



BoD Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2025 Online

Meeting Called to Order: Chris Cugliari, Secretary General, called the meeting to order at 14h30m Eastern Time.

President's Welcome: President Elise Seignolle informed the group that she received communication from ACODEPA (PanAm Sport Organization) that they have reviewed our application and we expect it to be on track for endorsement and approval soon. AMBC is still listed on the website and it will be a great step to get this approval soon.

Roll Call: Chris Cugliari, Secretary General, conducted the roll call.

Board Members Present: Elise Seignolle, Ryan O'Shea, Tomas Cianca, Stephen Jones, Dhany Reyes, Kathy Harper-Hall, Marcos Candido de Brito, Amabelis Camano. Quorum was established.

Guest presents: N/A

Board Members Absent: Tamm Thibeault (excused), Abner Teixeira (excused)

Quick recap

The meeting minutes from June 30 were approved, pending 1 spelling corrections. Stephen made motion to approve, Kathy seconded, board unanimously approved. These minutes were redistributed immediately after the meeting on July 28.

Remote board votes approved:

- Frank Fiacco (CAN), Ray Silvas (USA), Carlos Renato Sorbile (BRA) added to Event Management & Bidding Commission (part of Sport & Competition Committee) – Ryan, Kathy, Elise, Stephen, Amabelis, Marcos approved
- Angel Villareal (USA), Doug Emery (USA) added to R&J Commission (part of Sport & Competition Committee) - Ryan, Kathy, Elise, Stephen, Amabelis, Marcos approved
- Draft letter to World Boxing Executive Board regarding recommendation for Ecuadorian Boxing Federation approved – Abner, Kathy, Stephen, Marcos, Ryan, Elise approved. Dhany rejected.

1. Membership Update

- 5 new members have been approved since May – up to 27 total (this has since increased to 28 with the addition of Nicaragua)
- Reiterated importance that Nicaragua complete their paperwork soon, as having them in Central American Games will increase likelihood that weight classes will have ≥ 3 contestants
- Ryan confirmed that he had not yet received any application from Aruba nor Curacao



- Dhany was going to try to connect with the NOC of Nicaragua to help progress their membership

2. World Boxing Congress & Cup

- Chris reiterated the information regarding the upcoming Congress – planned for November 23 at New Delhi, IN
- Will include elections for President, 1 Vice President, 2 Executive Board (1 male, 1 female)
- Athletes Committee elections will occur at upcoming Liverpool World Championships in Liverpool
- Members will fail to maintain status 'in good standing' if their statutes reference IBA/AIBA or AMBC
 - Must also be current with dues paid
- Will work with World Boxing to get updated lists of members who must take appropriate actions to remain in good standing

3. Discussion on Ecuador & Peru

- Chris previously sent memo to Board of Directors explaining possible violations of membership by Ecuador Boxing Federation; however, upon further review and updates, it does not appear that the current leadership has been controlling the new social media page that references IBA and AMBC events
 - There was likely a delay in operational takeover of the legacy Federation page, which is why the promotion of IBA did not stop until Q2 2025
 - The NOC does not appear to have influence over the National Federation at the moment
 - The NF leadership for the team who attended our Colombia tournament is led by a representative of the Sport Ministry – some controversy over his election, however they do not appear to be breaking World Boxing rules
 - There is a newer group claiming to be the Ecuadorian Boxing Federation that does not have legitimate authority from the NOC nor Sport Ministry – we should not pay them any attention
- If we recommend to World Boxing that Ecuador is suspended and they follow our recommendation, registered athletes would not be able to participate in Liverpool World Championships
- IOC works with NOCs and NOCs register athletes for multi-sport games
- IOC has sent warnings to Ecuador regarding government interference in the NOC and National Federations
 - Tomas recommended that World Boxing consult directly with the IOC on how to handle this dilemma
 - Dhany mentioned that there is alleged interference of the government in the previous National Federation elections, and there is a call soon for new transparent elections
 - We must be ready if the NOC or NF calls for someone from World Boxing or the Confederation to serve as an observer to the election



- Chris clarified the request that the Confederation recommend to World Boxing to seek guidance from the IOC on how to handle Ecuador's membership
- Chris will draft letter to World Boxing from Confederation to consult with IOC to direct World Boxing how to handle the Ecuador situation. The board will approve this before it goes to World Boxing.
- Peru is experiencing similar challenges – Chris has emailed 'interim' group but they have not responded. Tomas recommends we first contact Vicente Roberto to understand from his perspective what has happened, and then we can contact others as appropriate.
 - Chris will schedule time to connect with Vicente Roberto

