



AFRICAN POWERLIFTING FEDERATION



AFRICAN POWERLIFTING FEDERATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

DATE : 8 March 2023

PLACE : Elgro Conference Hall, Potchefstroom, SOUTH AFRICA

TIME : 14h00

1. Roll Call

Meet Director Hannie Smith welcomed the attendees to the General Assembly and thanked IPF President Gaston Parage for attending. He wished the assembled nations good luck for the Championships.

APF Executive present:

Elmamoun Mohamed – President (MOR)

Heather Leighton – Vice President (RSA)

Kamel Nedjah – General Secretary (ALG)

Hamid Jamal – Treasurer (MOR)

Hannie Smith – TC Chairman (RSA)

By Zoom link: Gaston Parage – IPF President

Apologies received from Law Chairman Mohamed Marie (EGY)

7 Member Nations represented:

Algeria

Cape Verde (by proxy)

Egypt (by proxy)

Libya

Morocco – without vote

South Africa

Tunisia (by proxy)

Quorum = 30% of full members. Seven out of the total 19 members represented, therefore a quorum is present.

Voting strength:

1. Elmamoun drew the attention of the congress to article 10.2.1 of the APF Constitution which states that the mandate of elected officers expires at the electoral Congress, and therefore only member nations (and not the EC) should have a vote.

2. The membership were advised that as per the email directive received from IPF General Secretary



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Robert Keller, countries who have not paid their IPF membership fees should be ineligible to nominate candidates for election, or to vote. The APF members affected by this directive are

Benin
Cameroon
Ghana
Ivory Coast
Morocco
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Togo
Uganda
Zimbabwe

According to this directive, Morocco was not eligible to nominate candidates for election or to vote. Elmamoun disagreed with this decision, and so the matter was put to a vote of all member nations present. Result: 5/2 in favour of the directive making Morocco ineligible to nominate candidates or to vote.

Resulting voting strength: 6 member nations. (Algeria, Cape Verde (by proxy), Egypt (by proxy), Libya, South Africa, Tunisia (by proxy))

2. President's Address

The President's address as published in the 2022 Annual Report was accepted by the membership.

3. Vice President's Report

The Vice President's report as published in the 2022 Annual Report was accepted by the membership.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report as published in the 2022 Annual Report was accepted by the membership.

5. Auditor's Report

The Auditor's report as published in the 2022 Annual Report was accepted by the membership.

6. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary's report as published in the 2022 Annual Report was accepted by the membership.

7. Committee Reports

The Technical Chairman's report and the Law Commission Chairman's report as published in the 2022 Annual Report were accepted by the membership.



8. Elections

Position	Candidates nominated	Successful Candidate	Votes For	Votes Against	Abstained
President	1. Elmamoun Mohamed (MOR - ineligible) 2. Kamel Nedjah (ALG)	Kamel Nedjah (ALG)	5	1	0
Vice President	1. Heather Leighton (RSA – withdrawn) 2. Munayr Alshuwayhidi (LIB)	Munayr Alshuwayhidi (LIB)	5	1	0
General Secretary	1. Heather Leighton (RSA) 2. Kamel Nedjah (ALG – withdrawn)	Heather Leighton (RSA)	5	1	0
Treasurer	1. Hamid Jamal (MOR – ineligible)	None			
Technical Commission	1. Hannie Smith (RSA)	Hannie Smith (RSA)	5	1	0
Law and legislation Commission	1. Aboushousha Oussama (EGY – not present – ineligible) 2. Taib Mourad (ALG)	Taib Mourad (ALG)	5	1	0
Executive Member	1. Taib Mourad (ALG – withdrawn)	None			
IPF Board member for Africa	1. Heather Leighton (RSA)	Heather Leighton (RSA)	5	1	0

The successful candidates were congratulated by the assembly.

As the incoming president, Kamel suggested that in order to ensure the smooth running of the APF finances, Hamid Jamal be retained as treasurer until the issue of Morocco's eligibility is resolved, and formally voted in at the next meeting of APF members in Algiers in October. This decision was approved by the membership.

9. Action on Proposed Amendments

The APF Constitution needs to be amended in line with the IPF constitution. The executive will make this a priority in the coming months.

10. New Member Applications

No new applications received

11 Delinquent Nations

As per the directive received from Robert Keller, the IPF will propose that any member nations who have not paid their IPF membership fee for 2 or more years will be suspended from the IPF at the 2023 IPF General Assembly in Malta. This list includes 11 APF members. A letter will be sent to each



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of these nations informing them of this decision and encouraging them to pay all outstanding IPF and APF fees immediately, to prevent being suspended from the IPF and APF.

The IPF General Assembly will be requested to exclude Cameroon from the IPF following visa misuse and affiliation with the WRPF, in violation of the IPF Constitution, in addition to non-payment of affiliation fees.

12. Hall of Fame

The APF membership are encouraged to nominate candidates to the APF Hall of Fame.

13. Future Championships

Following Hannie Smith's suggestion, the assembly agreed that based on the small number of nominations for the African Classic and Equipped Bench Press Championships, we go back to having one combined African Classic and Equipped Powerlifting and Bench Press Championships every year.

The assembly agreed that the African Championships should be held in the North one year, followed by the South the next year. The 2023 Classic and Equipped Powerlifting Championships will be held in Algiers, Algeria.

The 2024 African Powerlifting and Bench Press Championships will be held in South Africa.

Libya expressed an interest in hosting the 2025 African Championships.

All interested nations are encouraged to submit a bid should they wish to host the championships in future.

14 Any Other Business

Libya asked why the African Records had not been published on the website. Heather explained that there had been a problem getting the website updated, but she would work with Nadezhda and Eric to ensure that the results and records were published on the website soon.

15 Adjournment

The assembly thanked IPF President Gaston Parage for his attendance and guidance, which is always appreciated. The meeting was adjourned at 16h00.