# **AIBA STATUTES**

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#### 1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In these Statutes the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them in this article 1.1:

"AIBA"

means the International Boxing Association, an association registered under the laws of Switzerland;

"AIBA Approved Events"

means any event, competition or tournament between National Federations or Boxers which is authorized and approved in accordance with the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules:

"AIBA Bylaws"

means the regulations supplementing, complementing and completing these Statutes which may be created, adopted, amended or varied by the Executive Committee in accordance with article 38:

"AIBA Headquarters"

means the administrative headquarters and staff of AIBA based in Lausanne, Switzerland, or such other location as may be decided by the Executive Committee:

"AIBA Technical & Competition Rules"

means the rules governing technical and competition aspects of all events, competitions or tournaments organized or hosted by, or involving, AIBA, a Confederation or any National Federation, as determined by the Executive Committee;

"AIBA Marketing Company"

means an entity established by AIBA acting in conjunction with multi partners to manage all marketing properties of AOB, WSB and APB;

"AIBA Subsidiary"

means an organization with its own budget, statutes, constitution or bylaws, that is a subsidiary of AIBA and falls under the authority of the AIBA Executive Committee;

"Annual Fee"

means an amount of US\$ 250.00 due and payable by each National Federation to AIBA annually as a membership fee, subject to amendment by a decision of the Congress in accordance with <u>article</u> 23:

"AOB"

means AIBA Olympic Boxing;

"APB"

means AIBA Professional Boxing;

"Boxer"

means any person licensed or authorized by a National Federation to compete as a boxer in AIBA Approved Events:

"Code of Ethics"

means the code of ethical behavior applicable to AIBA, each Confederation, each National Federation and any Official or Boxer affiliated to or recognized by any National Federation, which such code may be created, adopted or amended by the Executive Committee in accordance with article 38:

"Commission"

means each commission having authority under these Statutes established in accordance with article 45 or article 38:

"Confederation"

means a continental organization recognized under <u>article 20</u> and representing those National Federations which are located in the relevant continent:

# "Congress"

means the National Federations acting collectively in accordance with these Statutes as the supreme legislative body of AIBA;

# "Disciplinary Code"

means the rules and regulations governing disciplinary matters applicable to AIBA, each Confederation, each National Federation and any Official or Boxer affiliated to each National Federation, which such rules and regulations may be created, adopted or amended by the Executive Committee in accordance with article 38;

# "Disciplinary Commission"

means the commission appointed by the President and having authority over disciplinary matters under the Disciplinary Code in accordance with article 47;

#### "FC Bureau"

means the body appointed by the President in accordance with <u>article 40</u> which may exercise the powers of the Executive Committee in accordance with <u>article 40</u>;

# "EC Member"

means an individual member of the Executive Committee elected by the Congress in accordance with <u>article 34</u>, and includes the President and each Vice President;

## "Election Committee"

means the committee of persons appointed by the President to determine. in accordance with article 36, whether a candidate meets the conditions of eligibility set out in article 35, comprising the Chairman of the Ethics Commission. the Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission and the Chairman of the Reform Committee (or one other independent qualified legal counsel nominated by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission and the Chairman of the Ethics Commission):

# "Ethics Commission"

means the commission established to govern the Code of Ethics and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Disciplinary Commission in respect of any alleged breach of the Code of Ethics:

# "Executive Committee"

means the body of persons elected by the National Federations and composed in accordance with <u>article</u> <u>34</u> to act as the executive organ of AIBA:

#### "Executive Director"

means the person appointed by the President as the Executive Director of AlBA in accordance with <u>article 39</u> having the duties and responsibilities set out in article 50:

# "Legal Counsel"

means the person appointed as the Legal Counsel of AIBA in accordance with <u>article 34</u> having the duties and responsibilities set out in <u>article 48</u>;

#### "National Federation"

means any legal entity that is admitted to membership of AIBA in accordance with these Statutes;

## "Official"

means any EC Member, member of a commission, referee, judge, coach or trainer, technical delegate, jury member, international technical official, or president, vice president, secretary general, executive committee member or other elected or appointed official of a National Federation or Confederation, and any other person responsible for technical, medical or administrative matters in AIBA, a Confederation or a National Federation;

#### "President"

means the person elected as the President of AIBA in accordance with <u>article 32</u> having the powers and duties set out in <u>article 39</u> and elsewhere in these Statutes;

## "Procedural Rules"

means the rules and regulations applicable to the conduct of disciplinary proceedings and appeal proceedings under the Disciplinary Code, which such rules and regulations may be created, adopted or amended by the Executive Committee in accordance with article 38;

#### "Provisional Member"

means any legal entity whose application for admission has been accepted by the Executive Committee in accordance with <u>article 9.1</u>, but whose membership has not been ratified by the Congress in accordance with <u>article 9.2</u>;

# "Technical & Rules Commission"

means the commission appointed by the President having authority over matters falling under the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, subject to the ratification of such matters by the Executive Committee; **"Treasurer"** means the person appointed as the

Treasurer of AIBA in accordance with <u>article 34</u> having the duties and responsibilities set out in <u>article 48</u>;

"Vice President"

means each person elected as a Vice President of AIBA to represent a Confederation in accordance with

article 34.

- 1.2 In these Statutes, unless otherwise specified:
  - (A) references to articles are references to articles of these Statutes;
  - (B) references to a "person" shall be construed so as to include any individual, firm, company, corporation, body corporate, government, state or agency of a state, local or municipal authority or government body or any joint venture, association, federation, confederation or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality);
  - (C) a reference to any statute or statutory provision (including, without limitation, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the AIBA Code of Ethics, the AIBA Disciplinary Code and the AIBA Procedural Rules) shall be construed as a reference to the same as it may have been, or may from time to time be, amended, modified or re-enacted; and
  - (D) references to time are made according to Swiss time.
- 1.3 All headings and titles are inserted for convenience only. They are to be ignored in the interpretation of these Statutes.

# 2. LEGAL STATUS AND HEADQUARTERS

- 2.1 The International Boxing Association (AIBA) is an association in accordance with article 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.
- 2.2 The duration of AIBA is unlimited.
- 2.3 AIBA is registered and located in Lausanne (Switzerland) and may be transferred to another location following a decision adopted by the Executive Committee.