4. Sport & Competition Committee

- 3 Commissions approved:
 - R&J Commission (Fernando Servide – Chair)
 - Coaches Commission (Chris Lindsay and Laurence Hunte – Co-Chairs)
 - Event Management Commission (Matt Johnson and Paula Avakian – Co-Chairs)
- Central American Games – TD has been selected and accepted
 - Selection procedures approved by Sport & Competition Committee
- Registration Window for Pan American R&J's to sign up for certification which will be vetted by World Boxing. If a candidate passes vetting, World Boxing will handle the testing and certification.
 - This will be communicated at next Town Hall in early August
 - Registering more Pan American R&Js will help with availability and will help us successfully hold multi-sport games in 2025
 - Will allow us to use more qualified local R&Js to keep costs lower
 - Will be critical that our National Federations submit their candidates as soon as possible through the registration window
 - It is important that candidates possess the required level of experience (i.e., 1-3 international tournaments with ≥ 5 National Federations)
- Bolivarian Games – site visit keeps getting moved and we are having issues with the organizing committee
 - They have since attempted to change the dates of competition, which is of concern because it interferes with World Boxing Cup and Congress in India
 - Chris and Hernan are attempting to correct this
- We continue to draft ad hoc selection procedure documents for approval by Sport & Competition Committee that will apply to each individual competition

5. Competition Bidding

- Panamerican Boxing Confederation will own two competitions in 2026:
 - Central American & Caribbean Games Qualifier (April)
 - Continental Confederation Elite Championships (August – November)
- Sport & Competition Committee have been drafting bidding guidelines which should be available for distribution by mid-August
 - Deadline to receive bids will be September 15 (NOTE: This has since been changed to October 1)



- Deadline for board approval of bid will be September 30 (NOTE: This has since been changed to October 15)
- Deadline for signing Host City Agreements will be October 15 (NOTE: This has since been changed to October 31)
- Calendar for 2026 will be announced October 15 (NOTE: This has since been changed to October 31)
- Possible overlap between U19 Futures Cup (Eligibility tournament for Youth Olympic Games) and Youth South American Games in March 2026 – will be important to communicate to National Federations during Town Hall, as U19 Futures Cup should only include boxers born after November 13, 2008 as those born before are ineligible for Dhakar 2026
- The remainder of the 2026 calendar (World Boxing events, Multi-Sport Games, Confederation owned events) was discussed

6. Sponsorship Opportunities

- Sting – agreement has been executed and they are working to support Central American Games
 - Will discuss during Town Hall
 - Request that who is interested in an introduction should let us know so we can set that up
 - Initial introductions have been made with Panama
 - Will be handled by case by case basis
- Other opportunities / commercial partnerships
 - Will rely on our mission, vision, and values
 - Reminder – of 27 members, 10 went to Olympic Games (out of 11 total PanAm)
 - We have good ecosystem which represents interesting demographic and group
 - 62% of National Federations represent our Confederation
 - 360 degree approach to boxing:
 - Different industries are linked to our success (e.g., nutrition, travel, sporting goods, media, etc.)
 - Businesses with Corporate Social Responsibility may be appealing – we help empower at risk youth, women, and other disenfranchised groups
 - Holistic perspective will allow us to find opportunities in areas that may not be obvious, but could be promising for funding
 - Elise will continue to lead these efforts – goal is to reach up to \$100k in sponsorship opportunities
 - Elise requests that board members reach out to their networks to help
 - When we find commercial partners, we want to get both cash and VIK for our members

7. Website Development

- In progress – will continue to update

8. Town Hall



- Scheduled for August 4
- Will include call for Commission members
- Still require two male athletes (1 from Central America)
- Reminder on R&J registration window
- Reminder about membership requirements for Congress
- Ringside Physician application process

9. Other New Business

- Kathy asked about whether we should charge membership dues, however, we want to be sure we are first delivering value
- Europe has introduced membership fees and they may be a bit prohibitive

10. Action Items

- Chris to draft letter regarding recommendation for World Boxing to address IOC regarding Ecuador Boxing Federation
- Chris to schedule time for he and Tomas to meet with Vicente Roberto regarding Peru situation
- Chris to open R&J Registration window

The meeting was adjourned at 16h07m EST (Kathy made motion, Elise seconded)