

INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Participants:

Thomas Konietzko	TK	President	GER
Cecilia Farias	CF	Vice President	ARG
Lluís Rabaneda i Caselles	LRC	Vice President	ESP
Richard Pettit	RP	Secretary General	GBR
Maree Burnett	MB	Oceania Canoe Association President	NZL
Joao Manual Da Costa Alegre Afonso	JDC	Confederation of African Canoeing President	STP
Jean Zoungrana	JZ	European Canoe Association President	FRA
Toshi Furuya	TF	Canoe Sprint Chair	JPN
Jean-Michel Prono	JMP	Canoe Slalom Chair	FRA
John Edwards	JE	Paracanoe Chair	CAN
Olubunmi Ola Oluode	OO	Continental Representative - AFR	NGR
Ahmed Mahamoud Abdoukader	AMA	Continental Representative - AFR	DJI
Branko Lovric	BL	Continental Representative - EUR	CRO
Andrej Jelenc	AJ	Continental Representative - EUR	SLO
Jovana Stanojevic	JS	Continental Representative - EUR	SRB
Ruud Heijselaar	RH	Canoe Marathon	NED
Manuela Gawehn	MG	Wildwater Canoeing	GER
Colin Simpkins	CS	Ocean Racing	RSA
Greg Smale	GS	Canoe Polo	GBR
Terry Best	TBE	Canoe Freestyle	GBR
Luciano Buonfiglio	LB	Treasurer	ITA
Chainarong Charoenruk	CC	Asian Canoe Confederation President	THA
Luciano Buonfiglio	LB	Treasurer	ITA
Victor G. Ruiz	VR	Pan American Canoe Federation President	PUR
Shao Yaping	SY	Continental Representative - ASI	CHN

Excused:

Liu Aijie	LA	Vice President	CHN
Bridgitte Hartley	BH	Athlete Committee Chair	RSA
Wai-hung Luk	WL	Dragon Boat Commission Chair	HKG
Noémi Horváth	NH	SUP Commission Chair	HUN
Budiman Setiawan	BS	Continental Representative - ASI	INA
Danielle Woodward	DW	Continental Representative - OCE	AUS
Fatima Fernandes Vara	FFV	Continental Representative - PAM	BRA
Martha Hernandez Sanches	MHS	Continental Representative - PAM	MEX
Tim Brabants	TBR	Medical and Anti-Doping	NZL



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1. President's welcome

- LA 28 Sports Programme: Announcement postponed regarding the Olympic Games LA 2028 sports programme.
- TV rights: Positive results after one third of competitions with a significant increase in revenue generation following implementation of a revised strategy.
- First competitions: congratulations we extended to all committee chairs for the successful start of the 2023 season.
- Singapore Olympic Esports week underway with a strong presence from the ICF

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Motion: Do you approve the minutes from ICF Board of Directors meeting 28-29 April 2023?

Vote: unanimously approved

3. Russian and Belarussian Decision Implementation

- Current situation for Individual Neutral athletes:
 - o Duisburg, London, Auronzo, Krakow, Paris and Denmark: cannot ensure the safe conduction of competition, so no individual neutral athletes allowed.
 - o Thailand and Australia: can ensure the safe conduction of competition, so neutral athletes allowed.
- Documentation:
 - o ICF Policy
 - o Declaration Form for Athlete
 - o Declaration Form for Athlete Support
 - o Terms of Reference for the Individual Neutral Athlete Eligibility Panel
- Documents published on the following link: <https://www.canoeicf.com/rules>

Motion: Do you accept the ICF Policy and Process for Individual Neutral Athlete Eligibility?

Vote: 19 yes - 1 abstention

Action	Who	Completion date
Publish document and inform key stakeholders	ICF Administration	25 June 2023 / Action complete

4. Update from the Vice President

- Mr. Liu will be unable to conduct his Vice President duties for an extended period. During his absence, it has been agreed that LB will assume responsibility as interim Vice-President alongside his deposition as Treasurer.



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5. Finance Commission Proposal

Proposal to establish a finance committee to was unanimously approved with terms of reference to be established during the inaugural meeting. Refer to the Finance Commission proposal. (Appendix 1)

Proposal: Chair: Maree Burnett (Chair, Confirmed) Farhad Aliyev (Member, Confirmed), Suzanne Britt (Member, Proposed and TBC)

Motion: Do you approve the introduction of a Finance Commission?

Vote: unanimously approved

Action	Who	Completion date
Inaugural meeting to be set with proposal complete for terms of reference ahead of ExCo meeting in September	Maree Burnett (FC Chair)	15 August 2023

6. Next meeting

ExCo meeting set for 25 September 2023 afternoon in Dublin, Ireland. ExCo members to join Womens' Symposium following ExCo meeting.

Next planned Board of Directors meeting in London, UK April 2024.

[Meeting adjourned at 12:03]

ANNEX 1 - FINANCE COMMISSION

Finance Commission

The Finance Commission is a governance commission established by the ICF Board of Directors to ensure effective financial control within the organisation. Its primary objective is to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities related to financial oversight.

Role of the Finance Commission:

- Provide assurance to the Board regarding the accuracy of financial statements and internal financial controls.
- Review and maintain an effective system of integrated governance, financial risk management, and internal control.

Membership of the Finance Commission:

- Up to five members appointed by the Board.
- Includes at least one member from the ICF Executive Committee.
- The Chair of the Finance Commission is appointed by the Board.

Responsibilities of the Finance Commission:

- Oversee proper budget management within the approved budget set by the Congress.
- Provide an overview of the ICF's investments and offer advice on investment decisions.
- Stay informed about new sponsorship contracts and cash donations received.

Reporting:

- The Chair of the Finance Commission provides written reports at each Board meeting.
- The Chair is present during meetings for further discussion and clarification.
- Minutes of Finance Commission meetings are shared with the Board.

Administration Support:

- The Finance and Operations department of the ICF provides necessary administrative support to the Finance Commission.
- The Finance Commission plays a vital role in maintaining a robust financial control environment, safeguarding the ICF's financial integrity, and supporting the organization in achieving its mission and goals.