# 3. MISSION

The mission of AIBA is to govern the sport of boxing in all its forms worldwide.

#### 4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of AIBA are in particular:

- (A) to improve, promote, and spread worldwide the sport of boxing in all its forms, in the light of its educational, cultural and sports values and to initiate programs designed to support young athletes:
- (B) to develop the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules and to ensure their enforcement in competitions organized by AIBA, each Confederation and any National Federation;
- (C) to organize its own international competitions;
- (D) to ensure that all international competitions open to National Federations are held in accordance with the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules;
- (E) to regulate boxing in all its forms in accordance with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules;
- (F) to exercise governance approval authority over the statutes, constitution, bylaws, technical and competition rules, code of ethics and disciplinary code and procedural rules of National Federations. Confederations and AIBA Subsidiaries:

- (G) to ensure unity between AIBA, AIBA Subsidiaries, the Confederations and the National Federations;
- (H) to protect and care for the safety and interest of boxers; and
- (l) to train and improve the quality and transparency of all Officials, including referees and judges, technical delegates and international technical officials.

### 5. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination on any ground such as gender, ethnicity, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion in accordance with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules

# 6. ENFORCING THE STATUTES, OTHER RULES AND DECISIONS

- 6.1 National Federations, Confederations, AIBA Subsidiaries, Officials, Boxers and any other person or organization subject to these Statutes must always comply with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules, as well as to the Anti-Doping Rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency.
- 6.2 The statutes, constitution or bylaws of all National Federations, Confederations and AIBA Subsidiaries must explicitly recognize the obligation created by <u>article 6.1</u>. In furtherance of this obligation, all National Federations, Confederations and AIBA Subsidiaries must ensure that there is a specific article in the statutes, constitution or bylaws governing such National Federations, Confederations and AIBA Subsidiaries which repeats the provisions of <u>article 6.1</u> and applies such provisions to all Officials and Boxers recognized by such National Federations, Confederations and AIBA Subsidiaries.

6.3 In furtherance of <a href="article-6.1">article 6.1</a>, each National Federation, Confederation and AIBA Subsidiary hereby undertakes to AIBA, as a condition of their recognition as such under these Statutes, to take all such action as is required to ensure compliance with <a href="article-6.1">article 6.1</a> by any Official or Boxer affiliated to or recognized by that National Federation, Confederation or AIBA Subsidiary, including (but not limited to) by enforcing any decision of the Executive Committee, the Disciplinary Commission or any other Commission against any such Official or Boxer.

## 7. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

- 7.1 Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the official languages of the Congress.
- 7.2 English is the administrative language for minutes, correspondence, announcements and decisions of AlBA, including all correspondence between AlBA Subsidiaries, National Federations, Confederations, the Executive Committee, each Commission and the AlBA Headquarters. National Federations are responsible for translations from English into the language of their country.
- 7.3 These Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules will be translated from English into French, Spanish and Russian at the discretion of the President from time to time. In the event of any discrepancy between such documents, the English text shall prevail.
- 7.4 Where necessary at the discretion of the President, qualified interpreters shall translate from English and any other official language into the official languages of AIBA, including during the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee. Delegates at the Congress may speak in their mother tongue if the National Federation which appointed such delegate ensures that an interpreter is available to provide an interpretation into one of the official languages of AIBA. The interpreter must also be a validly appointed delegate of the relevant National Federation.
- 7.5 The meetings of the Executive Committee are held in English. The meetings of each Commission are held in English.

#### 8. MEMBERSHIP

- 8.1 Any legal entity which:
  - (A) is responsible for governing the sport of boxing in its country; and
  - (B) which has been admitted to membership in accordance with article 9, is a National Federation recognized as a member of AIBA and, subject to these Statutes, may exercise all such rights as are attributable to a National Federation.
- 8.2 AIBA shall admit only one National Federation from each country. Any entity affiliated to a National Federation cannot be affiliated to AIBA separately.
- 8.3 A National Federation cannot be affiliated to or recognized by any professional boxing organization or body or any other world, continental, or international boxing federation or association other than the World Series of Boxing and/or APB. This does not apply to National Federations that already have an existing professional program.
  - National Federations that already have an existing professional boxing program must take steps, such steps to be satisfactory to AlBA, to ensure that by December 31, 2016 such professional program is subject to the rules and falls within the structure of APB
- 8.4 Maintaining admission to membership of AlBA is the primary obligation of any National Federation. The obligations of a National Federation under these Statutes supersede the obligations of a National Federation to any other body.

#### 9. ADMISSION AND LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

- 9.1 Any legal entity may be admitted as a Provisional Member by a decision of the Executive Committee.
- 9.2 A Provisional Member is admitted as a National Federation with full membership rights on a decision of the Congress ratifying the decision of the Executive Committee to admit the Provisional Member.

- 9.3 A National Federation may have its membership status cancelled if the National Federation:
  - (A) resigns such membership;
  - (B) is excluded from AIBA by a decision of the Executive Committee ratified by the Congress; or
  - (C) if the relevant legal entity comprising the National Federation is dissolved.

# 10. REQUEST AND PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

- 10.1 An application to the Executive Committee to be admitted as a Provisional Member must be sent to the AIBA Headquarters and must include the following:
  - (A) a copy of the governing statutes, constitution or bylaws of the applicant;
  - (B) an official document of the competent authorities, such as the National Olympic Committee, Ministry of Sports and/or the Sports Council of the relevant country attesting that the applicant supervises boxing in the relevant country and which confirms the identity of the members and officers of the applicant;
  - (C) an undertaking by the applicant to comply with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules, and to ensure that Officials, Boxers and other persons affiliated to the applicant will so comply; and
  - (D) a summary of the past and present activities of the applicant in regards to the development of the sport of boxing in the relevant country.
- 10.2 The AIBA Headquarters shall verify that each application for admission is complete and shall forward each application to the appropriate Confederation.
- 10.3 The appropriate Confederation must compile a detailed report for the Executive Committee describing the applicant's role in supervising boxing in the relevant country and providing general information on the organization of the applicant.

