to be organized; World Skate has included sustainable disciplines in the event, and showed to the organizers that the revenues through these Games exceed the amounts spent.

All the National Federations should turn to their national authorities to show how important the economic effects of the World Skate Games can be.

Aracu continues by emphasizing the importance of being together to be stronger, and the intention to organize webinars that contribute to achieve this purpose. It is fundamental to be united and ready to help the Federations that have more problems.

World Skate is thinking about the future. There are two candidates for the 2024 World Skate Games who will present their program during this meeting. And of course Paris 2024, where skateboarding competitions will be held at Place de la Concorde. Skateboarding opened the 2024 Olympic qualifiers with the event in Rome at the Colosseum and was chosen as the signature logo at the bottom of all the emails sent by the IOC.

Other future events include the Youth Olympic Games in Senegal in 2026 where World Skate is working to be present with additional disciplines, as well as Los Angeles 2028, where a proposal was made to include the Roller Marathon and scootering.

Aracu then introduces the topic of the Paralympics which he discussed with Andrew Parsons, President of the International Paralympic Committee, who was very impressed by the performances by adaptive skateboarding athletes. However, there is the need to have 32 National Federations holding the National Paralympic Championships in order to submit a formal application to join the International Paralympic Committee, and Aracu invites all the Federations to do their utmost to achieve this goal, promising the maximum support from World Skate.

The IOC has also invited International Federations to introduce e-sports, and this will help increase the number of members and therefore revenues; Aracu underlines that 55% of FIFA's economic turnover in 2020 was from e-sports. The President invites the Federations to look for experts in this discipline in their own countries and to involve them in the development of e-sports activities.

2024 will represent the 100th anniversary of World Skate - established in 1924 in Montreaux with hockey - and the centenary will be celebrated both in the framework of 2024 WSG and with other events in Montreaux and in other countries. Aracu then expresses his wish to organize a "skate day" for this celebration, a day of the year in which all athletes, amateurs, etc. will go around with their skates, scooters, and skateboards.

Aracu closes by naming the two candidate countries for the WSG 2024: Angola and Italy. Italy has prepared a video that will be broadcast; Angola has not prepared it, but in 2013 they organized

an amazing edition of the Rink Hockey World Cup and this is an extraordinary guarantee. The Executive Board will meet shortly to decide.

Aracu then refers to the establishment of a single national governing body per country, underlining that World Skate will always ensure that each sport keeps its autonomy, in accordance with World Skate Statutes.

Aracu talks about the *Confederação Brasileira de Skateboarding (CBSK)*, which he considers a negative chapter in the relations between World Skate and its Federations; World Skate was forced to communicate the cancellation of the World Championships due to the inadequate behavior of the above-mentioned Brazilian Federation and its managers. The President underlines that when an agreement is signed it must be fully enforced, as a handshake should be enough between World Skate and its Federations. Trust was given to a Federation that didn't honor a signed agreement. CBSK asked for more time, and additional time was granted, but in the end World Skate would have to contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to make these Championships happen, which World Skate cannot afford. Aracu concludes by stating that he felt compelled to explain to all the attendees why the 2022 Skateboarding Championships were not held, and that the 2022 World Championships will take place in January 2023.

Brazil as a nation is of paramount importance, and other events will certainly be organized with more reliable people.

5. Secretary General's report

Marotta continues with his report: currently, 144 national federations are affiliated to World Skate, the latter being one of the largest International Federations among the ones recognized by the IOC. Thanks to the high number of sports represented, the number of affiliated athletes is very high. World Skate has 34 staff members, that are always at the disposal of all the Federations.

Regarding the issue of the establishment of a single national governing body per country, four federations have already found an agreement to establish a single National Federation: South Africa, the Netherlands, Ireland, and Belarus; others have a process underway. The goal is to establish a single entity per nation, which does not mean losing one's technical or financial autonomy.

The concept of technical and financial autonomy is particularly reaffirmed for skateboarding, the only Olympic discipline, confirming that all the resources received nationally and internationally for such sport will remain in the framework of skateboarding.

Marotta continues by recalling that with COVID many sporting competitions were cancelled, and this caused a reduction in revenues for World Skate, as shown in the financial statements 2021. One last information relates to Paralympics: there is the need to reach the number of 32 National Federations with Paralympic activities in order to be eligible for submitting the application to join the International Paralympic Committee. To date, only six National Federations have

communicated their intention to organize Paralympic championships, and Marotta invites all federations to undertake these activities.

Marotta thus concludes his report and gives the floor to Aracu.

Off the agenda: Candidacies for the World Skate Games 2024

Aracu thanks the staff of World Skate for their work and moves on to the presentation of the candidacies for the 2024 WSG, informing participants during the coffee break, the EB will meet to decide on the awarding of the event.

Aracu then gives the floor to the representatives of the Italian Federation that are invited on stage for their presentation: the Senior Vice President Mrs. Marika Kullmann and the Director General Mr. Angelo Iezzi.

Kullmann greets on behalf of the Italian Federation and recalls that 2024 will represent the hundredth anniversary of World Skate, and quotes the Latin motto adopted by the IOC "*Citius, Altius, Fortius*" to which the word "*Comuniter*" (meaning together) was added, and underlines that this is the spirit that will animate the Italian organization. The 2024 edition of the World Skate Games aims to be devoted to young people who come together under the sign of culture and fair play.

Angelo Iezzi takes the floor and announces that the Italian Federation will be joined by "Sport e Salute", a state body and partner of the Italian government on innovation and development of sports at 360 degrees. The Italian Federation will be involved with its central departments and its national network: 100 local branches, over 1,000 clubs and 70,000 members. Primary national companies will support the event.

Kullmann recalls the historical, artistic, and cultural heritage of Italy: Rome will be the center of the event, hosting the urban sports, and other cities will be involved. The proposed period runs from 31st August (shortly after the end of Paris2024) to mid-September, which is also an ideal period for the weather conditions.

Iezzi says that the World Skate Games in Italy will leave a concrete legacy to citizens and young people that support urban sports, with the renovation of the existing facilities: the economic sustainability will be an essential goal and a landmark for the next organizers of the WSG.

Marotta announces a 15-minute coffee break and invites EB members to meet in a separate room to decide the awarding of WSG 2024.

Upon returning from the coffee break, the Secretary General invites the President to announce the name of the nation chosen to host the 2024 edition of the WSG.

Aracu takes the floor and announces that the country chosen for 2024 is Italy, and the organization of the WSG for 2026 is proposed to Angola.

6. Proposal of the amendments to the World Skate Statutes to be approved

Marotta analyzes the proposed amendments to World Skate Statutes. Everyone received the draft within the deadline set, and the Secretary General announces that he will only mention the main amendments, with the approval covering article by article.

ART.1: The name of the nine sports has changed as follows:

- Skateboarding
- Speed
- Artistic
- Inline hockey
- Rink hockey
- Downhill
- Freestyle
- Derby
- Scootering

The various disciplines falling within these sports are listed in the By-Laws; this clustering is necessary for the organization of the events, and mostly for infrastructures and facilities. Article 1 was amended by adding to the e- sports also deal with the "electric sports", as in scootering for example there are sporting events devoted to electric scooters.

Marotta invites the delegates (both attending in person and remotely) to vote.

Moacjr Neuenschwander intervenes to ask if reference can be made to electronic instead of electric sports; Marotta replies that World Skate has adopted what was communicated by the IOC.

In favour: all

Against: none

Abstained: none

Unanimously approved.

ART.2: Minor lexical changes are made.

In favour: all

Against: none

Abstained: none

Unanimously approved.

Art.3: Minor lexical changes are made.

In favour: all

Against: none

Abstained: none

Unanimously approved.

Art.4

In favour: all

Against: none

Abstained: none

Unanimously approved.

Katarina Sterne from Sweden takes the floor and asks to check each time the votes cast remotely. Marotta replies that technicians check each time the votes cast remotely and inform him accordingly. He then gives the floor to Elijah Zgambo who thanks but believes that the procedures were too fast, risking not to be clear.

Marotta replies he will ask the staff to provide clearer information.

The floor then goes to Majid Honarjo from Iran, who claims he has not received enough information about the voting procedure.

Marotta shows again the voting procedures through the screen and explains to click on the green icon to approve, on the white icon to abstain, and on the red icon to vote against.

Marotta continues with the vote on ART. 6

In favour: 85%

Approved by majority.

ART.7

In favour: 81%

Approved by majority.

Katarina Stern takes the floor and suggests to start over from art. 2, because many countries attending the Congress remotely did not vote correctly.

Marotta therefore decides to restart and asks to vote on art. 2:



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Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

ART.3

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

Marotta asks those who vote remotely to show their votes until the next voting begins.

ART.4

Votes in favor 97%.

Approved by majority.

ART.6

Unanimously approved in the room. Electronic vote in favor 99%. Approved by majority.

ART.7

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

Luka Markic takes the floor and proposes to vote together all the articles of the Statutes; Marotta replies that this is not allowed as the amendments to the Statutes must be voted article by article.

ART.8

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

ART.9

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

ART. 10

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

Marotta declares that art. 11,12, and 13 are not subject to voting as they are unchanged.

ART.14

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

ART.15

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

Marotta gives the floor to the delegate from the Philippines who thanks and underlines that he is part of the skateboarding working group; according to the Statutes, he believes that it should be considered a technical commission.

Marotta replies that the working group is considered as part of a technical commission as clearly specified by point 9 which is read in full.

President Aracu takes the floor and explains that Commissions include a representation from all the Continents, and the Technical Commission has the right to appoint people to carry out specific technical roles.

The Executive Board is considering the possibility to organize the World Championships one year and the Continental Championships the subsequent year, as World Skate must also be involved in the Continental Championships, to convey a strong message.

ART. 16

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

ART.17

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote

ART.18

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote

ART.19

Approved by majority with 98.14%.

ART.20

Approved by majority with 97.67%.

ART.21

This article concerns the decisions adopted with the Swiss government, from which World Skate receives support in the form of tax exemption and financial benefits; according to the Swiss Law, if a Federation like World Skate decides to leave the Country, it must leave all its assets in Switzerland and donate them to a charity.

The Swiss Law also states that all the members of the Executive Board cannot receive wages for their work; World Skate is negotiating but there is no deal yet on this matter.

Marotta specifies that art. 21 is therefore subject to a transitional rule and will be enforced only after the approval by the Canton de Vaud of the already agreed but not yet formalized rules.

Article 21 is put to the vote.

Approved by majority with 98.52%.

Marotta declares the vote on the amendments to the Statute concluded and moves on to the next item of the agenda.

7. 2021 Financial statement

The 2021 financial statements are included in the folder and Marotta quickly summarizes the main figures: revenues in 2021 amounted to 3,581,567 USD, expenses to 4,915,726, therefore with a minus of 1,334,159 caused by the decrease in the number of events due to COVID.

The net income as at 01/01/2021 was equal to 3,681,579 and therefore the net assets as of December 31st amounted to 2,368,774.

The financial statement was formally certified by the auditor of World Skate and sent to the Canton de Vaud authorities to ensure tax exemption.

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

8. Ratification or withdrawal of memberships

Following the approval by the Executive Board, Marotta ratifies the application by the following countries to become member of World Skate:

- Lebanon
- Saudi Arabia

The Federations of Fiji Islands and Slovakia are definitively recognized having received provisional recognition from the Executive Board.

Voting for the final ratification of the above:

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

11. Miscellaneous

The next vote is cast on the ratification of the By-Laws already approved by the EB.

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote

Ratification of the Code of Ethics

Unanimously approved in the room. Unanimously approved through the electronic vote.

Marotta then communicates that one of the items in the Miscellaneous is the report by the Medical Commission: Patricia Wallace is then given the floor for a brief report.

Wallace takes the floor to inform on the educational facilities for athletes arranged during the WSG. She believes it is important to put some emphasis on the desks where athletes can express their ideas and concerns. She believes it is important to focus on education related to anti-doping, and given the complexity of such topic, Wallace believes it is important to organize educational anti-doping sessions. During competitions there is always an anti-doping delegate available to brief the athletes. It is also extremely important for WADA that athletes are not imposed sanctions for not knowing the rules. Wallace expresses her availability to answer to questions or emails to better clarify any aspect of this matter.

Marotta gives the floor to José Acevedo, President of the Colombian Federation, for the presentation of the 2023 World Artistic Championships.

Acevedo greets all the participants in the Congress and thanks World Skate for the trust placed in Colombia. Great events have been organized in Colombia, always respecting the rules, and he invites all the delegates to Colombia (Ibaguè) from 19 to 30 September 2023, where everyone will be welcomed by kind and friendly people. Colombia has a lot of experience in the organization of events, and received government support.

Marotta asks if anyone is willing to take the floor.

The delegate from the Brazilian Federation CBSK takes the floor and makes some considerations on behalf of Brazil. He underlines how CBSK and World Skate have been partners for many years, and it is very sad to see the present situation. He believes that the Brazilian Federation is doing anything possible, and states that after saying that we must be united, President Aracu said he intends to hold events in Brazil without CBSK. He underlines the interesting conversation he had the day before with the team of World Skate, while an unexpected attitude emerged in the congress.

Aracu underlines that the CBSK delegate represents the Brazilian Federation with full rights and with a calm and fair attitude, and being a lawyer he has the duty to defend the representatives of the Brazilian federation. Aracu indicates that this is not the first time that World Skate has had problems with the same group of organizers. He recalls that in 2019, on the occasion of the Park World Championships in São Paulo, the International Federation had decided not to receive from the organizers a part of the amount owed to World Skate, and to donate 97,000 USD for the construction of a skatepark in a *favela* of São Paulo, also in agreement with the Brazilian government (World Skate has the documents proving such agreement). But the facility was not built, and the money was not given to the International Federation.

Aracu therefore points out that on the occasion of the 2022 World Championships in Brazil, World Skate had communicated the event to the world, but the organizers did not comply with the agreements made, and this is the reason why now it is difficult to think of working with them



again. The relationship with CBSK will always be there, of course. Aracu hopes that a single National Federation will soon be established, and hopes not to see any more CBSK executives writing "no merge" while the International Federation says Stronger Together.

The decision to cancel the event in Brazil was a difficult and painful one, but Aracu invites to consider that World Skate could not have afforded to disburse USD 800,000 to hold the event.

World Skate implements a very careful economic policy, as demonstrated by the financial report read by Marotta. Aracu underlines that World Skate was naïve in the case of the event in Brazil, but it is a lesson learnt. The hope is that CBSK recovers at best and finds adequate solutions; the Brazilian community is fantastic, and World Skate will always be close to them.

Marotta gives the floor to the Iranian delegate, who thanks the President, the Secretary General and the EB for their time and efforts. He mentions an event during a speed competition. The flag of Iran was hung upside down, which is disrespectful, and asks the authorities if anything can be done to remedy this. He proposes to have many more meetings in the future, and asks to provide accommodation to athletes during international competitions.

Aracu apologizes for the flag but there was no bad faith on the part of the Argentinian organizers. Improving communication is certainly in the interest of the World Skate.

The delegate from Canada delegate asks for the floor.

He thanks and greets all the participants, and follows-up to the President's words on the establishment of a single national governing body per country issue to underline that skateboarding has been very active since 1924 and is now an Olympic sport. He believes that every sport has to keep not only its economic and technical autonomy, but also its cultural one; this is very important for skateboarders, and they are concerned about the impact the establishment of a single national governing body per country may have on the skateboarding community. Communication was often difficult. More opportunities are needed to debate and work together on many aspects, but everyone has a unique culture. He thanks for the extra time allowed to find a solution and hopes that this will be possible by the end of the following year as requested, but problems need to be highlighted and underlined.

Aracu replies and assures that all the cultures of the various sports have been respected: as a matter of fact, it would be a great mistake to destroy the culture of any sport, and World Skate will monitor carefully. He also stresses that situations vary from country to country, and that is why one-to-one meetings are important.

Aracu, however, underlines that it is important to avoid the trap of thinking that one can be better off alone, because only by remaining united it is possible to become stronger. Each with one's own autonomy.

Yasser Eshami, president of the Egyptian Federation asks for the floor.

Eshami thanks and welcomes the new federations. He invites President Aracu to convene regular meetings with national federations every six months. He also recalls the African Skate Games which will be held in the first week of September.

Aracu agrees to intensify the meetings, and underlines that Africa has great potential.

Mohammad Ishaq from Pakistan asks for the floor.

He thanks and greets all participants and wishes to announce a new president and general secretary. He also underlines that a no-profit skateboarding organization has come to Pakistan, but Ishaq doesn't know if it has the International Federation's approval.

Aracu replies by saying that the association he is referring to is Skateistan, a no-profit association also recognized by the IOC which operates in developing countries, so there is nothing to be concerned about.

The delegate from Finland, Lauri Vassinen, asks for the floor.

He thanks everyone for the meeting and follows up on what his Canadian colleague said about communication: he complains about "one-to-one" meetings because like-minded people have to get together, discuss in groups or webinars, learning from each other.

Aracu replies that the "one to one" meetings had been proposed because problems are often different. The visions or even the laws in force in the different countries are sometimes different, and this is the reason for proposing one-to-one meetings.

The President of the French federation, Boris Darlet, asks for the floor.

He says that many improvements were made thanks to the Olympics, which allowed federations to grow according to the market. He wishes to reassure that in France, at the Olympics, everything will be done to achieve very high results.

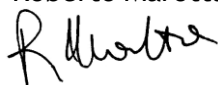
Marotta takes the floor to inform about the availability of a light lunch at the hotel and passes the floor to President Aracu for the closing remarks.

Aracu thanks all the participants, expressing the wish to meet again soon. He thanks the staff of World Skate, the Argentinian LOC, the Executive Board, and the interpreters. In the end, he recalls the motto "Unity is strength".

The Congress ends at 1.50 p.m.

The Secretary General

Roberto Marotta



The President

Sabatino Aracu




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**Congreso Electivo de World Skate
30 de Octubre de 2022 - h 10:00 AM
Buenos Aires**

National Federations attending LIVE:

ANGOLA	GREAT BRITAIN	PORTUGAL
ARGENTINA	GUATEMALA	RUSSIA
AUSTRALIA	HUNGARY	RUSSIA SB
BRAZIL	ITALY	SAN MARINO
BRAZIL SB	MACAO	SENEGAL
CHINESE TAIPEI	MEXICO	SERBIA
COLOMBIA	NETHERLANDS (KNSB)	SLOVAKIA
CROATIA	NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH KOREA
CZECH REP.	PARAGUAY	SPAIN
EL SALVADOR	PHILIPPINES	URUGUAY
FRANCE	POLAND	USA

National Federation attending REMOTELY:

AUSTRIA	GERMANY	NORWAY
BELARUS SB	HONG KONG	PAKISTAN
BENIN	INDIA	SINGAPORE
CANADA SB	IRAN	SLOVENIA
CHINA D.R.	ISRAEL	SOUTH AFRICA
CONGO D.R.	JAPAN	SWEDEN SB
COSTARICA	LATVIA SB	THAILAND
DENMARK	LITUANIA	ZAMBIA
EGYPT	NAMIBIA	
FINLAND	NORTH MACEDONIA	

Executive Board members attending:

• Sabatino Aracu	President
• Roberto Marotta	Secretary General
• Doris Gentile	Vice Secretary General
• Karen Doyle	1 st Vice President and Commissioner of World Skate Oceania
• Luís Sénica	President World Skate Europe
• Alberto Herrera Ayala	President World Skate America
• Nicola Genchi	Chair Artistic Technical Commission
• Andrea Fonzari	Chair Inline Hockey Technical Commission
• Carmelo Paniagua	Chair Rink Hockey Technical Commission
• Gary Ream	Chair Skateboarding Technical Commission
• Jorge Roldan	Chair Speed Technical Commission
• Helmeri Pirinen	Chair Scootering Technical Commission
• Olivier Pascal	Chair Roller Freestyle Technical Commission
• Weifeng Gu	Chair Inline Freestyle Technical Commission

- Sigfried Zistler Chair Downhill Technical Commission
- Patricia Wallace President Medical Commission (Remotely)
- WORLD SKATE Managers and Staff

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El Congreso empieza a las 10:10 horas.

El Presidente Aracu inaugura el Congreso saludando y agradeciendo su participación a todos los delegados presenciales y a los conectados a distancia.

Aracu agradece y saluda a los invitados presentes: Mario Moccia, Presidente del Comité Olímpico Nacional de la Argentina, Leandro Larrosa, Director de Digital Engagement and Marketing del COI y Gherardo Werthein, miembro del Comité Ejecutivo del COI.

Aracu cede la palabra a Mario Moccia, quien saluda y agradece al Presidente Aracu y al personal de World Skate, así como a todos los países presentes en los World Skate Games. Todos los deportes presentes en estos Juegos tienen un potencial considerable que se desarrollará cada vez más, sobre todo los "deportes urbanos", cada vez más atractivos para los jóvenes. Moccia concluye deseando a todos éxito y una entrañable estancia en la Argentina.

Aracu cede la palabra a Gherardo Werthein, representante del COI.

Werthein saluda a todos y expresa el placer de recibir a la familia WSK en la Argentina con los deportes urbanos y esta nueva visión de los deportes. Este evento conllevará un importante retorno de la inversión hecha por la Argentina, como ocurrió para los Juegos Olímpicos de la Juventud. El impacto del skateboarding en la escena olímpica es enorme; desde 2018 se ha consolidado claramente la importancia de ir adonde están los deportes "urbanos" para observarlos y entenderlos: es un concepto que funciona y para World Skate un futuro noviazgo está a la vuelta de la esquina.

Por último, Werthein elogia al Presidente Aracu su extraordinaria labor que está llevando a cabo y la estrecha colaboración con el COI.



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Aracu da las gracias a todos los invitados y cede la palabra al Secretario General, Roberto Marotta, para la apertura oficial del Congreso.

1. Declaración del quórum constitutivo y deliberativo

Marotta toma la palabra y declara que están participando 53 Federaciones Nacionales: 33 en la sala y 20 conectadas a distancia. Hay 344 votos disponibles, y se asignan únicamente a las Federaciones que han cumplido los procedimientos de acreditación; además, al realizar los procedimientos de votación, se tendrá en cuenta un cuórum basado en el número de votantes.

2. Nombramiento de escrutadores

Marotta nombra a los escrutadores: dos escrutadores técnicos que supervisarán los votos a distancia y tres escrutadores en la sala: Lauro Netto, Elisabetta Bozzano y Lina María Lizcano. Detectarán el número de votos emitidos en la sala, pero los procedimientos de votación llevarán más tiempo de lo habitual, porque habrá que sumar los votos emitidos a distancia a los emitidos en la sala.

3. Aprobación de las Actas del Congreso anterior

El Secretario General propone pasar al punto 3 del orden del día: la aprobación del acta del Congreso anterior, enviada a su debido tiempo a todas las Federaciones Nacionales. Marotta pregunta si algún delegado tiene intención de proponer enmiendas, y como nadie toma la palabra, se inicia el procedimiento de votación.

El Sr. Sembrano, delegado de Filipinas, pide que se modifique la versión española del acta del Congreso anterior añadiendo que Filipinas asistió al Congreso a distancia, tal como está escrito en la versión inglesa.

A favor: todos

En contra: ninguno

Abstenciones: ninguna

Las actas del Congreso anterior son aprobadas por unanimidad.

Marotta cede la palabra al Presidente Aracu para que presente su informe.

4. Informe del Presidente

Aracu agradece a todas las autoridades argentinas los grandes esfuerzos realizados que han permitido la celebración de los World Skate Games, que corrieron el riesgo de no ser organizados; World Skate ha incluido deportes sostenibles en el evento, y ha demostrado a los organizadores que con estos juegos los ingresos sobrepasan los egresos.

Todas las Federaciones Nacionales deberían dirigirse a sus autoridades nacionales para destacar la importancia que pueden tener los efectos económicos de los World Skate Games.

Aracu continúa haciendo hincapié en lo trascendente que es estar unidos y juntos para ser más fuertes y la intención de organizar webinarios que contribuyan a conseguir este propósito. Es fundamental estar unidos y dispuestos a ayudar a las Federaciones que tienen más problemas.

World Skate está pensando en el futuro. Hay dos candidatos para los World Skate Games de 2024 que presentarán su programa durante esta reunión. Y, por supuesto, habrá París 2024, donde las competiciones de skateboarding tendrán lugar en la Plaza de la Concordia. El skateboarding abrió las clasificaciones olímpicas de 2024 con el evento celebrado en Roma en el Coliseo y fue elegido como logo de la firma al pie de todos los correos electrónicos enviados por el COI.

Otros eventos futuros incluyen los Juegos Olímpicos de la Juventud (JOJ) en Senegal en 2026, donde World Skate está trabajando para estar presente con deportes adicionales, así como Los Ángeles 2028, donde se hizo una propuesta para incluir el Roller Marathon y el scootering.

Aracu introduce a continuación el tema de los Juegos Paralímpicos, que discutió con Andrew Parsons, Presidente del Comité Paralímpico Internacional, que quedó muy impresionado por las actuaciones de los atletas de skateboarding. Sin embargo, es necesario que 32 Federaciones Nacionales celebren los Campeonatos Paralímpicos Nacionales para poder presentar una solicitud formal de adhesión al Comité Paralímpico Internacional. Aracu invita a todas las Federaciones a hacer todo lo posible para alcanzar este objetivo, prometiendo el máximo apoyo por parte de World Skate.

El COI también ha invitado a las Federaciones Internacionales a introducir los *e-sports* (deportes electrónicos), lo que contribuirá a aumentar el número de miembros y, por tanto, los ingresos; Aracu subraya que el 55% de la facturación económica de la FIFA en 2020 procedió de los deportes electrónicos. El Presidente invita a las Federaciones a buscar expertos en este ámbito en sus propios países y a implicarlos en el desarrollo de las actividades de *e-sports*.

2024 representará el centenario de WSK, creada en 1924 en Montreaux con el hockey, y este centenario se celebrará tanto en el marco de los WSG 2024 como en otros eventos en Montreaux, Suiza, y en otros Países. Aracu expresa su deseo de organizar un “Skate day” para esta celebración, un día del año en el que todos los atletas, aficionados, etc. se desplacen con sus patines, patinetes y monopatines.

Aracu concluye indicando a los dos países candidatos para los WSG 2024: Angola e Italia. Italia ha preparado un vídeo que será difundido; Angola no lo ha preparado, pero en 2013 organizó una edición increíble de la Copa del Mundo de Rink Hockey y esto es una garantía extraordinaria. El Comité Ejecutivo se reunirá dentro de poco para decidir.

Aracu se refiere entonces a la establecimiento de un único organismo rector nacional por país entre varias federaciones de un mismo país, subrayando que WSK siempre velará para que cada deporte mantenga su autonomía, de acuerdo con los Estatutos de World Skate.

Aracu habla acerca de la Federación Brasileña CBSK, que considera un capítulo negativo en las relaciones entre WSK y sus Federaciones; World Skate se vio obligada a comunicar la cancelación de los Campeonatos del Mundo debido al comportamiento inadecuado de la citada Federación brasileña y de sus directivos. El Presidente subraya que cuando se firma un acuerdo debe cumplirse en su totalidad, y que un apretón de manos debería ser suficiente entre WSK y sus Federaciones. Se dio confianza a una Federación que no cumplió un acuerdo firmado. La CBSK pidió más tiempo, y se concedió más tiempo, pero al final WSK habría tenido que aportar cientos de miles de dólares para que estos Campeonatos se celebrasen, algo que World Skate no puede permitirse. Aracu concluye afirmando que se sintió obligado a explicar a todos los asistentes el porqué no se celebraron los Campeonatos de Skateboarding de 2022, y que los Campeonatos del Mundo de 2022 tendrán lugar en enero de 2023.

Brasil como País es de suma importancia, y sin lugar a dudas se organizarán otros eventos con personas más confiables.

5. Informe del Secretario General

Marotta sigue con su informe: en la actualidad son 144 las Federaciones Nacionales afiliadas a World Skate, siendo esta última una de las mayores Federaciones Internacionales entre las reconocidas por el COI. Gracias al elevado número de deportes representados, la cuantía de atletas afiliados es muy elevada. World Skate cuenta con 34 empleados, que están siempre a disposición de todas las Federaciones.

En cuanto al tema del establecimiento de un único organismo rector nacional por país, cuatro federaciones ya han plasmado un acuerdo para establecer una única Federación Nacional: Sudáfrica, Países Bajos, Irlanda y República de Belarús; otras tienen un proceso en marcha. El objetivo es establecer una única entidad por país, lo que no significa perder su propia autonomía técnica o financiera.

Se reafirma el concepto de autonomía técnica y financiera, especialmente para el skateboarding, único deporte olímpico, confirmando que todos los recursos recibidos a nivel nacional e internacional para dicho deporte permanecerán en el marco del skateboarding.

Marotta continúa recordando que por la COVID se cancelaron muchas competiciones deportivas, lo que provocó una reducción de los ingresos de World Skate, como se desprende en los estados financieros de 2021.

Una última información atañe a los Juegos Paralímpicos: es preciso alcanzar el número de 32 Federaciones Nacionales con actividades paralímpicas para ser elegibles y presentar la solicitud de adhesión al Comité Paralímpico Internacional. Hasta la fecha, sólo seis Federaciones Nacionales han comunicado su propósito de organizar Campeonatos Paralímpicos, y Marotta insta a todas las Federaciones a emprender estas actividades.

Marotta concluye su informe y cede la palabra al Presidente Aracu.

Fuera del orden del día: Candidaturas para los World Skate Games 2024

Aracu agradece al equipo de World Skate su trabajo y pasa a la presentación de las candidaturas para los WSG 2024, informando a los participantes que durante el receso, el EB se reunirá para decidir sobre la adjudicación del evento.

A continuación, Aracu cede la palabra a los representantes de la Federación Italiana y se les invita a subir al escenario para su presentación: la Vicepresidenta Senior Sra. Marika Kullmann y el Director General Sr. Angelo Iezzi.

Kullmann saluda en nombre de la Federación Italiana y recuerda que 2024 supondrá el centenario de World Skate, y cita el lema latino adoptado por el COI "*Citius, Altius, Fortius*" al que se añadió la palabra "*Comuniter*" (que significa juntos), y subraya que este es el espíritu que animará a la organización italiana. La edición de 2024 de los World Skate Games pretende estar dedicada a los jóvenes que se reúnen bajo el signo de la cultura y el juego limpio.

Angelo Iezzi toma la palabra y anuncia que a la Federación Italiana se unirá "*Sport e Salute*", organismo estatal y socio del Gobierno italiano en materia de innovación y desarrollo del deporte a 360 grados. La Federación Italiana participará con sus departamentos centrales y su red nacional: 100 filiales locales, más de 1.000 clubes y 70.000 miembros. Las principales empresas nacionales apoyarán el evento.

Kullmann recuerda el patrimonio histórico, artístico y cultural de Italia: Roma será el centro del evento, recibiendo los deportes urbanos, y participarán otras ciudades. El periodo propuesto va desde el 31 de agosto (poco después del final de París 2024) hasta mediados de septiembre, que es también un periodo ideal por las condiciones meteorológicas.

Iezzi afirma que los World Skate Games en Italia dejarán un legado concreto a los ciudadanos y a los jóvenes que apoyan los deportes urbanos, con la renovación de las instalaciones existentes: la sostenibilidad económica será un objetivo neurálgico y un hito para los próximos organizadores de los WSG.



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Marotta anuncia un receso de 15 minutos para tomar café e invita a los miembros del EB a reunirse en una sala aparte con vistas a decidir el tema de la adjudicación de los WSG 2024.

Después de volver del receso, el Secretario General invita al Presidente a anunciar el nombre del País elegido para organizar la edición 2024 de los WSG.

Aracu toma la palabra y anuncia que el País elegido para 2024 es Italia, y se propone a Angola la organización de los WSG 2026.

6. Propuesta de enmiendas a los Estatutos de World Skate para su aprobación

Marotta analiza las enmiendas propuestas a los Estatutos de World Skate. Todos recibieron el borrador dentro de los plazos establecidos, y el Secretario General anuncia que sólo mencionará las principales enmiendas y que la aprobación se hará artículo por artículo.

- ART.1: El nombre de los nueve deportes ha cambiado como a continuación se indica:
- Skateboarding
- Speed
- Artistic
- Inline hockey
- Rink hockey
- Downhill
- Freestyle
- Derby
- Scootering

Los diferentes deportes que caben en estos ámbitos se enumeran en los Bylaws; esta agrupación es necesaria para la organización de los eventos y, sobre todo, para las infraestructuras e instalaciones. Se enmendó el artículo 1 añadiendo que World Skate además de los e-sports también se ocupa de los "deportes eléctricos", ya que en el scootering, por ejemplo, hay eventos deportivos dedicados a los patinetes eléctricos.

Marotta invita a los delegados (tanto presenciales como conectados a distancia) a votar.

Moacjr Neuenschwander toma la palabra para preguntar si se puede hacer referencia a los deportes electrónicos en lugar de eléctricos. Marotta responde que World Skate ha adoptado lo comunicado por el COI.

A favor: todos

En contra: ninguno

Abstenciones: ninguna

Aprobado por unanimidad.

Art.2: Se introducen cambios lexicales menores.

A favor: todos

En contra: ninguno

Abstenciones: ninguna

Aprobado por unanimidad.

Art.3: Se introducen cambios lexicales menores.

A favor: todos

En contra: ninguno

Abstenciones: ninguna

Aprobado por unanimidad.

Art.4

A favor: todos

En contra: ninguno

Abstenciones: ninguna

Aprobado por unanimidad.

Katarina Sterne, de Suecia, toma la palabra y pide comprobar cada vez los votos emitidos a distancia.

Marotta responde que los técnicos comprueban cada vez los votos emitidos a distancia y le informan en consecuencia. A continuación, cede la palabra a Elijah Zgambo, quien da las gracias, pero considera que los procedimientos fueron demasiado rápidos, con el riesgo de no haber resultado claros.

