



## **JJIF** *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [ JJIF] held at the Ju-Jitsu Asian Union [JJAU] headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor , Capital Tower , Abu Dhabi, UAE , on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

### **Members Present :**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>First name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Theodoropoulos	Panagiotis	JJIF President
AL Hashmi	Abdulmunem Alsayed M.	President Asia
Aloise	Ignacio Vicente	President Pan America
Quenza	Dario Piero	President Europe
TATSA TCHINDA	Colince	President Africa
Sung	Dylan	JJIF Vice President
Borissov	Tomo	JJIF Vice President
Lanzoni	Igor	JJIF Vice President
AL Shamsi	Fahad Ali	JJAU General Secretary
Al Muthafer	Jaffer	Olympic Council of Asia
Domagata	Eugene	JJIF General Manager
Thumfart	Joachim	JJIF Sport Director
Gopi	Suresh	President India / Legal advisor JJIF
Proag	Nuvin	President Mauritius / Legal Advisor JJIF
Avramov	Doriyan	Advisor / Translator
Boehme	Hans	Legal Advisor JJIF

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**Leave of absence** was granted to Ms. Dana Mortelmans , JJIF General Secretary , due to her inability to travel.

**Absent:** Mr. Luc Mortelmans , JJIF Treasurer [ due to Resignation]

### **1. Welcome address by the host nation:**

*The Chairman of the Ju-Jitsu Asian Union [ JJAU] H.E. Abdulmunem Al Hashmi addressed the gathering and cordially welcomed the members present to Abu Dhabi and to the JJAU Headquarters*

### **2. Quorum and welcome address by the JJIF President**

*The President of JJIF, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, thanked the His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, the Chairman of the JJAU and the Abu Dhabi authorities for their warm and cordial hospitality , and welcomed the JJIF, the Board members under the former Statutes (prior to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015) and the Board members under the new Statutes (as from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015)- and invitees present to the first Executive Board Meeting of the JJIF in 2016.*

*He remarked that it could be the first ever Executive Board Meeting of the JJIF, wherein all the Vice-Presidents (under the former Statutes) or FOUR Continental Unions were represented.*

*He declared that both Boards are quorate and declared the first 2016 Executive Board Meeting of the JJIF as open.*

*He added that in order to avoid any contention, voting members of the Board under the former Statutes and voting members of the Board under the new Statutes will vote separately on crucial items of the Agenda.*

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*The JJIF President then requested the Members present to approve the Agenda presented to them and both Boards separately voted Unanimously to adopt the Same.*

### **3. Financial status of JJIF**

*The JJIF President informed the members of the letter of Resignation received from the Mr. Luc Mortelmans, JJIF Treasurer and added that he did not accept the un-validated reasons cited by Mr. Mortelmans but nonetheless proposed to accept the said resignation and requested the Members present to vote on the same .*

*The President also suggested that for the sake of good order and clarity , a vote on this motion should be taken separately by both the former Board Members and the New Board Members in full compliance with the New Statutes of the JJIF as ratified by the JJIF General Assembly at Kamena Vourla, Greece ,on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015.*

*The former JJIF Board Members comprising of ;*

- *President Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos ,*
- *Vice President Mr. Dylan Sung*
- *Vice President Mr. Tomo Borissov*
- *Vice President Mr. Igor Lanzoni*

*unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Luc Mortlemans from the post of Treasurer of the JJIF.*

*The New Board Members in full compliance to the New Statutes of the JJIF, comprising of initially of ;*

- *President Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos ,*
- *Vice President [ Representing Asia ] Mr Abdulmunem Al Hashmi*
- *Vice President [ Representing Europe ] Mr. Dario Piero Quenza*
- *Vice President [ Representing Pan America ] Mr. Ignacio Aloise*
- *Vice President [Representing Africa ] Mr. Colince Tatsa Tchinde*

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*unanimously voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Luc Mortlemans from the post of Treasurer of the JJIF.*

### **Further steps (Handing over of accounts and data)**

*The President requested the Members present to study the Balance sheet of the JJIF as submitted by the former Treasurer and asked if any clarifications were needed by any member present.*

*The President also said that the initial scrutiny of the said Balance Sheet had revealed some discrepancies in the Video Material and the Data Base costs as though the budget for the same was approved by the Board, the figures reflected in the B/S were not in conformity with the amounts approved. He added that further clarity was needed on the bifurcation [if any] of the income arising from the events held and the amounts that were approved to have been allotted directly to the Unions own expenditure.*

*The president clarified that he sees no malafide intent whatsoever in the statements handed over and that he would seek additional information on this at a later stage from the former Treasurer*

### **Appointment of Acting Treasurer**

*The President proposed subject to the General Assembly approval, that the future structure of the JJIF would not include the post of Treasurer in the Executive Board and that such function would be delegated in future to a Board appointed Financial Director, who would not have any voting rights.*

*The duties of the Financial Director would only be to administer and control the JJIF financial transactions as approved and sanctioned by the Board.*

However until the 2016 General Assembly, it was necessary to nominate an interim Acting Treasurer of JJIF.