10.4 Following receipt of the initial application and the report of the Confederation, the Executive Committee may make a determination to admit the applicant as a Provisional Member, or may request further information from the applicant prior to making such determination at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

# 11. SEQUENCE OF ADMISSION

- 11.1 An applicant shall acquire provisional membership rights and duties applicable to a Provisional Member on and from the date on which the Executive Committee decides to admit the applicant as a Provisional Member
- 11.2 A Provisional Member shall acquire full membership rights and duties applicable to a National Federation on and from the date on which the Congress ratifies the decision of the Executive Committee and admits the Provisional Member as a National Federation.

#### 12. RIGHTS OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

- 12.1 National Federations have the following rights as full members of AIBA:
  - (A) to participate and vote during the Congress;
  - (B) to be informed in advance of the agenda of the Congress which will be convened in a timely manner;
  - (C) to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
  - (D) to nominate candidates for the positions of President, Vice Presidents and EC Members;
  - (E) to take part in AIBA Approved Events and other competitions organized by AIBA, any Confederation or any National Federation; and
  - (F) to exercise all other rights arising from these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.
- 12.2 Provisional Members have the following rights as provisional members of AIBA:

- (A) to take part in AIBA Approved Events and other competitions organized by AIBA, any Confederation or any National Federation; and
- (B) to exercise all other rights arising from these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules (except all rights related to the Congress elections such as applying for positions, nominating a candidate or voting, the latter until full membership is granted)
- 12.3 For the avoidance of doubt, in regard to any right or benefit receivable by any National Federation or Provisional Member from AlBA, the National Federations have priority to receive such rights and benefits ahead of the Provisional Members.

## 13. OBLIGATIONS OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

National Federations and Provisional Members have the following obligations:

- (A) to abstain from any behavior detrimental to AIBA;
- (B) to comply fully with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules, and, to the extent that such are in compliance with the foregoing, decisions of the Executive Committee and each Commission, as well as the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);
- (C) to ensure that their own members, clubs, Officials, Boxers, and any person or organization connected to the sport of boxing within their country complies with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules;

- (D) to submit their statutes, constitution or bylaws (including an English translation of their statutes, constitution or bylaws if such statutes, constitution or bylaws are in a language other than English) to AIBA for approval whenever such statutes, constitution or bylaws are adopted or amended, which such statutes, constitution or bylaws shall come into force only after receiving AIBA approval and which shall not be subject to approval by any other external body;
- (E) to submit the results of any election of officers of the National Federation and the organizational structure of the National Federation to AIBA for final approval and recognition;
- (F) to pay all Annual Fees;
- (G) to participate in the AIBA Approved Events listed in <u>article 56.3</u> of these Statutes.
- (H) to not permit any person who has competed in a professional boxing match (other than the World Series of Boxing and/or APB) to register as a Boxer with the National Federation; and
- (I) to not permit any person who has officiated in a professional boxing match (other than the World Series of Boxing and/or APB) to register as an Official with AIBA or any Confederation, unless that person is recertified by AIBA in accordance with the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules.
- (J) to not permit any person to hold office on the Executive Committee of AIBA or any Confederation if that person holds, or has previously held, after January 1, 2007, a position in an international and/or world professional boxing organization (other than the World Series of Boxing and/or APB).

# 14. EXCLUSION OF ALL EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE

14.1 The election and appointment processes adopted by each National Federation must be approved by AIBA and each National Federation must prevent any and all external interference in their election and appointment processes. AIBA may send an observer to the election at the discretion of the President or at the request of the National Federation (in which case the National Federation shall pay the costs and expenses of such observer).

- 14.2 Any person elected or appointed as an officer of the National Federation who is not selected in compliance with <u>article 14.1</u> shall not be recognized by AIBA.
- 14.3 Decisions passed by bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with <u>article 14.1</u> shall not be recognized by AIBA.

# 15. RESIGNATION

- 15.1 By resigning, a National Federation loses membership of AIBA.
- 15.2 A National Federation may resign from AIBA membership with immediate effect. Notice of resignation must be received by the AIBA Headquarters.

#### 16. DISSOLUTION

If a National Federation is disbanded or dissolved, its membership of AIBA shall automatically be cancelled.

#### 17. SUSPENSION

- 17.1 A National Federation may be suspended in accordance with the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules by the Executive Committee, the EC Bureau or the Disciplinary Commission, if need be with immediate effect. The membership rights of a suspended National Federation shall automatically lapse during the suspension period, unless the Executive Committee and/or the EC Bureau, on the proposal of the Disciplinary Commission, as the case may be, determines otherwise. All decisions to suspend a National Federation will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Commission in the first instance in accordance with the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.
- 17.2 Other National Federations must not entertain sporting contact or any AIBA business relations with a suspended National Federation. Any National Federation which violates this <u>article 17.2</u> will be subject to a sanction in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

- 17.3 Any National Federation not up to date with all Annual Fees due six (6) months before the Congress will automatically lose its rights in accordance with <a href="mailto:article 12.1">article 12.1</a> except for the right to participate in AlBA Approved Events in accordance with <a href="mailto:article 12.1(E)">article 12.1(E)</a> (or <a href="mailto:article 12.2(A)">article 12.2(A)</a> in the case of a Provisional Member). After the Congress, rights will be granted back to the National Federation, but only upon payment of all Annual Fees due.
- 17.4 Any National Federation not participating in any of the AIBA Approved Events listed in <u>article 56.3</u> of these Statutes, during the period between two Ordinary Congresses up until one month before the new Congress, shall have no right to propose candidates, apply for positions and take part in the Congress, thus voting in the elections generally.
- 17.5 A National Federation shall be suspended if this National Federation is no longer performing as the governing body of the sport of boxing in its country as determined at the discretion of AIBA.

#### 18. EXCLUSION

- 18.1 If a National Federation is excluded, its membership rights shall automatically be cancelled.
- 18.2 A National Federation may be excluded by a decision of the Executive Committee if the National Federation commits a severe violation of these Statutes, the AlBA Bylaws, the AlBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, warn a National Federation that its conduct may lead to exclusion before making such decision. Any decision by the Executive Committee to exclude a National Federation must be made subject to ratification by the Congress.
- 18.3 In circumstances where a National Federation has been excluded in accordance with the provisions of <a href="mailto:article-18">article-18</a>, Boxers affiliated to such excluded National Federation, notwithstanding the exclusion of such Boxer's National Federation, shall be permitted to compete in WSB and/or APB competitions.

