



Minutes of the Congress of the International Federation of American Football  
AUGUST 11 2018  
Panama City Panama

Federations present:

<b>Nation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Voting Rights</b>
Shige Watanabe	Japan	3
Dr. KK Park	IFAF Asia	
Nicole McCollough	BAFA	3
Ryan Horning	USA Football	3
Jack Reid	USA Football	
Phillipe Maly	Czechia	1
Justin Now	South Korea	
Yohan Mishaan	Israel	
Steve Leibowitz	Israel	1
Uhllo Lobenbom	Israel	
Benedict - Voting	Haiti	1
Jerome Harriet	Jamaica	
Roope Nooronen	Finland	3
Esa Haavisto	Finland	
Javier L'episcopo	Argentina	
Jorge Orobio	Mexico	3
Shannon Donovan	Football Canada	3
Rodrigo Matthews	Brazil	
Saneaeb Chaudray	India	
Micheal Hansen	Denmark	3
Pierre Trochet	France	3
Marco Quercio	Italy	3
Diego Morales	Guatamela	
Micheal Korr	Guatamela	
Darrin Mitchell	Australia	
Thomas Kesser - Leevik	Norway	3
Goran Nisivic	Serbiia	
Branco Vucivic	Serbia	3
Jaimee Carizzo	Panama	3

Organizations present:

Nil

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Richard MacLean, IFAF President, called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. with welcoming address to the congress.

**Opening Statement**

Jaimie Carrizo – President Association de Football Americano de Panama - Welcoming Address to Panama directed to the congress delegates



**1. Appointment of Scrutineers**

The following were identified as Scrutineers for voting during the proceedings.

**Scrutineer 1:** Ryan Horning USA Football

**Scrutineer 2:** Javier Orobio - Argentina

**Appointments proposed by:** Volunteered from the floor

**Appointments seconded by:** No Objections

***Discussions:*** No discussions entered

***Vote:*** All in Favor

---

**2. Appointment of three delegates to confirm the Congress Minutes.**

**Delegate 1:** Thomas Kesser-Lervik Norway

**Delegate 2:** Pierre Trochet - France

**Delegate 3:** Nichole McCulloch Great Britain

***Appointments proposed by:*** Volunteered from floor

***Appointments seconded by:*** No Objections

***Discussions:*** No discussions entered

---

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the Preceding Congress: 2017 Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2017 Congress in Langley BC Canada as distributed by the Executive Board

**Proposed by:** Roope Noronen - Finland

**Second:** Nicole McCulloch - GB

***Discussion:*** No corrections called for.

***Vote:*** All in Favor

---



#### 4. Report of the Executive Board

Motion to approve report of Executive Board.

**Discussion:** Executive board commends Andy Fuller on his efforts over the last 12 months. Mr. Fuller reports it has been a tough 12 months with a lot of challenges as we come out of a traumatic period to recommence growing the sport. The vision now stands on delivering a product that exists under good governance, to offer a high quality product to stakeholders and players alike.

Mr. Fuller has noted that that continental committees need to be rebuilt, and there was a call for a requirement of volunteers throughout the globe to continue growing the sport. Special Mention was mentioned of Mr. David Sinclair, and his tireless efforts of the development of the sport prior to his passing, and noted the importance of recognizing volunteer efforts in the future.

Mention was made re Marias efforts in travelling the world to ensure the delivering of a good quality product in terms of world tournaments, and thanks also given to the leadership of Norway for the support.

We continue to look to National Federations to provide information through formal documentation to ensure that we continue developing a product that is of a high standard. We acknowledge that we need to improve in communication, in terms of marketing, communicating to members and we endeavor to continue working on this to develop strategies to improve on this. We continue to rebuild, by looking at supporting existing nations and new nations through initiatives such as development of coaching, officials, and equipment.

We look at developing systems that allow us to create a product that capitalizes on corporate support and delivering high quality tournaments. We have developed new statues to create good structure. We look for feedback on how we can continue to grow this. We continue to develop systems and processes to ensure we provide a clean sport, a fair sport. We continue to strive to input correct personnel, into correct positions, as we strive to develop our pool of personnel as we recognise at present we have a limited number of volunteers overburdened with workloads which can at times assist in the breakdowns that we experience from time to time.