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The President added that the current JJIF Bank account at Belgium would have to be closed and a new JJIF Bank account would have to be opened in the city of residence of the proposed Acting Treasurer.

#### **4. Board Structure in legal compliance to the 2015 Statutes JJIF**

*The President informed the Members present that it was mandatory for the JJIF to legally comply with the Statutes as approved and ratified by the General Assembly at Kamena Vourla , Greece in July 2015*

*Accordingly he proposed that the former JJIF Board Members with the right to vote [ with the exception of the President, Secretary General & Treasurer ] should retire from their elected positions with immediate effect and handover charge to the New Board members in accordance with the Article 8.1 of the Statutes.*

*The incumbent JJIF Board Members comprising of ;*

*Vice President Mr. Dylan Sung*

*Vice President Mr. Tomo Borissov*

*Vice President Mr. Igor Lanzoni*

*unanimously and individually agreed to retire from their elected positions on the JJIF Board and unanimously agreed to hand over charge to the New JJIF Board Members as stated below , so as to be in full legal compliance with the JJIF statutes;*

*Vice President [ Continental President Asia ] Mr Abul munem Al Hashmi*

*Vice President [ Continental President Europe ] Mr. Dario Piero Quenza*

*Vice President [ Continental President Pan America ] Mr. Ignacio Aloise*

*Vice President [Continental President Africa ] Mr. Colince Tatsa Tchinde*

*The President clarified that the tenure of these new Board Members are only until the 2016 General Assembly and Elections and reminded the*

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*Continental Presidents that as per the New Statutes they too must conduct their General Assembly and their Executive Board Elections prior to the date of the JJIF General Assembly.*

### **5. Appointment Senior Vice President**

As provided in Clause 8.1.1. of the Statutes, the JJIF President proposed that the Continental President of Asia H.E. Abdul Munem Al Hashmi be appointed as the Senior Vice President of the JJIF, with the authority to represent the President of JJIF in case of his absence or his incapacity .

The Members present applauded the appointment and unanimously endorsed the said appointment of the Senior Vice President .

H.E. Abdulmunem Al Hashmi, Senior Vice President of the JJIF addressed the Board Members , expressing his foremost gratitude to His Highness Sheikh **Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces , for his continued benevolence and valued patronage for the global propagation of Ju-Jitsu.

He added that he willingly accepts the appointment as the Senior Vice President of JJIF and said that has no personal agenda here and that his only goal as the Senior Vice President of JJIF and Chairman of JJAU is only to actively render whatever help that is possible to each and every Ju Jitsu Athlete across the world .

He added that all Continental Unions must all work together and support the JJIF president and produce positive results. Only armed with positive results can one request for further support from His Highness Sheikh **Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces and that all internal disputes and human issues within JJIF must be resolved amicably by working together. He requested all members to come up with concrete plans and proposals to improve the development and propagation of Ju-Jitsu.

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### **6. Management of JJIF and intermediate duties until election 2016**

*Acting Treasurer : In lieu of resignation of Mr. Luc Mortelmans , the President proposed that Mr. Tomo Borissov JJIF Member from Bulgaria be nominated as the Acting Treasurer of the JJIF for the period ending at the 2016 General Assembly .*

*The New Board Members approved the proposal and unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Borissov as the interim Acting Treasurer of the JJIF . Mr. Borissov addressed the Board and said that he was pleased to take up this role and fulfill his duties as assigned by the JJIF Board .*

#### **2016 JJIF Board**

*Accordingly the New Board of JJIF with voting powers shall until the 2016 General Assembly , comprise of only seven members as under :*

President : Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

Snr Vice President [ Continental President Asia ] Mr Abulmunem Al Hashmi

Vice President [ Continental President Europe ] Mr. Dario Piero Quenza

Vice President [ Continental President Pan America ] Mr. Ignacio Aloise

Vice President [Continental President Africa ] Mr. Colince Tatsa Tchinde

General Secretary : Mrs. Dana Mortelmans

Treasurer : Mr. Tomo Borissov [ Acting Treasurer ]

#### **JJIF Headquarters , General Secretary - activities and consequences**

The President informed the members that Management Structure of the JJIF Board needs to be changed especially pertaining to the role and duties of the General Secretary of the JJIF .

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As the JJIF Extra Ordinary General Assembly in November 2015 at Bangkok , had already approved the shifting of the JJIF headquarters to Abu Dhabi, the president proposed that this be done on step by step basis , with the first step being establishing the JJIF Secretariat at Abu Dhabi.

Keeping in line with the IOC recognition goal of the JJIF, the president added that it is essential for the JJIF to professionally manage its work and establish its secretariat with a team of dedicated full time staff . This is essential also for paving the way to The Asian Games at Indonesia and the World Beach Games at San Diego.

He stressed that only with a modern and fully equipped secretariat with full time staff members can JJIF meet the needs of its 111 National members and at the same time function efficiently and transparently and thus attain the requisite standards of an International Sports Federation under IOC guidelines.