## 19. HONORARY POSITIONS AND AWARDS

- 19.1 The Executive Committee may recommend the title of honorary president or honorary member be bestowed upon any person for meritorious service to boxing. Such recommendation must be subject to ratification by the Congress.
- 19.2 An honorary president or honorary member may attend the Congress as an observer and may speak in any debate, but does not have any voting right.
- 19.3 The Executive Committee may develop an AIBA Order of Merit and may award persons who have given exemplary service to AIBA with an AIBA Order of Merit in accordance with the procedures for selection set out in the AIBA Bylaws.

#### 20. CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

- 20.1 National Federations that belong to the same continent have formed the following Confederations, which are affiliated to AIBA:
  - (A) African Boxing Confederation (AFBC);
  - (B) American Boxing Confederation (AMBC);
  - (C) Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC);
  - (D) European Boxing Confederation (EUBC); and
  - (E) Oceania Boxing Confederation (OCBC).
- 20.2 AIBA recognizes only one Confederation in each continent.
- 20.3 Each Confederation shall have the following rights:
  - (A) to organize its own continental competitions in accordance with the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules; and
  - (B) to procure the funds necessary to fulfill its duties.

- 20.4 Each Confederation shall have the following obligations:
  - (A) to comply with and enforce compliance with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules;
  - (B) to abide by the directions of AIBA in furtherance of the objectives contained in article 4;
  - (C) to organize international competitions with the authorization and under the direction of AIBA; and
  - (D) to submit annual financial and activity reports to the Executive Committee of AIBA, and to obtain approval of all annual budgets and business plans.
- 20.5 Each Confederation must submit their statutes, constitution or bylaws, as well as any amendment to such documents, to the Executive Committee of AIBA for approval. Such statutes, constitution or bylaws come into force only once they are approved by the Executive Committee of AIBA.

#### 21. LEGAL BODIES OF AIBA

- 21.1 The legal bodies of AIBA are the following:
  - (A) the Congress;
  - (B) the Executive Committee, the President and the EC Bureau; and
  - (C) the Disciplinary Commission.
- 21.2 Commissions (other than the Disciplinary Commission) are not considered as legal bodies of AIBA. Such Commissions shall only have the duties of recommending programs and plans to the Executive Committee and participating in the implementation of those programs under the supervision of the AIBA Headquarters as specified by the Executive Committee from time to time.

#### 22. CONGRESS

22.1 The Congress is an assembly to which all eligible National Federations are convened at least once every four years.

- 22.2 Each National Federation is represented at the Congress by a maximum of three (3) appointed delegates. One (1) appointed delegate must be specified as the delegate who will vote on behalf of the relevant National Federation. The costs and expenses of an economy class airfare, accommodation and meals incurred by one (1) delegate in attending the Congress will be paid by AIBA.
- 22.3 Delegates must hold office as the president, vice president, executive director, secretary general, executive committee member, honorary president or honorary member of the National Federation who appointed the delegate, and must have been validly appointed in accordance with the applicable statutes, constitution or bylaws of that National Federation. The appointment of the delegate must be authorized in writing by the president of the National Federation. A delegate cannot represent more than one National Federation during the Congress. An EC Member may be appointed as a delegate.
- 22.4 The President, each Vice President, the Treasurer, the Legal Counsel and other EC Members, as well as administrative staff of AIBA, are convened to the Congress. The Executive Committee shall decide if any other participants are allowed at the Congress.

#### 23. POWERS OF CONGRESS

The Congress is the supreme body of AIBA. The Congress has the following powers:

- (A) votes to adopt and amend these Statutes;
- (B) elects the President, each Vice President and the other EC Members every four years, and may, in an Extraordinary Congress convened in accordance with these Statutes, remove any such person from office by a majority of no-confidence;
- (C) appoints, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, a person as an honorary president or honorary member of AIBA;
- (D) approves the minutes of the preceding Congress;
- (E) approves the consolidated and audited financial report;
- (F) decides the level of Annual Fees;
- (G) ratifies the admission or exclusion of National Federations following the decisions of the Executive Committee; and
- (H) disbands or dissolves AIBA.

## 24. ORDINARY CONGRESS AND EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

- 24.1 A Congress may be an Ordinary or an Extraordinary Congress.
- 24.2 An Ordinary Congress shall be held every four years.
- 24.3 The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time, or shall convene it within a period of three months if one third of the National Federations make such a request in writing. The request must specify the items for the agenda and the proposal of solution with a brief explanation.
- 24.4 The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date of the Congress. The National Federations shall be notified in writing at least four months in advance for an Ordinary Congress and three months in advance for an Extraordinary Congress. Date and place of the Congress, whether Ordinary or Extraordinary, cannot be changed unless unforeseen circumstances occurred or in case of force majeure. In any such case, the Executive Committee will decide of changes by means of an email vote.

#### 25. DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR CONGRESS

The formal distribution of any document relating to the Congress shall be made to all National Federations eligible to attend the Congress as follows:

- (A) at least two months before the date of the Ordinary Congress; and
- (B) at least one month before the date of an Extraordinary Congress.

# 26. AGENDA FOR CONGRESS

26.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the agenda of the Ordinary Congress. Each National Federation may submit to the Executive Committee written proposals at least two months before the date of the Congress. Such proposals must be supported in writing by at least fifteen (15) other National Federations with a brief explanation of the rationale(s) for the proposals. The Executive Committee may determine whether or not such proposals are appropriate to be considered by the Congress, and may include or exclude such proposals on the agenda as deemed fit by the Executive Committee.

- 26.2 The Executive Committee shall determine the agenda of the Extraordinary Congress if it is convened by the Executive Committee. It is mandatory that the agenda includes the proposals of the National Federations if these have requested to hold an Extraordinary Congress.
- 26.3 The agenda cannot be changed and must specify the proposals made by the Executive Committee and those made by the National Federations and approved by the Executive Committee.
- 26.4 The formal distribution of the agenda and any additional documents related to the Congress shall be made available to all National Federations having fulfilled the terms and conditions stated in both article 17.3 and article 17.4 at least one month before the date of the Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.

## 27. CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

- 27.1 The President shall preside over the Congress.
- 27.2 For all matters requiring the counting of votes, the President must appoint five scrutineers, one from each Confederation, to supervise the collation and counting of all votes cast at the Congress. The scrutineers shall coordinate with the AIBA Headquarters for the organization of the voting procedure.
- 27.3 Time will be allotted for the delegates to speak.
- 27.4 The Bylaws will provide a detailed structure of the Congress proceedings, which shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

# 28. VOTING

- 28.1 Each National Federation has one vote in the Congress and exercises its voting right through the vote cast by the appointed voting delegate.
- 28.2 The Treasurer, Legal Counsel, EC Members, and any honorary president or honorary members cannot vote, unless the EC Member has been validly appointed as a voting delegate by the relevant National Federation.

- 28.3 Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted. No delegate may be forced to vote.
- 28.4 Elections will be conducted by secret ballot and an electronic voting system is allowed to be used.
- 28.5 Any decision that requires a vote will be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote will be taken a roll call of National Federations in alphabetical order.

# 29. QUORUM

For a vote taken at the Congress to be valid, an absolute majority (half of the eligible National Federations plus one National Federation) of the National Federations eligible to vote must be present once the Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress is convened.

#### 30. VOTING ON DECISIONS

- 30.1 Only the proposals stipulated in the agenda may be decided on by the Congress. However, in urgent or important cases, the President may, with the majority approval of the Congress, add an item to the agenda for the immediate determination of the Congress.
- 30.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, an absolute majority (half of the votes from National Federations present at the Congress plus one vote) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary for a ballot to be valid. A valid ballot to adopt or amend these Statutes is obtained when two-thirds of the valid votes recorded are in favor. Abstentions and invalid votes are disregarded in calculating a majority.

# 31. EFFECTIVE DATES OF DECISIONS

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect immediately after the close of the Congress unless the Congress fixes another date or delegates the authority to fix another date to the Executive Committee.

# 32. VOTING IN ELECTIONS

- 32.1 For the election of the President and Vice Presidents of AIBA, an absolute majority (half of the votes from National Federations present at the Congress plus one vote) of the votes recorded and valid are necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite runoff ballot, if there are more than two candidates, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated until only two candidates are left. For any vote between two candidates, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes will win the election.
- 32.2 For any other election, the relative majority of the votes recorded and valid are sufficient, unless the Executive Committee specifies otherwise in the AIBA Bylaws. The remaining positions are granted to the candidates who have obtained the highest number of votes. Whenever votes are equal, the President of the Congress shall have a casting vote.

# 33. MINUTES

The Executive Director or a member of the AIBA Headquarters shall be responsible for creating an audio recording of the Congress in the original language and for recording the minutes in English. The record of the minutes in English must be sent to all the National Federations within three months after the Congress with the approval of the President.

# 34. COMPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 34.1 The Executive Committee will consist of twenty (20) persons as follows:
  - (A) one (1) President;
  - (B) five (5) Vice Presidents (each from a National Federation affiliated to a different Confederation, that is, one from each of AFBC, AMBC, ASBC, EUBC and OCBC);
  - (C) two (2) EC Members elected from a National Federation affiliated to each of AFBC, AMBC, ASBC and EUBC;
  - (D) one (1) EC Member elected from a National Federation affiliated to OCBC: and

(E) five (5) EC Members who may be elected from any other National Federations

all of whom are elected by the Congress.

The members listed in <u>article 34.1</u> (the Voting EC Members) shall have voting rights. In addition to the Voting EC Members elected by the Congress pursuant to <u>article 34.</u>, the AIBA President shall (i) appoint one non-voting Vice President to the Executive Committee by the recommendation of the APB Executive Board and (ii) appoint one non-voting EC Member to the Executive Committee by the recommendation of the WSB Board starting from 2011.

- 34.2 Upon nomination by the President, the Executive Committee will appoint a Treasurer and a Legal Counsel who will be invited to attend the Executive Committee meetings but will have no voting rights.
- 34.3 Exceptionally, the President may nominate additional EC Members ad personam who, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall be entitled to participate in the Executive Committee meetings but cannot vote.

#### 35. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 35.1 Candidates for the Presidency must:
  - (A) be able to communicate comprehensively in English;
  - (B) have a record of serving in the immediate past Executive Committee for a full four years mandate as an EC Member:
  - (C) be nominated by their respective National Federation, and hold office as a president, vice president, executive director, secretary general, executive committee member, honorary president or honorary member of the National Federation, having been validly appointed in accordance with the applicable statutes, constitution or bylaws of the National Federation;
  - (D) be supported in writing by at least twenty (20) other National Federations:
  - (E) be able to prove to the reasonable satisfaction of the Election Committee that they have never been convicted of a criminal offence; and

- (F) not have been sanctioned for a violation of these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.
- 35.2 Candidates for the Vice Presidency and for the Executive Committee must:
  - (A) be nominated by their respective National Federation, and hold office as a president, vice president, executive director, secretary general, executive committee member, honorary president or honorary member of the National Federation, having been validly appointed in accordance with the applicable statutes, constitution or bylaws of the National Federation;
  - (B) **for the Vice Presidency only**, be supported in writing by at least five (5) other National Federations except Oceania where candidates for the Vice Presidency must be supported by at least three (3) other National Federations;
  - (C) be able to prove to the reasonable satisfaction of the Election Committee that they have never been convicted of a criminal offence; and
  - (D) not have been sanctioned for a violation of these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.
- 35.3 If a paid employee of any National Federation or Confederation wants to run for the Presidency, Vice Presidency or for the Executive Committee, they must resign from their position before submitting their candidacy.
- 35.4 A National Federation may nominate the same person for both Vice Presidency and for the Executive Committee. A candidate nominated for the Presidency may not also be nominated as a Vice President or EC Member.
- 35.5 All candidates running for the Presidency, Vice Presidency and the Executive Committee must be present at the Congress.
- 35.6 The President, Vice Presidents and EC Members cannot hold any position in any outside professional boxing organizations other than the World Series of Boxing and/or APB. No member of an outside professional boxing organization (other than the World Series of Boxing and/or APB) can hold any position within AIBA, as an Official or otherwise.

35.7 Each Voting EC Member must be affiliated to a different National Federation. In principle, an EC Member cannot be a member of the Disciplinary Commission.

#### 36. NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDATES

- 36.1 Seventy (70) days before the date of the Congress, the AIBA Headquarters will inform all eligible National Federations of the positions that will be available for election. Applications must be received at the AIBA Headquarters at least forty (40) days before the date of the Congress. Nominations received at the AIBA Headquarters after midnight on the closing date will not be taken into consideration.
- 36.2 The names of all proposed candidates must be sent to AIBA by registered mail, together with all supporting documents or materials required to prove the eligibility of that candidate in accordance with <a href="mailto:article.35"><u>article.35</u></a>.
- 36.3 Upon receipt of an application by a proposed candidate, the Election Committee will determine whether that proposed candidate meets the conditions of eligibility in accordance with <a href="article-35">article-35</a>. Candidates who satisfy the criteria in the opinion of the Election Committee will be approved and will be permitted to stand for election. Any candidate who does not satisfy the criteria in the opinion of the Election Committee will be denied and will not be permitted to stand for election.
- 36.4 The list of candidates approved by the Election Committee shall be sent to National Federations thirty (30) days prior to the Congress.

# 37. MANDATE OF OFFICE

37.1 The mandate of the President, Vice Presidents and the EC Members shall be four years starting immediately after the end of the Congress at which they are elected.

- 37.2 A person may only serve as President for three (3) terms of office. Vice Presidents and EC Members have no limitation on the number of times they may hold office. The terms of office served by a Vice President or EC Member are not taken into account in determining the maximum terms of office if that Vice President or EC Member is elected President.
- 37.3 If an EC Member has to be replaced due to resignation or suspension (provided that the suspension extends beyond the EC Member's term of office), the President may appoint a new EC Member to serve the remainder of the term, provided that:
  - (A) the new EC Member is eligible to serve in accordance with <u>article</u> 35; and
  - (B) the new EC Member is approved by the Executive Committee.

## 38. POWERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 38.1 The Executive Committee has in particular the power and duty to:
  - (A) govern AIBA in accordance with these Statutes;
  - (B) implement the decisions passed by the Congress;
  - (C) ensure compliance with these Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules;
  - (D) prepare possible amendments to these Statutes to be submitted to the Congress for adoption;
  - (E) develop specific regulations for the Commissions;
  - (F) create, adopt, vary or amend the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules, in all cases subject to compliance with these Statutes but otherwise at the discretion of the Executive Committee;
  - (G) establish new permanent Commissions;
  - (H) convene the Congress and formulate the agenda;
  - (I) decide the place and dates of AIBA major competitions;
  - (J) approve expenditures which were not foreseen in the budget and which exceed the amount given at the discretion of the Executive Director;
  - (K) approve the annual budget, the annual accounts complemented by the external audit report;

- (L) suspend from office an EC Member or any other person, including any member of a Commission, any Official or any Boxer.
- 38.2 The powers that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of another body under these Statutes are attributed to the Executive Committee.
- 38.3 At the discretion of the President, in important cases, the Executive Committee may be invited to make a decision by an email vote. In such cases, the AIBA Headquarters shall distribute information to all Voting EC Members on the required decision. If an absolute majority of the Voting EC Members state in writing that they support the decision within 5 days of the date the AIBA Headquarters sent the email, the decision will be passed and will be deemed to be an effective decision of the Executive Committee

#### 39. POWERS OF PRESIDENT

- 39.1 The President represents AIBA legally. The President is responsible for the relations among the Confederations, the National Federations, the IOC, political bodies, other international sports federations and international organizations.
- 39.2 The President has the following duties, powers and rights:
  - (A) implement the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee, through the AIBA Headquarters;
  - (B) supervise the work of the AIBA Headquarters;
  - (C) convene meetings of the Executive Committee and of the EC Bureau:
  - (D) preside over the Congress;
  - (E) appoint the chairperson and other members of each of the Commissions;
  - (F) prepare the President's report to the Congress;
  - (G) appoint and dismiss the Executive Director of AIBA;
  - (H) make decisions relating to AIBA major competitions if necessary due to cancellations, postponement, relocations, etc.; and
  - (I) in extraordinary situations, make decisions on matters of importance which must be ratified by the Executive Committee.

39.3 If the President is unable to exercise his powers for a prolonged period due to absence or illness, the Vice President who has served the longest period will act as Interim President, this for a maximum of one (1) year until an Extraordinary Congress is called and a new President elected.

#### **40. POWERS OF EC BUREAU**

- 40.1 The EC Bureau consists of five (5) members as follows:
  - (A) the President:
  - (B) two (2) Vice Presidents (with voting rights) appointed by the President; and
  - (C) two (2) Voting EC Members appointed by the President.

The Executive Director is also part of the EC Bureau but does not have the right to vote. The term of office of the members of the EC Bureau is the same as that of the Executive Committee.

- 40.2 The President may call meetings of the EC Bureau and establish the agenda. The President may decide if these meetings should take place as video conferences or conference calls. Email votes shall be accepted as valid. The EC Bureau must meet at least once per year.
- 40.3 The EC Bureau will function in place of the Executive Committee for all matters requiring settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee.
- 40.4 The President shall notify the Executive Committee of the decisions passed by EC Bureau. All decisions taken by the EC Bureau shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

#### 41. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

41.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year. The President shall convene the meetings of the Executive Committee. If one half of the Voting EC Members request an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee, the President must convene such a meeting.

- 41.2 The President draws up the agenda for meetings of the Executive Committee. Each Voting EC Member has the right to add proposals to the agenda.
- 41.3 In principle, no other person except the EC Members can attend a meeting of the Executive Committee. However, the President may invite third parties to meetings, whenever he believes this is appropriate. Third parties do not have the right to vote.

# 42. QUORUM

- 42.1 The Executive Committee can convene once eleven (11) Voting EC Members are present.
- 42.2 The EC Bureau can convene once three (3) members of the EC Bureau are present in person, by telephone or reply via email.

#### 43. DECISIONS AND VOTING

- 43.1 Each Voting EC Member must either cast a positive or a negative vote or abstain. Only the Voting EC Members taking part in the meeting are allowed to vote.
- 43.2 A simple majority is sufficient for a vote to be valid. Abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority. The President shall cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.
- 43.3 The Executive Committee or the EC Bureau fixes the date for a decision to take effect
- 43.4 Any Voting EC Member who has a conflict of interest must abstain from voting on the conflicted agenda point. In doubtful situations, the President must decide on the right to vote of the concerned Voting EC Member.

## 44. SIGNATURE

The Executive Committee decides who may sign on behalf of AIBA.

#### 45. PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

- 45.1 The following permanent Commissions of AIBA are established by these Statutes:
  - (A) the Athletes & Youth Commission;
  - (B) the Coaches Commission;
  - (C) the Ethics Commission
  - (D) the Medical Commission;
  - (E) the Refereeing & Judging Commission;
  - (F) the Technical & Rules Commission;
  - (G) the Women's Commission;
  - (H) the WSB Commission;
- 45.2 Each Commission may propose recommendations to the Executive Committee.
- 45.3 The composition and specific duties of the individual Commissions shall be stipulated in special regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.
- 45.4 Each Commission shall be responsible for recording the minutes of their meetings and transmitting them as well as their activity reports to the AIBA Headquarters.
- 45.5 The members of the Commissions are not allowed to take any position in any outside professional boxing organization other than the World Series of Boxing and/or APB.

# **46. OPERATIONAL RULES**

46.1 The Chairman of a permanent Commission needs to be an expert in the related field

46.2 The articles of these Statutes relating to the Executive Committee voting procedure apply to the permanent Commissions. The Executive Director may attend any of the meetings of the permanent Commissions but cannot vote.

## 47. DISCIPLINARY AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

- 47.1 The judicial authority of AIBA is the Disciplinary Commission.
- 47.2 The composition and specific duties of the Disciplinary Commission and the Executive Committee in relation to judicial issues shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules approved by the Executive Committee.

# 48. DUTIES OF TREASURER, LEGAL COUNSEL & SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT

- 48.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible to:
  - (A) coordinate with and advise the AIBA Headquarters in relation to the preparation of the annual budgets;
  - (B) assist in the preparation of the audited financial reports;
  - (C) liaise with the auditors of AIBA as required, and report to the Executive Committee on the conduct of the audit; and
  - (D) provide assistance as required in relation to the management of the finances of AIBA.
- 48.2 The Legal Counsel shall be responsible to:
  - (A) review the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules and make recommendations for amendments to the Executive Committee; and
  - (B) assist the AIBA Headquarters in all legal matters.
- 48.3 The President may appoint a person as the Special Advisor to the President, subject to ratification by the Executive Committee. The Special Advisor will render assistance and expertise to the President on special matters relating to AIBA.

- 48.4 The Special Advisor to the President shall have the power, the right and duty to:
  - (A) perform special duties for the development of the sport of boxing within the international sports and Olympic community, under the instructions and assignments of the President;
  - (B) attend any meeting of the Executive Committee and the Congress, without the right to vote. However, if he is a Voting EC member, he can vote at Executive Committee meetings and at the Congress, if he is appointed as voting delegate by his National Federation:
  - (C) attend AIBA Approved Events as a representative of the President;
  - (D) conduct special projects and programs on the requests of the President; and
  - (E) receive rights and benefits equivalent to the rights and benefits conferred upon each Vice President.

# 49. AIBA HEADQUARTERS

- 49.1 The AIBA Headquarters is comprised of the administrative staff and shall carry out all the administrative work of AIBA under the direction of the Executive Director.
- 49.2 The AIBA Headquarters is responsible for the day-to-day management of AIBA and for the coordination of its different bodies and Commissions.

#### **50. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- 50.1 The Executive Director organizes and manages the general administration of AIBA.
- 50.2 The Executive Director shall be responsible for:
  - (A) implementing decisions made by the Congress, the Executive Committee and the EC Bureau in compliance with the President's directives;
  - (B) managing and keeping the accounts of AIBA properly;

- (C) compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, the Executive Committee, the EC Bureau and the permanent Commissions;
- (D) management of all incoming and outgoing communications by AIBA;
- (E) relations with the Executive Committee, Confederations, National Federations and Commissions;
- (F) appointing and dismissing executives and general staff of the AIBA Headquarters with the approval of the President.

#### 51. FINANCIAL PERIOD

- 51.1 The accounting period of AIBA is from July 1 to June 30 of each year and the financial period will cover a period of 4 accounting periods.
- 51.2 The revenue and expenditure of AIBA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period.
- 51.3 The Executive Director and the Treasurer, with the assistance of the external auditor, are responsible for drawing up the consolidated accounts of AIBA at the end of the 4 year financial period.

#### 52. REVENUES

The revenues of AIBA are derived mainly from:

- (A) income generated by negotiations of its rights;
- (B) subsidies, legacies, results of fortune, income derived from other sources, etc;
- (C) Annual fees;
- (D) IOC contributions;
- (E) fines;
- (F) any other source as the Executive Committee may determine; and
- (G) income generated by the World Series of Boxing, APB and the AIBA Marketing Company.

#### 53. EXPENDITURES

#### AIBA assumes:

- (A) the expenditures provided for in the budget;
- (B) the other expenses approved by the Congress and the expenses that the EC Bureau approves in its field of responsibility; and
- (C) all expenditures which are in compliance with the financial regulations of AIBA.

# **54. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

AlBA accounts will be managed following recognized international accounting principles and the financial regulations of AlBA.

#### 55. EXTERNAL AUDITORS

- 55.1 AIBA will be audited by a qualified, independent auditing firm. The President will appoint an external professional audit company in consultation with the Treasurer.
- 55.2 This independent auditing firm will audit the accounts approved by the Executive Committee and present a report to the Congress. The Congress may then discharge the Executive Committee.

# **56. RIGHTS TO COMPETITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS**

56.1 AIBA, each Confederation and each National Federation are the original owners of all rights emanating from boxing competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, except for those rights which may be, from time to time, specifically assigned to or designated as rights of the AIBA Marketing Company. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audio-visual and radio recording reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and intellectual rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.