We continue to strive to deliver a product that is led in a professional and ethical manner, and undergo continue improvements to ensure that we strive to deliver a sport that we can proud of. We have created tools that identify areas of improvement that are measured and monitored against set performance benchmarks. Mr. Fuller referred to the template displayed on the screen as a demonstration. Mr. Fuller referred to the documents offered and displayed by the International Netball Federation as a measure to which IFAF is striving to achieve. We acknowledge that it's a journey, and we acknowledge that the road may be rough at times.

As a governing body we have commenced implementing this type of structure. Mr. Fuller referred to the creation of the Future of Officiating document displayed on the screen.

Over the last 12 months we have obviously been embroiled in legal disputes, but we continue to reflect on how we rebuild continents, committees in order to develop a sport that we believe our members deserve.

---

#### 5. Vote on the approval of the Executive Board Report

Motion to approve the Annual Executive Report

<b><u>Proposed by:</u></b>	Israel
<b><u>Second:</u></b>	Norway
<b><u>Vote:</u></b>	Passed - All in Favor – Motion Carried

---



## 6. Presentation of the Annual Report by the Treasurer

**Discussion:** As we move to rebuild we strive to create an open transparent chart of accounts that demonstrate organizations assets, operating and travel costs, registrations and subscriptions, debtors, creditors and balances.

We owe a range of organizations for their support with CAS and legal battles. We have had revenue removed from the Paris bank account as we strive to audit the expenditure over the last two terms. We are aware of financial transactions that were run through other accounts that were setup utilizing the IFAF name.

The finance shown does not incur debt that we are chasing from parties or future legal costs that may be incurred. We have a range of debt that we are repaying to international organizations for costs incurred over the last periods without our knowledge on activities that necessarily did not affect members of our organization. We thank those members that have supported IFAF financially through this period. The accounts shown are displayed both in Euro and US Dollars due to the establishment of US bank account.

The body of our revenue is derived from registration of events and tournaments. Core expenditure is demonstrated to be legal fees, registrations to bodies, and reimbursement of board members itemized travel expenses.

We are in the process of implementing new accounts which will allow IFAF to handle payments in an efficient and cost effective manner.

**Vote:** All in Favor – Motion Carried

**Abstentions:** No

---

## 7. Vote on the approval of the Financial Report

Motion to approve the Annual Financial Report

**Proposed by:** Great Britain

**Second:** Canada

**Vote:** All in Favor – Motion Carried

**Abstentions:** No

---

## 8. Submission of the Budget and Plan of Action

Motion to approve the 2018/19 budget

**Discussion:** We find it difficult to put forward a budget due to the unknown legal costs the organization may incur over the next 12 months. As we look at installing new Chairs in the continental committees we look to them to advise the board of the activities they require and the cost associated.

We continue to run the sport on a volunteer basis with minimal expenditure incurred. Mr. Fuller and Mr. Josey are working closely with WADA and recognised IOC testing agencies to develop frameworks to ensure we offer a clean sport. This is emerging and we cannot quantify costs that may be incurred at this time

In terms of championships we have U19 European championships; Men's tackle football and Women's European.



We commit that we will be able to meet the costs associated to run these. There will be costs incurred with chef de mission travel charges, and associated travel charges with ensuring key executive members are able to attend congress meetings.

We have obligations to pay organizations such as GAISF, and will pay these accounts as they fall due. Mr. Fuller proposed that under the principles of good governance, as we are able to create a budget, do the members in good faith allow the executive to allocate funds into areas as they fall due. The congress has requested that the executive provide a minimal budget outlining costs that we are aware of.

