



# BOARD BULLETIN

POINTS OF NOTE ON THE MEETING OF JANUARY 31ST



## OPENING

Attending: Chair, Niall O'Carroll, Ted Barry, Tina Desmond, Anto Donnelly, Gus Farrell, Fiona Hennigan, Art O'Brien, Ceire Smith.

Two new Directors, Central Council President Anto Donnelly and Interim Connacht President, Gus Farrelly, were welcomed to their positions on the Board at this in-person meeting at the National Stadium

Directors noted that that 36 clubs voted against the Rulebook at the 2024 AGM – and, while this amounts to 10% of the total population of clubs, it suggests that the sentiment of members is that the Board doesn't have their best interests at heart. This is concerning, given the critical decisions to be collectively made on IABA's future in the short term.

## MEDICAL UP-DATE

Dr. Robert Scully has been commissioned by the Board to conduct a review of medical services provision. He delivered an up-date on that project, and engaged in a discussion with the Board on best practice in ringside medical service provision and key items to address.

## GOVERNANCE

The Board discussed IBA's decision to permit dual membership on a temporary basis, on an application by national federation, arising from its amendment of Object 11.1(j) of the IBA Constitution. The Board also expressed it was in the best interest of Irish Boxing for the IABA to be recognised as the national governing body for Olympic Boxing and reaffiliate at the earliest to our National Olympic Committee at the earliest opportunity.

## FINANCE

The annual budget was presented and aspects of that report were discussed

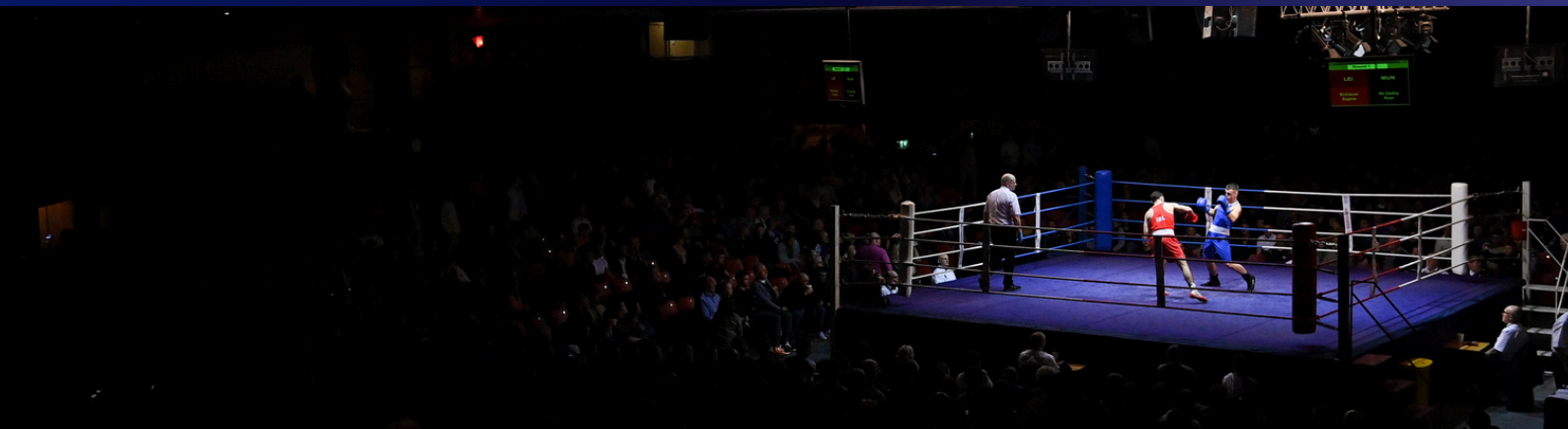
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The Chair updated Directors on the process and current recruitment campaigns for the National High-Performance Director and CEO.



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## COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Directors ratified Terms of Reference for a range of committees, and the Directors to sit on those committees:

**Safeguarding Committee:** Christina Desmond, in light of her experience as a member of An Garda Síochana

**Athletes' Commission:** Ceire Smith, in recognition of her experience as a High-Performance boxer, contesting internationally.

**Coach Education Committee:** Gus Farrell, in recognition of his membership of the 2022-2024 Committee, and his experience in the field of Coach Education.

**High Performance Advisory Commission:** Boxing Olympian, Darren O'Neill. Darren will be joined by two members of Central Council, and an independent external member

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

A Board discussion took place where everyone contributed and collectively felt that as a National Governing Body the IABA plays a key role in promoting diversity and inclusively. The Board agreed to engage the Irish Centre for Diversity to provide workshops and independently engage with the clubs. Clubs will be encouraged to implement policies and initiatives that create an inclusive environment and increase representation.

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Chair reminded the board of the 40% minimum of gender balance requirement for the Board of Directors and confirmed that he would be engaging with Board members seeking two independent directors.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on or about February 28th