- 56.2 The AIBA Marketing Company shall exploit all rights which it owns or shares with third parties, such as property rights of any type, event ownership rights, athlete management rights, television production rights, rights to any AIBA fitness boxing program, the rights to any television channel established by the AIBA Marketing Company from time to time, sponsorship and licensing rights, intellectual property rights and rights for audio-visual and sound-broadcasting transmissions by picture or data carrier of any kind (including all means of transmitting computer images, with or without sound, such as Internet, on-line services or the like, whether existing already or not). This includes the production, duplication, dissemination and broadcasting of pictures, sound or data carriers of any kind by the AIBA Marketing Company alone or with third parties.
- 56.3 For this purpose, AIBA alone, or with third parties, shall be entitled to form or operate companies for which they may make use of any legal entity authorized under the laws of the jurisdiction in which AIBA is established.
- 56.4 AIBA, each Confederation and each National Federation are the only authorities that may authorize the broadcasting of competitions, tournaments, and other demonstrations relevant to their respective domains on audio-visual and other mediums.
- 56.5 (AIBA Approved Events) All rights derived from:
  - (A) the AIBA World Boxing Championships;
  - (B) the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships;
  - (C) the AIBA Junior World Boxing Championships (men and women);
  - (D) the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships (men and women);
  - (E) the World Cup;
  - (F) the President's Cup;
  - (G) all Olympic Qualifying Events; and
  - (H) any 3-Star AIBA Approved Event

which may be organized in the future are the property of AIBA.

56.6 (Confederation Championships) Despite these events being categorized as 3-Star AIBA Approved Events, all rights to Confederation Championships are the property of the respective Confederation.

- 56.7 (National Championships) All rights to national tournaments are the property of the organizing National Federation.
- 56.8 Any organizing body including Confederations and National Federations will only be allowed to use the rights of AlBA, including the name, logo and other intellectual properties, with the written approval of AlBA.
- 56.9 The President shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilized and draw up special regulations to this end. The President shall decide the amount of the levy for every international competition and whether these rights shall be utilized exclusively or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

#### 57. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 57.1 The Executive Committee shall approve the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, following the recommendations of the Technical & Rules Commission, in regard to organizing international matches and competitions.
- 57.2 No international competition between three (3) or more National Federations from different Confederations shall take place without the prior permission of AIBA.

# 58. COMPETITION AND EVENT CALENDAR

The Executive Committee decides the international calendar of the competitions and international events in coordination with the Confederations and/or National Federations.

# 59. WORLD SERIES OF BOXING AND AIBA PROFESSIONAL BOXING

59.1 AIBA shall operate and manage the competition known as the World Series of Boxing through its subsidiary World Series of Boxing S.A. (WSB), and shall overseeing the relationship between WSB and each Confederation and National Federation.

# 59.2 WSB shall be responsible for:

- (A) managing the appointment and selection process for Officials and Boxers to participate in the World Series of Boxing;
- (B) developing the rules and regulations governing WSB and the World Series of Boxing, subject to the final approval of the AIBA Executive Committee; and
- (C) engaging with the AIBA Marketing Company to exploit certain commercial rights to the World Series of Boxing.
- 59.3 AIBA shall establish a new entity, APB, to manage, operate and regulate professional boxing competitions and shall oversee the relationship between APB and each Confederation and National Federation.

# 59.4 APB shall be responsible for:

- (A) managing the appointment and selection process for Officials and Boxers to participate in APB competitions;
- (B) developing the rules and regulations governing APB and APB competitions, subject to the final approval of the AIBA Executive Committee: and
- (C) engaging with the AIBA Marketing Company to exploit certain commercial rights to APB and APB competitions.

#### **60. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

The Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules developed, amended and approved by the Executive Committee shall govern all disciplinary measures under these Statutes.

#### **61. LIMITATION PERIOD**

The Disciplinary Code will set a limitation period for prosecuting offences and executing disciplinary measures under these Statutes.

# **62. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Any elected officer of a National Federation may not be involved or own in any manner whatsoever any business related to the manufacture, distribution or supply of boxing equipment. Any elected officer of a National Federation who violates this principle will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Commission.

# **63. COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT**

- 63.1 AIBA recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), with headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, as the authority to resolve appeals against decisions made in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code only. Each Confederation and National Federation must recognize CAS as an independent judicial authority but, in this regard, in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code only. AIBA, National Federations, Confederations, Officials and Boxers must comply with the decisions passed by CAS.
- 63.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Article 63.1, AIBA recognizes the jurisdiction of CAS in relation to any dispute covered by Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter. Each Confederation and National Federation must recognize the jurisdiction of CAS in relation to any dispute covered by Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter. AIBA, National Federations, Confederations, Officials and Boxers must comply with the decisions passed by CAS in relation to disputes covered by Rule 59 of the Olympic Charter.
- 63.3 Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless it is mandated by state law.
- 63.4 Appeals against decisions made in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code must be filed in accordance with the provisions of the CAS Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. Appeals shall be lodged with CAS within 30 days of notification of the written decision in question. The appeal shall not have an injunctive effect. The Disciplinary Commission or CAS may order the appeal to have injunctive effect.

63.5 CAS shall primarily apply the Statutes, the AIBA Bylaws, the AIBA Technical & Competition Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules, as well as to the Anti-Doping Rules of the World Anti-Doping Agency, and shall secondarily apply Swiss law.

# **64. COMPLIANCE WITH DECISIONS OF AIBA**

Confederations and National Federations must comply fully with any decision passed by the Executive Committee, EC Bureau, Disciplinary Commission or any other Commission which such decisions are, according to these Statutes, final and not subject to appeal. Confederations and National Federations must take every precaution necessary to ensure that their own Officials and Boxers comply with these decisions.

# **65. SANCTIONS**

Any violation of these Statutes will be punished in compliance with the Disciplinary Code.

### 66. DISSOLUTION PROCEDURE

An Extraordinary Congress is required to dissolve AIBA. The decision for dissolution must be supported by the votes of 75 per cent of the National Federations present at the Extraordinary Congress.

# **67. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS**

If AIBA is disbanded, its assets will be transferred to the government of the country in which its headquarters are situated. It shall hold these assets in trust until AIBA is re-established.

# **68. ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 68.1 These Statutes were adopted by the Congress on November 1, 2010 in Almaty and are effective immediately.
- 68.2 Further amendments to these Statutes (as adopted on November 1, 2010) were approved and adopted by the Extraordinary Congress on September 24, 2011 in Baku and are effective immediately.

THIS VERSION OF THE STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION ARE SIGNED FOR THE PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION

**DATE OF SIGNATURE:** September 24, 2011

Dr Ching-Kuo Wu AIBA President