---

## 9. Vote on the approval of the Budget and Action Plan

Motion to approve the 2018/19 budget

**Proposed by:** Great Britain

**Seconded by:** Israel

**Vote:** All in Favor – Motion Carried

**Abstentions:** Haiti

---

## 10. Membership of Nations

***Discussion:*** What constitutes full memberships, active and associate, who can use the IFAF logo? There is an acceptance to the tier structure with acknowledgement of disagreements and challenges in terms of costs associated, what each tier provides, and the value nations see in the structure.

It is important we reflect on what the memberships mean the value that is seen in the membership. There are no such concepts that provide lifetime membership to National federations based on time served, as members fall out of various requirements to meet various membership status, they will ultimately lose membership status. Members will be required to meet membership obligations or alternatively not be recognised and lose the ability to use the IFAF logo and brand.

The executive looks to achieve consensus from the congress that we continue to work with nations to meet the membership requirements, but for those nations that do not meet requirements and undertake activities that do not meet our statutes, those nations continue to work down the membership framework until they are no longer recognised as a member.

---

## 11. Proposals from the Membership

**Motion One:** Establishment of a new competitions framework for the European Championships

Withdrawn - Austria

Second: Great Britain

---



## 12. Election of Executive Board members – Continental

Motion to approve nominated persons.

Africa George Alwang'a

**Proposed by:** Great Britain

**Second:** Israel

**Vote:** All in favor – Vote Carried

---

Americas Jaime Carizzo

**Proposed by:** Panama

**Second:** Canada

**Vote:** All in favor – Vote Carried

---

Europe Gregor Murth

**Proposed by:** Austria

**Second:** Great Britain

**Vote:** All in favor – Vote Carried

---

Asia Dr. KK Park

**Proposed by:** South Korea

**Second:** Japan

**Vote:** All in favor – Vote Carried

---

Oceania Michael Ryan

**Proposed by:** Australia

**Second:** Norway

**Vote:** All in favor – Vote Carried

---

Discussions: It is noted that we have not received all of the conflict of interest documentation, however the board moves that the elections proceed on the understanding these documents will be received, and those who do not meet requirements are removed.

The board also notes that the region of Africa does not currently have active membership; however it is felt in order to ensure continued progress in the region the board has appointed as per the statutes.

---



### 13. Other Business

Football Canada asked for clarification re broadcast rights for tournaments and has advised that the placement for role at the Mexican world cup was in direct competition to Football Canada. Mr. Fuller has advised that IFAF is in the process of developing a policy framework regarding this to ensure it does not occur in the future.

Football Canada has advised congress of the passing of Rick Sowetia and recognised his efforts towards development of the sport

Serbia asked congress re a resource pool from which to assist with the developmental aspect of the sport. USA football has advised that they have resources they are willing to share.

The executive advised Congress that Cameroon are progressing in there endeavors to become a recognised sport by IFAF.

**Motion:** Cameroon be granted the opportunity to apply for associate level status over the next 12 months.

<b><u>Proposed-</u></b>	Israel
<b><u>Seconded –</u></b>	Norway
<b><u>Vote –</u></b>	All in Favor

Mexican Federation requested an update on the FISU / IFAF relationship. Mr. Fuller advised that we recognise and thank FISU for the endeavors in the promotion of the sport globally. Despite initial disappointments we are committed to working with FISU as we renegotiate contracts associated with this event. The next event will be held in Hungary.

---

### 14. Presentation by Host Nation – 2019 World Championship Host Nation

Power point and video presentation narrated by Mr. Darrin Mitchell – Gridiron Australia President.

---

### 15. Congress 2019 Announcement

The executive will advise in due course the dates and location of the 2019 Congress

---

#### Closure of Congress:

Motion to close Congress

Proposed by: France

Second: Israel

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried



Name: Thomas Kesser-Lervik

Signature:

Name: Pierre Trochet

Signature:

Name: Nichole McCulloch

Signature:

General Secretary: Christopher Josey

Signature:

President: Richard Martin

Signature:



Prenom: Thomas Kesser-Lervik

Signature:

Prenom: Pierre Trochet

Signature:

Prenom: Nichole McCulloch

Signature:

General Secretary: Christopher Josey

Signature:

President: Richard Martin

Signature: