

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING** of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the “WORLD MIXED MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION [WMMAA]”

Date and Time of the Meeting: November 27, 2016, 12 p.m.

Place of the Meeting: **Studio City Hotel, Macau, China**

Voting Members & Members Represented by Legal Proxy:

38 Countries.

Other Voting persons:

Mr. Fedor Emelianenko

Candidate/ Non-Voting Members Present:

Kazakhstan (New and Old members) ;

Nicaragua (Jorge Sanarrucia)

Special Invitees: Mr. Glashev, Mrs. Putova.

**12.00 p.m.**

**Opening of the Congress** by Secretary General of WMMAA, Mr. Alexander Engelhardt.

**1. Nomination of the Convenor of the Congress.**

Mr. Vadim Finkelchtein proposed to the members to nominate Mr. Suresh Gopi, Secretary General of Asia WMMAA and President of MMA India as the Convenor of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the WMMAA.

**Issue 1 put to a vote.**

Voting results:

FOR 26	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 12
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**12.10 p.m.**

**2. Nomination of the Chairman of the Congress.**

Mr. Suresh Gopi as Convenor, proposed to nominate Mr. Vadim Finkelchtein as the Chairman of the Congress.

Issue No.2 was put to vote.

Voting results:

FOR 38	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 0
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**12.15 p.m.**

**3. Roll Call and Announcement of Quorum.**

**Roll Call of** Voting Members present, Voting Members represented by Legal Proxy, Candidate/ Non-Voting Members present and Absentee Members were tabulated and it was

declared that 38 members out of a total of 54 voting members were represented at Congress.  
As such it was declared that quorum was adequate to proceed with the rest of the items as stated in the Agenda.

**12.20 p.m.**

**4. Adoption of the Agenda.**

The House resolved to adopt the Agenda as tabled before them.

**12.25 p.m.**

**5. Adoption & Ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 2015 Congress held at Prague, Czech Republic.**

Issue No. 5 was put to a vote.

Voting results:

FOR 38	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 0
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**12.35 p.m.**

**6. Welcome Speech & General Report**

Mr. Vadim Finkelchtein, President of the WMMAA welcomed all the members present and gave his report: In 2017 WMMAA has its 4th anniversary which means that next year we can apply for the official recognition by different international sports federation. In 2017 extra attention needs to be paid to the documentation and its full compliance with the Olympic charter. WMMAA will support all the national federations with proper registration within their national authorities.

The Honorary President - Mr. Fedor Emelianenko, also addressed the house and gave his report: One of the main goals of WMMAA is moral health of the youth, their sport self-realization, personal education through physical. To reach that goal we start with the 16-17 years old World Championships. Also, the first International scientific-practical conference dedicated to the 5th anniversary of WMMAA and identifying future directions for the development of sport is going to be held in September.

**12.50. p.m.**

**7. Report by Mr. Alexander Engelhardt, Secretary General of WMMAA on the Continental MMA Unions [CMAU].**

**Continental Europe**

Continental Europe has been stabilising for the last year. We should focus more on the Western Countries and Balkan countries as there still a market to win. We have been able to get in the Balkan a new country, FYR of Macedonia, which is recognised by the Ministry of Sport and NOC.

**European Union**

Further growth we also expected from the build of the new federation for the European Union countries. This will be important as we expected to get faster acceptance for the organisation and sport by the European Union. Besides that this will also

**Asia/ Middle East**

Negotiation are taking place at the moment are with the Middle East countries. I am in negotiations with the Arab MMA Federation which is recognised by the UANOC (Union of Arab National Olympic Committees). Also this will create other possibilities. Struggles in further development of Asia as the South East part will not grow.

At the moment we have a problem in Kazakhstan were the governing board will later take a decision after hearing both parties. Mr. Kim has been forced to give back his position of President. We will later ask for ratification of this position to Mr. Han Jiu Li, now 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Asian WMMAA.

**Africa**

At the moment now it is still only Morocco were the government forbid MMA in following of France. Our Federation, in the person of Driss El Hilali, fights for changing this situation. Nigeria has been added to Africa. With the Arab Federation we will have new countries coming in. also we are looking at other possibilities to grow.

**Oceania**

We just had Australia joining. Difficult continent to get growth.

**Pan American**

Growth by numbers and developing the national federation the level has been the focus. Therefore we had new federations coming, but we also had to say goodbye to others that didn't meet the requirements. This will take time, but I am sure that it will be resulting in a steady growth of the PanAm division.