Accordingly he proposed that Board approves that the JJIF Secretariat and administrative headquarters be immediately relocated to the JJAU headquarters at Abu Dhabi, under the joint administrative control of the following persons :

Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi : Secretary General JJAU

Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer : Coordinator & Representative of JJIF in Asia

Mr . Joachim Thumfart : Sports Director JJIF

Mr. Eugene Domagata : General Manager JJIF

Ms Vicky Kontou: Secretary to the JJIF President

The President also proposed that the Board vote on the motion to temporarily suspend the authority and assigned duties of the incumbent General Secretary Mrs. Dana Mortelmans, citing several allegations raised, including the alleged lack of transparency, dereliction of duty, unethical code of conduct, vested interests and allegedly exceeding her authority without the requisite approval of the or the JJIF Board.

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The President also directed that members of both the present executive board and members of the former executive board present at this meeting , must vote on these motions separately as two different bodies .

After much deliberation the members of the former Executive Board and the members of the present Executive Board of JJIF voted separately and unanimously and resolved as under :

a. To temporarily suspend the authority and assigned duties of the incumbent General Secretary with immediate effect, pending the findings of the JJIF Ethics and Disciplinary Committee as to the allegations so raised and pending ratification of any action by the JJIF General assembly

b. To relocate and establish the JJIF Secretariat with immediate effect at the JJAU headquarters at Capital Towers , Abu Dhabi under the joint administrative control of Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi , Mr. Joachim Thumfart, Mr. Eugene Domagata and Dr. Jaffer Al Muthaffer and Ms V.Kontou.

It was also resolved that the interim email id of the JJIF secretariat shall be [jjif@jjau.org](mailto:jjif@jjau.org) and work shall be initiated so that JJIF can own and directly administer its website [www.jjif.info](http://www.jjif.info)

### **7. Roles and duties in the Board**

The members were informed of proposed Roles and Duties of the Executive Board as per attached sheet regarding :

*Management / Disciplines / Committees*

*Technical committee in different disciplines*

*Referee responsibility Ne-Waza*

*Grading Commission and rules for grading*

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The Executive Board of the JJIF resolved that H.E. Abdulmunem Al Hashmi shall be inducted as the Chairman of the JJIF Ne-Waza Technical Committee

The Executive Board of the JJIF also resolved that Mr. Alex Paz of Brazil shall be the leading JJIF expert in refereeing of the Ne Waza Discipline.

The JJIF Board resolved that JJIF Grading and Rules for Grading shall be decided by the President and the JJIF Board itself.

### **8. Activity program 2016/2017**

Preparation of U21 World Championship 2016 Madrid  
Preparation of JJIF World Championship 2016 Wroclaw  
World Games (IWGA) 2017 Wroclaw  
World Beach Games (ANOC/IOC) 2017 San Diego

The Board unanimously resolved that the JJIF Sports Director Mr. Joachim Thumfart and the JJIF General Manager shall undertake full responsibilities for the above events and activities.

### **9. Convention and General Assembly 2016 (Election of President)**

*Vietnam in September*

16.09. (17.09.) GA – Statutes and structure according IOC recommendation - Agenda 2016

18.09. Competition Beach Open (not for ABG participants)

19.09. JJIF Electoral GA

20.-22. 09. Asian Beach Games Ju-Jitsu

The Board welcomed and approved the proposal of conducting the JJIF Convention, the JJIF General Assembly and 2016 Elections of the Executive Board at Vietnam and resolved that timely help from OCA should be sought to facilitate accreditation and hotel accommodation for all participants.

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## 10. Future structure of JJIF according IOC recommendations

### *Proposal for Regional representatives*

The future structure proposal for JJIF was presented to the Members as per attached Powerpoint Presentation.

## 11. Overview of membership status of JJIF

The Board was presented with an updated list of JJIF National Members totaling 111.

Resolved that Each member Federation needs to be contacted to obtain validated recognition documents immediately .

## 12. Membership Korea

The Board resolved it would follow the recommendations of the Korea Olympic Committee as regards to who is the legitimate recognized member to whom JJIF/ JJAU should grant Full Membership.

## 13. Memorandum “Relation of Pro-Jiu-Jitsu and “official” Ju-Jitsu

The Board was presented with a Draft of the proposed Memorandum for subsequent ratification

## 14. Bangkok (general information - result)

The World Championship was successfully conducted at Bangkok, Thailand with the support of the host nation and JJAU with participation of almost 500 athletes and delegates from all FIVE continents . Medals were widely distributed amongst 11 nations

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## 15. Vote of Thanks

Mr Suresh Gopi gave the vote of thanks, expressing JJIF appreciation to His Highness **Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces and the chairmen and the JJAU Board for providing all the facilities to successfully conduct this JJIF Board meeting at their Asian Headquarters at Abu Dhabi.

There being no other issues on the Agenda, the President declared the JJIF Board Meeting as adjourned.

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With the best regards



Panagiotis Theodoropoulos  
JJIF President  
AIMS Vice President

Attachments:

- List of attendance
- PP – Structure
- Memorandum Pro Jiu-Jitsu – JJIF Ju-Jitsu
- Technical Commission

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