Marotta responde que pedirá al personal que proporcione información más clara.

A continuación toma la palabra Majid Honarjo, de Irán, que afirma no haber recibido suficiente información sobre el procedimiento de votación.

Marotta muestra de nuevo los procedimientos de votación en la pantalla y explica que hay que hacer clic en el icono verde para aprobar, en el blanco para abstenerse y en el rojo para votar en contra.

Marotta continúa con la votación sobre el Art. 6

A favor: 85%.

Aprobado por mayoría.



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Art.7

A favor: 81%

Aprobado por mayoría.

Katarina Stern toma la palabra y propone volver a empezar desde el art. 2, porque muchos países que están conectados a distancia no votaron correctamente.

Por lo tanto, Marotta decide volver a empezar y pide votar el art. 2.

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Art.3

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Marotta pide a quienes votan a distancia que continúen mostrando sus votos hasta que comience la próxima votación.

Art.4

A favor: 97%.

Aprobado por mayoría.

Art.6

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Voto electrónico: 99% a favor. Aprobado por mayoría.

Art.7

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Luka Markic toma la palabra y propone votar conjuntamente todos los artículos de los Estatutos. Marotta responde que esto no está permitido, ya que las enmiendas a los Estatutos deben votarse artículo por artículo.

Art.8

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Art.9

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Art. 10

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Marotta declara que los artículos 11,12 y 13 no están sujetos a votación, ya que no se han modificado.



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ART.14

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

ART.15

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Marotta cede la palabra al delegado de Filipinas, quien da las gracias y subraya que forma parte del grupo de trabajo sobre skateboarding; conforme a los Estatutos cree que debería considerarse una comisión técnica.

Marotta responde que el grupo de trabajo se considera parte de una comisión técnica, como especifica claramente el punto 9, que se lee íntegramente.

El Presidente Aracu toma la palabra y explica que las Comisiones incluyen una representación de todos los Continentes, y que la Comisión Técnica tiene derecho a designar personas para desempeñar funciones técnicas específicas.

El Comité Ejecutivo está estudiando la posibilidad de organizar los Campeonatos del Mundo un año y al año siguiente los Campeonatos Continentales, ya que World Skate debe estar involucrada también en los Campeonatos Continentales para transmitir un mensaje fuerte.

Art. 16

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Art.17

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Art.18

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

Art.19

Aprobado por mayoría con un porcentaje del 98.14%

ART.20

Aprobado por mayoría con un porcentaje del 97.67%

ART.21

Este artículo se refiere a las decisiones adoptadas con el gobierno suizo, del que World Skate recibe apoyo en forma de exención de impuestos y beneficios financieros; según la Ley suiza, si una Federación como World Skate decide abandonar el país, debe dejar todos sus activos en Suiza y donarlos a una organización benéfica.

La ley suiza también establece que todos los miembros del Comité Ejecutivo no pueden recibir un salario por su trabajo; World Skate está negociando, pero aún no hay acuerdo sobre este asunto.

Marotta especifica que el art. 21 está sujeto por lo tanto a una norma transitoria y sólo se aplicará tras la aprobación por el Cantón de Vaud de las normas ya acordadas pero aún no formalizadas.

Se somete el artículo 21 a votación.

Aprobado por mayoría con un porcentaje del 98.52%.

Marotta da por concluida la votación de las enmiendas a los Estatutos y pasa al siguiente punto del orden del día.

7. Estado Financiero de 2021

Los estados financieros de 2021 están incluidos en la carpeta y Marotta resume rápidamente las principales cifras: en 2021 los ingresos ascendieron a 3.581.567 USD, los gastos a 4.915.726 USD, con una pérdida, por consiguiente, de 1.334.159 USD, ocasionada por la disminución en el número de eventos debido a la COVID.

Los ingresos netos ascendían a 3.681.579 USD al 1 de enero de 2021, y por lo tanto el activo neto resultaba ser de 2.368.774 USD al 31 de diciembre.

Los estados financieros fueron certificado formalmente por el auditor de World Skate y enviados a las autoridades del Cantón de Vaud para garantizar la exención fiscal.

Aprobados por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobados por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

8. Ratificación o retirada de membresías

Tras la aprobación del Comité Ejecutivo, Marotta ratifica la solicitud de los siguientes países para que se conviertan en miembros de World Skate:

- Líbano
- Arabia Saudí

Las Federaciones de las Islas Fiyi y de Eslovaquia son reconocidas definitivamente tras haber recibido el reconocimiento provisional del Comité Ejecutivo.

Votación para la ratificación fina de lo antes mencionado:

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

11. Diversos

A continuación se vota la ratificación de los Estatutos ya aprobados por el EB.

Aprobados por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobados por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico

Ratificación del Código Ético

Aprobado por unanimidad en la sala. Aprobado por unanimidad a través del voto electrónico.

A continuación, Marotta comunica que uno de los puntos diversos hace referencia al informe de la Comisión Médica. Se cede entonces la palabra a Patricia Wallace para que presente un breve informe.

Wallace toma la palabra para informar sobre las estructuras educativas para los atletas, contempladas durante los WSG. Cree que es importante hacer hincapié en las mesas donde los atletas pueden expresar sus ideas y preocupaciones. Piensa que es importante centrarse en la educación relacionada con la lucha antidopaje y, dada la complejidad de este tema, Wallace estima que es importante organizar sesiones educativas antidopaje. Durante las competencias siempre hay un delegado antidopaje disponible para informar a los atletas. Para la AMA también es sumamente relevante que no se impongan sanciones a los atletas por no conocer las normas. Wallace expresa su disponibilidad para responder a preguntas o correos electrónicos a fin de aclarar mejor cualquier aspecto de este asunto.

Marotta cede la palabra a José Acevedo, Presidente de la Federación Colombiana, para la presentación de los Campeonatos del Mundo Artístico 2023.

Acevedo saluda a todos los participantes en el Congreso y agradece a World Skate la confianza depositada en Colombia. En Colombia se han organizado grandes eventos, siempre respetando las reglas, e invita a todos los delegados a Colombia (Ibagué) del 19 al 30 de septiembre de 2023, donde todos serán recibidos por gente amable y amistosa. Colombia tiene mucha experiencia en la organización de eventos, y ha recibido el apoyo del gobierno.

Marotta pregunta si alguien desea tomar la palabra.

El delegado de la Federación Brasileña CBSK toma la palabra y hace algunas consideraciones en nombre de Brasil. Subraya que la CBSK y WSK han sido socios durante muchos años, y que es muy triste ver la situación actual. Cree que la Federación Brasileña está haciendo todo lo posible, y afirma que después de decir que debemos estar unidos, el Presidente Aracu dijo que tiene la intención de celebrar eventos en Brasil sin la CBSK. Destaca la interesante conversación que mantuvo el día anterior con el equipo de World Skate, mientras observa que está aflorando una actitud inesperada en el congreso.

Aracu destaca que el delegado de la CBSK representa a la Federación Brasileña con pleno derecho y con una actitud tranquila y justa, y siendo abogado tiene el deber de defender a los representantes de la Federación brasileña. Aracu indica que no es la primera vez que World Skate

tiene problemas con el mismo grupo de organizadores. Recuerda que en 2019, con motivo del Campeonato del Mundo de Park en São Paulo, la Federación Internacional había decidido no recibir de los organizadores una parte de la cantidad debida a World Skate y donar 97.000 USD para la construcción de un skatepark en una favela de São Paulo, también de acuerdo con el gobierno brasileño (World Skate tiene los documentos que atestiguan dicho acuerdo), pero la instalación no se construyó y el dinero no se entregó a la Federación Internacional.

Por ello, Aracu recuerda que con motivo del Campeonato Mundial de 2022 en Brasil, World Skate había comunicado el evento al mundo, pero los organizadores no cumplieron con los acuerdos pactados, y por eso ahora es difícil pensar en volver a trabajar con ellos. Por supuesto, la relación con la CBSK siempre existirá. Aracu espera que pronto se establezca una única Federación Nacional, y espera no volver a ver a los directivos de la CBSK escribiendo "no merge" mientras la Federación Internacional dice Stronger Together.

La decisión de cancelar el evento en Brasil fue difícil y dolorosa, pero Aracu invita a considerar que World Skate no podría haberse permitido desembolsar 800.000 USD para celebrar el evento.

World Skate aplica una política económica muy cuidadosa, como demuestra el informe financiero leído por Marotta. Aracu subraya que World Skate fue ingenua en el caso del evento en Brasil, pero es una lección aprendida. La esperanza es que la CBSK se recupere de la manera mejor y encuentre soluciones adecuadas; la comunidad brasileña es fantástica y World Skate siempre estará a su lado.

Marotta cede la palabra al delegado iraní, quien agradece al Presidente, al Secretario General y al EB su tiempo y sus esfuerzos. Menciona algo ocurrido durante una competición de velocidad. La bandera de Irán estaba colgada al revés, lo que es una falta de respeto, y pregunta a las autoridades si se puede hacer algo para remediarlo. Propone celebrar muchas más reuniones en el futuro y pide que se proporcione alojamiento a los atletas durante las competiciones internacionales.

Aracu pide disculpas por la bandera, pero no hubo mala fe por parte de los organizadores argentinos. Sin lugar a dudas, mejorar la comunicación es de interés para World Skate.

El delegado de Canadá pide la palabra. Da las gracias y saluda a todos los participantes, y se suma a las palabras del Presidente sobre la cuestión del establecimiento de un único organismo rector nacional por país para subrayar que el skateboarding ha sido muy activo desde 1924 y ahora es un deporte olímpico. Considera que cada deporte debe conservar no sólo su autonomía económica y técnica, sino también su autonomía cultural; esto es muy importante para los skaters, y les preocupa el impacto que esta fusión pueda tener en la comunidad skater. A menudo, la comunicación fue difícil. Se necesitan más oportunidades para debatir y trabajar juntos en muchos aspectos, pero cada uno tiene una cultura única. Agradece el tiempo adicional concedido para encontrar una solución y espera que sea posible a finales del año siguiente, tal como se ha solicitado, pero es necesario poner de relieve y subrayar los problemas.



Aracu responde y asegura que se han respetado todas las culturas de los distintos deportes: de hecho, sería un gran error destruir la cultura de cualquier deporte, y World Skate hará un seguimiento cuidadoso. También subraya que las situaciones varían de un país a otro, y por eso son importantes las reuniones uno a uno.

Aracu, sin embargo, subraya que es importante evitar la trampa de pensar que uno puede estar mejor solo, porque sólo permaneciendo unidos es posible volverse más fuerte. Cada uno con su autonomía.

Yasser Eshami, Presidente de la Federación egipcia, pide la palabra.

Eshami da las gracias y la bienvenida a las nuevas federaciones. Invita al Presidente Aracu a convocar reuniones periódicas con las Federaciones Nacionales, cada seis meses. También recuerda los African Skate Games que se celebrarán la primera semana de septiembre.

Aracu está de acuerdo para aumentar el número de reuniones y subraya que África tiene un gran potencial.

Mohammad Ishaq de Pakistán pide la palabra.

Agradece y saluda a los participantes y desea hacer una comunicación acerca de un nuevo presidente y secretario general. Una organización sin ánimo de lucro de monopatín llegó a Pakistán, pero no sabe si tenía la aprobación de la Federación Internacional.

Aracu responde y afirma que la asociación a la cual se hace referencia es Skateistan, una asociación sin ánimo de lucro, reconocida también por el COI que opera en los Países en desarrollo, así que no cabe preocuparse por el tema.

El delegado de Finlandia, Lauri Vassinen, pide la palabra.

Da las gracias a todos por la reunión y retoma lo dicho por su colega canadiense sobre la comunicación: se queja de las reuniones "uno a uno" porque las personas con ideas afines tienen que reunirse, debatir en grupo o en seminarios web, aprendiendo unos de otros.

Aracu responde que las reuniones "one to one" se han propuesto porque los problemas suelen ser diferentes. Las visiones o incluso las leyes vigentes en los distintos países son a veces diferentes, y ésta es la razón que estriba en la base de proponer reuniones "uno a uno".

El Presidente de la Federación francesa, Boris Darlet, pide la palabra.

Afirma que gracias a los Juegos Olímpicos se han realizado muchas mejoras, lo que ha permitido a las Federaciones crecer en función del mercado. Desea asegurar que en Francia, en las Olimpiadas, se hará todo lo posible para obtener resultados de mucho relieve.

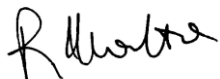
Marotta toma la palabra para informar de la disponibilidad de un almuerzo ligero en el hotel y cede la palabra al Presidente Aracu para las observaciones finales.



Aracu da las gracias a todos los participantes, expresando el deseo de volver a reunirse pronto. Agradece al personal de World Skate, al COL argentino, al Comité Ejecutivo y a los intérpretes. Por último, recuerda el lema "Unity is strength".

El Congreso termina a las 13:50 horas.

El Secretario General
Roberto Marotta



El Presidente
Sabatino Aracu



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5. Ratification and withdrawal of memberships

5.1 Ratification of the provisional memberships

- ***Botswana Skate Federation (BOTSWANA)***
- ***Skate Maldives (MALDIVES)***
- ***Rwanda Skating Federation (RWANDA)***
- ***South Sudan Skate Federation (SOUTH SUDAN)***
- ***UAE Skate Sports Federation (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES)***

**5.2 Ratification of the new Federative structure
of the *Federación Deportiva Chilena de Patinaje*
(CHILE) and the *Hellenic Skate Federation*
(GREECE)**

**5.3 Ratification of Resolution No. 2/2024 of the
Executive Board and confirmation of the
withdrawal of membership in relation with
Confederação Brasileira de Skateboarding
(BRAZIL)**

6. New declaration of constitutive and deliberative quorum

7. President's report

8. Secretary General's report

9. Financial report



WORLD SKATE FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023

INCOMES/INGRESOS		USD
1.	NATIONAL FEDERATIONS MEMBERSHIP FEES CUOTAS AFILIACIONES FEDERACIONES	722.975,91
2.	IOC CONTRIBUTION (IOC Ordinary, Paris 2024, OG Additional Support)	989.751,80
3.	APORTE COI (COI Ordinario, Paris 2024, contribución adicional)	0
4.	ARISF CONTRIBUTION	0
5.	APORTE ARISF	0
6.	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (Canton de Vaud)	0
7.	OTROS APORTES (Canton de Vaud)	0
8.	VARIOUS FEES (Judges fee, Internat. Passports, etc.)	71.492,62
9.	OTRAS TASAS (Jueces, Pasaportes Intern., etc.)	187.497,09
10.	SEMINARS	
11.	SEMINARIOS	
12.	OLYMPIC QUALIF. EVENTS_WCs_WS EVENTS ORGANIZATIONAL FEES AND BIDDINGS (Paris 2024, WSG, Rome Street, etc.)	4.246.284,81
13.	TASAS DE ORGANIZACION EVENTOS DE CUALIFICACION OLIMPICA_ CAMPEONATOS MUND_ EVENTOS WS Y LICITACIONES (Paris 2024, WSG Argentina, Rome Street, etc.)	
14.	ADVERTISEMENT AND TV CONTRACTS	0,00
15.	PUBLICIDAD Y CONTRATOS DE TELEVISION	
16.	OTHER INCOMES (Paris 2024 reimb., Targeted contributions, etc.)	483.020,34
17.	OTROS INGRESOS (Reemborso Paris 2024, contribucion finalizada)	90.145,40
18.	SPONSORS (Vesmaco, Ricaar, etc.)	
19.	PATROCINADORES	0,00
20.	ANTIDOPING	
21.	ANTI-DOPAJE	
22.	FACILITIES	114.242,40
23.	INSTALACIONES	
TOTAL INCOMES/ INGRESOS TOTALES		6.905.410,37

EXPENSES/EGRESOS		USD
1.	MEMBERSHIP FEES TO INTERNATIONAL BODIES	
	CUOTAS A ORGANISMOS INTERNACIONALES	102.032,32
2.	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD SKATE	
	PROMOCION Y DESARROLLO DE WORLD SKATE	386.700,78
3.	ORGANIZATIONAL COSTS FOR PARIS 2024	
	GASTOS ORGANIZACIONALES PARA PARIS 2024	97.752,95
4.	SEMINARS (staging, interpreters, hotel expenses for participants, production of materials, etc.)	
	SEMINARIOS (puesta en escena, interpretes, gastos de hotel para partic., produccion de materiales, etc.)	134.608,94
5.	WS MEETINGS, INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, TRIPS OF EB Member, Sec. Gen., Medical Dep., Staff etc. (IOC Meetings Lausanne, WADA Symposium, Paris, Baku, China, African Roller Games etc.)	0,00
	REUNIONES DE WS, REUNIONES INTERNACIONALES, VIAJES Miembros del BE, Secretario Gen., Dept. Medico, Personal, etc. (Reuniones con el COI Lausana, Simposio de la WADA, Paris, Baku, China, African Roller Games, etc.)	
6.	ANTIDOPING	230.330,10
	ANTI-DOPAJE	
7.	WCs AND WS EVENTS ORGANIZING EXPENSES (Prize Money, Judges Comp. etc	1.737.577,90
	GASTOS DE ORGANIZACION DE LOS CM Y WS EVENTOS (Premio en Dinero a los Atletas, Dietas Jueces, etc.) (Paris 2024, WSG Argentina, Rome Street, etc.)	
8.	TECHNICAL COMMITTEES EXPENSES	7.014,40
	GASTOS DE LOS COMITES TECNICOS	
9.	WS CONGRESS AND MEETINGS	54.796,36
	CONGRESOS WS Y REUNIONES BE	
10.1	STAFF EXPENSES AND CONSULTANCIES	2.419.262,05
	GASTOS DE PERSONAL Y CONSULTENCIAS	
10.2	OPERATING COSTS	550.823,62
	GASTOS DE GESTION	
10.3	EXPERTS ADVICE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS	314.353,60
	ASESORIA Y PROYECTOS ESPECIALES	
11.1	TELEPHONE, POSTAGE & COURIER EXPENSES	12.953,68
	GASTOS TELEFONO, DE FRANQUEO POSTAL Y MENSAJERIA	
11.2	OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND IT	482.037,53
	EQUIPO DE OFICINA E TI	

EXPENSES/EGRESOS		USD
12.	PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL	10.065,61
	MATERIAL PROMOCIONAL	
13.	BANK EXPENSES	67.266,71
	GASTOS BANCARIOS	
14.	TROPHIES, AWARDS AND PRESENTS	24.989,93
	TROFEOS, PREMIOS Y OBSEQUIOS	
15.	OFFICE	188.621,16
	OFICINA	
16.	TAXES Direct and not direct taxes	0,00
	IMPUESTOS directos y indirectos	
17.1	COMMUNICATION, WEB Site, WORLD SKATE TV	490.539,23
	COMUNICACION, PAGINAS Sito WEB - WORLD SKATE TV	
17.2	TV AND SATELLITE BROADCASTING PRODUCTION	585.315,77
	PRODUCCION TV Y SATELITAR	
18.	LITIGATION EXPENSES (CAS, etc.)	1.817,08
	GASTOS DE LITIGIO (CAS, etc.)	
19.	FACILITIES	20.697,52
	INSTALACIONES	
20.	OTHER EXPENSES	6.608,82
	Otras	
TOTAL EXPENSES/ EGRESOS TOTALES		7.926.166,06
TOTAL INCOMES/TOTAL INGRESOS		6.905.410,37
TOTAL EXPENSES/ EGRESOS TOTALES		7.926.166,06

NEGATIVE BALANCE/ BALANCE ACTIVO	-1.020.755,69
FINANCIAL AVAILABILITY AS AT DEC.31,2021/DISPONIBILIDAD FINANC. 31 DIC. 2022	1.941.253,89
FOREIGN EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT	347.244,99
FINANCIAL AVAILABILITY AS AT DEC.31,2022/DISPONIBILIDAD FINANC. 31 DIC. 2023	1.267.743,19
ASSETS/ACTIVO	USD

NET ASSETS: BANK AND CASH/ACTIVO NETO: BANCO Y EFECTIVO

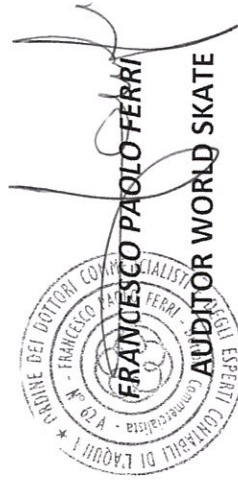
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TOTAL TO DRAW/CONSUMO TOTAL

1.267.743,19



FINANCIAL REPORT WORLD SKATE 2023





FOREWORD

The undersigned Dr. Francesco Paolo Ferri, as the sole auditor of the WORLD SKATE, carried out the audit activity on the World Skate Federation's Final Financial Report at the date of December 31, 2023 in accordance with the Federal Statute.

Particularly, the Auditor verified if the Consolidated Financial Statements at December 31, 2023 drawing up by the account department has been drawn up in accordance with the standards and methods approved by IOC and by WORLD SKATE's Statute.

The above mentioned activity remarked:

- the observance of the rules governing the formation and setting of the budget;
- the accuracy of the results and the values of the situation at the end of the year;
- the accuracy and clarity of the account data presented in the financial statements and its annexes.

The correctness bookkeeping and the accordance of the balance sheet of the financial statements has been verified as well.


FRANCESCO PAOLO FERRI
AUDITOR WORLD SKATE



ACCOUNTING RULES

Referring with the rules applied and method used in drawing up 2023 balance sheet, the Auditor verified that:

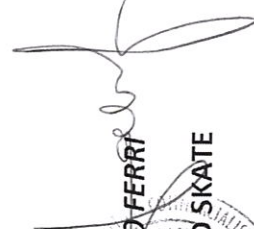
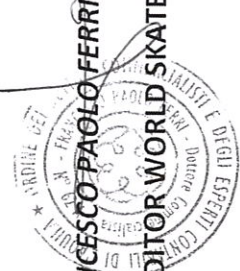
1. Units

All accounting numbers are expressed in U.S. dollars – USD

2. The Financial Statement takes in to consideration the fluctuations of the exchange rate in the period.
Any eventual variations are entered in the Financial Statement in compliance with paragraph 28 of the International Accounting Standard 21.

3. Prior year Adjustment

It's possible to compare 2023 balance sheet with the previous period's one, because the same method has been used in drawing up both the documents.



FRANCESCO PAOLO FERRI
AUDITOR WORLD SKATE



COMMENTS AND ECONOMIC REPORTS

The analysis of 2023 Final Balance Sheet shows that:

In 2023 WORLD SKATE realized a USD 6.905.410,37 net income with a cash surplus of USD 1.267.743,19 remaining.

The principal data of 2023 Balance Sheet are the following:

1. Gross incomes: USD 6.905.410,37; expenses: USD 7.926.166,06;
2. The incomes have been increased for 61% of total incomes by OLYMPIC QUALIF. EVENTS_WCs_WS EVENTS ORGANIZATIONAL FEES AND BIDDINGS (Paris 2024, WSG, Rome Street, etc.) per USD 4.246.284,81; for 14% of total incomes by IOC Contribution USD 989.751,80;
3. The biggest expenses items is "Staff Costs, Payrolls and consultancy's" for USD 2.419.262,05 that represent the 31% of total expenses; others remarkable expenses for USD 3.495.117,05, are: WCs AND WS EVENTS ORGANIZING EXPENSES (Prize Money, Judges Comp. etc.), COMMUNICATION WEB Site and WORLD SKATE TV and TV AND SATELLITE BROADCASTING PRODUCTION for 35% of total expenses;



FRANCESCO PAOLO FERRARO
AUDITOR WORLD SKATE



	USD
2023 TOTAL INCOMES	6.905.410,37
2023 TOTAL EXPENSES	7.926.166,06
2023 NET INCOME	- 1.020.755,69
	USD
2023 RETAINING NET INCOME	1.941.253,89
2023 NET INCOME	- 1.020.755,69
FOREIGN EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT	347.244,99
2023 CASH SURPLUS	1.267.743,19
SHORT TERM ASSETS	USD
NET ASSETS: 2023 BANK AND CASH CONSISTENCIES	1.267.743,19
TOTAL TO DRAW	1.267.743,19





Bank and Cash

Referring to the cash statement, the Auditor verified the petty cash and the bank consistencies at December 31, 2023.

The total amount of cash surplus at the date of December 31, 2023 amounts at USD 1.267.743,19, compared to 2022 starting surplus of USD 1.941.253,89.

SUMMARY

According to my duties, having considered all the audit's documents and information at my disposal, I surely confirm and attest the correctness of the accounting policies used and the accordance of the values of the WORLD SKATE's financial statements.

Lastly, the Auditor expresses a positive opinion on the 2023 Balance Sheet approval by WORLD SKATE's Board of Directors, such as drawn up and properly checked as requested.


FRANCESCO PAOLO FERRI
AUDITOR WORLD SKATE

10. Presentation of candidates and elections for World Skate Presidency and First-Vice Presidency



CANDIDACIES FOR WORLD SKATE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Single candidacy

PRESIDENT

Sabatino ARACU (ITA)

VICE PRESIDENT

Karen DOYLE (AU)

11. Presentation of candidates and elections for Continental Area Presidency (World Skate Vice-Presidency) and Continental Vice-Presidency



CANDIDACIES FOR WORLD SKATE AFRICA PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

According to Article 14.8 of the World Skate Statutes, the candidacies for World Skate Africa will be integrated within 24 hours before the start of the Congress.

CANDIDACIES FOR WORLD SKATE AMERICA PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

1st candidacy

PRESIDENT

Alberto HERRERA AYALA (COL)

VICE PRESIDENT

Marisol CASTRO ARAUZ (ECU)

2nd candidacy

PRESIDENT

Moacyr NEUENSCHWANDER JUNIOR (BR)

VICE PRESIDENT

Lorena VEILUVA (PY)



CANDIDACIES FOR WORLD SKATE ASIA PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Single candidacy

PRESIDENT

Huang QIANG (CN)

VICE PRESIDENT

Kim YOUNG SOON (KOR)

CANDIDACIES FOR WORLD SKATE EUROPE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Single candidacy

PRESIDENT

Luis SENICA (PT)

VICE PRESIDENT

Irmelin OTTEN (DE)

12. Items of general interest duly submitted by Member Federations and/or by the Executive Board within 70 days from the date set for the Congress

12.1 *Canada Skateboard, the Finnish Skateboard Association, Brettforbundet and Swe Sports* submitted the following items of general interest to be discussed:

- a) Management of National Federations after the establishment of a single Governing Body per Country;**
- b) Timely publication of a draft of the Minutes from the Previous Congress;**
- c) Term limits for positions within *World Skate*.**

World Skate Congress

June 2024

Dear President, Executive board, Secretary General of World Skate and dear Congress,

We trust this message and proposal for congress finds you well.

A Democratic Direction for the future, and addressing the following points:

Background:

Merging two completely different organizations such as FIRS and ISF in terms of culture and organization requires clear communication and a transparent organization. Regardless of the organization, it is easy to always do what we have always done, but when we have to collaborate with new people and a younger culture, there needs to be clarity that everyone understands, not just for those who have worked within the organization for over 25 years but also for those who are new to the context.

In this proposal, we present four suggestions aimed at steering our organization towards a more democratic future. We have compiled these proposals together to provide a comprehensive perspective and to foster meaningful discussions. However, we request that each proposal be voted on individually.

Proposal:

1. No forced Mergers:

In the minutes from the 2019 congress in Barcelona we can read that the decision on only one NGO and merging federation should be based on:

- one Federation per Country. The main goal is to allow sports disciplines to keep their independence, but to come together in a single representation as it happens in other international multisport Federations such as FINA. This will be done in compliance with the laws in force in the single Countries.

When all the National Governing Organizations (NGOs) have their rights to their sport nationally and represent internationally, a merger of their federations may result in lost financial support and/or go against the democratic system on which the associations' statutes are built. Forcing NGO's to merge is not in compliance with the laws in force in their country.

Today, there are 11 countries that still have a problem with this, and it costs both energy, time, and money to try to figure this out. It is not what is best for their sports. We are aware that there may be more countries with similar challenges, but these 11 are the ones we know of at this time.

Therefore, we suggest that there should be no compulsion to merge national federations. Instead, it should be seen as an opportunity in those countries whose sports within World Skate need this. At the same time, we understand that it may be

beneficial for international representation if a country speaks with one voice. Here, we propose that World Skate trusts that this can be resolved in the best possible way at the national level. We believe that within the national organizations, we can handle representation so that the composition of the congress aligns with what has been agreed upon.

2. Enhanced representation: Ensuring fair participation for Olympic sports

We propose to allocate additional delegates or votes to Olympic sports within World Skate. This is to ensure that voting rights reflect the sport's significant role and unique needs within the organization.

Skateboarding is today the only Olympic Sport within World Skate, and has gained global recognition through its inclusion in the Olympics, and this proposal aims to enhance the representation of skateboarding's interests on the international stage. It will help ensure that decisions affecting skateboarding's development and growth are informed by voices from the skateboarding community.

At the same time, it is important to acknowledge the democratic challenges this may bring. Allocating additional votes to a specific sport could potentially create disparities in representation and influence among member countries. It is crucial to balance skateboarding's needs with principles of democratic equality and inclusion within World Skate.

This proposal seeks to promote fair and effective governance of Olympic Sports within World Skate while upholding the value of democratic processes and equality among all members."

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Congress:

We propose that World Skate adjusts its practice to promptly publish the minutes of each congress within one month of its conclusion. Similarly, if changes to statutes are implemented during the congress, these amendments should also be published within the same timeframe.

Currently, there is often a delay in accessing the minutes until the subsequent congress, which occurs every two years. This extended timeframe poses challenges in tracking decision-making processes, particularly when statutory changes have been enacted. Ensuring timely publication of congress minutes and statutory revisions will enhance transparency and accountability within World Skate's governance framework.

This promotes democratic principles and transparency by ensuring that congress minutes and statutory changes are published promptly within one month of the congress. It allows stakeholders to hold decision-makers accountable, informs meaningful participation, provides clarity on governance changes, ensures fairness, and demonstrates a commitment to good governance practices.

4. Term limits for positions within World Skate

We propose that the World Skate Congress consider introducing term limits for the President and the executive board within the organization.

While we value the extensive experience and dedication of our current leadership, that has held office for over 20 years. Establishing clear term limits for all positions is essential for upholding democratic principles of governance. We propose the adoption of a four-year term limit for leadership positions within World Skate, with the provision that individuals may only be re-elected once, leading to a maximum tenure of eight years in any given position. Implementing term limits would:

Ensuring renewal and fresh perspectives: By limiting individuals to a maximum of two terms, the organization ensures a continuous infusion of new ideas and perspectives while retaining valuable experience.

Promoting accountability and transparency: Term limits foster accountability by regularly requiring leaders to seek re-election, ensuring they remain responsive to the organization's stakeholders and their evolving needs.

Balancing continuity and change: Leaders have the opportunity to enact long-term strategies while allowing for succession planning and leadership development within the organization.

Enhancing democratic principles: Term limits reinforce democratic principles by providing opportunities for diverse leadership and preventing the consolidation of power.

Adopting term limits for all positions would reflect World Skate's commitment to exemplary governance practices, enhancing transparency, accountability, and adherence to democratic principles, while recognizing the significant contributions of our current leadership.

We send our proposal and signatures with hope for a united organization and a democratic future.

Best regards,

Gustaf Åberg
President
Swe Sports
Sweden

Magnus Gyllenberg
President
Swedish
Skateboardfederation
Sweden

Kjetil Andreas Ostling
President
Brettforbundet
Norway

Lauri Vassinen
General Manager
The Finnish Skateboard
Association
Finland

Annie Guglia
President
Canada Skateboard
Canada

Iztok Sumatic
President
Slovenian Skateboard
Federation
Slovenia

Janne Hänninen
Director
Finnish Speed Skating Association
Finland

13. Other urgent issues raised after the notification of the Agenda of the meeting. Their inclusion shall be subject to the approval of two thirds of the votes.

**14. Ratification of the amendments to the By-Laws,
already sent to all National Federations on 12th
January 2024 and uploaded to the official website**



BY LAWS

PARAGRAPH 10 – WORLD SKATE COMPETITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

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L - SEMINARS AND OTHER EVENTS

World Skate may directly organize International Seminars or may entrust single Member Federations or any other body or entity dealing with World Skate to stage Continental, Regional or National Seminars.

International Seminars are open events in which Judges, Referees, Coaches, Athletes or other persons, even if not members of a National Federation, can learn or look into new Sports and Technical Regulations, Scoring Systems, Judging Methods and so on.

International Seminars can also be the appropriate forum in which World Skate can stage the International Exams referred to in Par. 11.B above.

World Skate reserves the right to organize, sanction, stage, plan, develop, manage and/or subcontract any other kind of event related to one or more of its Sports.

In pursuit of the goals of World Skate and in application of the principles set out in the World Skate Charters, in particular in articles 2 and 4.2 of the Statute as well as for the protection of Athletes and the integrity of the Sport, common rules and minimum standards relating to the judging criteria and compliance with anti-doping rules must be guaranteed in the organisation of national and international events.

National Federations and World Skate, respectively, are the only bodies authorized to sanction/recognize national and international events.

At the same time, National Federations must give priority to the participation of their athletes only in international competitions that are official and/or authorized by World Skate.

Events that are not recognized and/or sanctioned, which do not provide minimum standards and guarantees (such as judging criteria, compliance with anti-doping regulations and so on), are to be considered private showcases/events, which put Sport at risk.

National Federations are expressly prohibited from promoting and/or supporting international events without the prior authorization from World Skate, representing the Governing Body of the Sport.¹

PARAGRAPH 11 – BIDDING APPLICATIONS AND ASSIGNMENT OF THE EVENTS

[...]

¹ Approved by World Skate Executive Board on January 10, 2024 and effective immediately pursuant to art. 7.13 of the World Skate Statutes.



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15. Miscellaneous