PanAm congress will take place in February in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA.

PanAm continentals will take place in June/ July, Monterrey, Mexico

**13.00 p.m.**

**8. Report by the WMMAA Treasurer / Financial Commission.**

The financial statement as tabled by Ms. Svetlana Odintsova was adopted by the members present.

**13.10 p.m.**

**9. Consideration of New Membership Applications / Admission of New Members to the WMMAA.**

Ratification of the applications for Full Membership to Portugal, FYR of Macedonia Nigeria, Australia, Chinese Taipei and India.

Issue No. 9 was put to Vote.

Voting results:

Portugal	FOR 32	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 6
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM	FOR 34	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 4
Nigeria	FOR 32	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 6
Australia	FOR 31	AGAINST 2	ABSTAIN 6
Chinese Taipei	FOR 31	AGAINST 1	ABSTAIN 7
India	FOR 29	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 9

**13.25 p.m.**

**10. Removal of / Disciplinary Action against existing Members.**

Ratification of the removal of the following members from WMMAA Membership for non-execution of provisions of the Constitution.

Issue No. 10 was put to vote.

Vote results:

Albania	FOR 32	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 6
Sweden	FOR 32	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 6
Switzerland	FOR 31	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 7
Bulgaria	FOR 31	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 7

**13.35 p.m.**

**11. Ratification of induction of additional members to posts in the WMMAA Governing Board for the period 2016-2018.**

Mr. Suresh Gopi proposed that the members present ratify the decision of the Governing Board to conduct inclusion additional members to posts in the WMMAA Governing Board for the period 2016-2018, in order to comply with SPORTACCORD\IOC recognition procedures.

It was proposed that Mr. Yury Navrazhny be inducted into the Governing Board as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of WMMAA, with full voting rights.

It was proposed that Mr. Victor Frolov be inducted into the WMMAA Governing Board as the Vice President of WMMAA representing the Continent of Europe with full voting rights

It was proposed that Mr. Zaya Zaya be inducted into the WMMAA Governing Board as the Vice President of WMMAA representing the Continent of Oceania with full voting rights

It was proposed that Mr. Han Jiu Li be inducted into the WMMAA Governing Board as the Vice President of WMMAA representing the Continent of Asia with full voting rights

The house was also informed that Mr. Tomas Yu, who has already been inducted into the Governing Board as a Vice President, will represent the Continent of Pan-America with full voting rights.

Issue No.11 was put to vote.

Voting results:

Mr. Yury Navrazhny	FOR 32	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 6
Mr. Zaya Zaya	FOR 32	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 6
Mr. Victor Frolov	FOR 32	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 6
Mr. Han Jiu Li	FOR 32	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 6

**13.45 p.m.**

**12. Ratification of Amendments to the WMMAA Constitution as proposed by the Governing Board**

Mr. Suresh Gopi proposed that the members present ratify the amended Constitution of the WMMAA and as resolved by the Governing Board so as to set the foundation to ensure full compliance to the conditions stipulated for securing future recognition of the SPORTACCORD and International Olympic Committee.

Issue no.12 was put to vote.

Voting results:

FOR 34	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 4
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**13.45 p.m.**

**13. Ratification of Amendments to the WMMAA Rules and Regulations as proposed by the Governing Board:**

Mr. Alexander Engelhardt, the WMMAA Secretary General, clarified the amendments to the Rules and Resolutions as proposed and already ratified by the Governing Board.

Mr. Engelhardt detailed the changes to the members present as under. Further clarifications were also provided by Mr. Boriz Burziev of the Russian MMA Union.

1. Establishment of Regulatory Judges Committee (RJC), approval of the scheme and members.
2. Updating of the Rules: Rules for kids and juniors (12 years and older). Holding of Championships in Russia for 16-17 years.
3. Inclusion of a new adult weight class into the Rules – 56.7 kgs.
4. Updating of the Rules: women division. Weight classes: 52,2 kgs, 61,2 kgs., equipment.
5. Acceptance of amateur athletes admission criteria. No admission for fighters in the Worlds and Continental Championships if they have competed in AA Level promotions. At this moment these are defined as UFC, One FC, M-1, Fight Nights, Bellator, WSOF, WFC, Cage Warriors, KSW, Rizin, Pancrase MMA, Road FC, Invicta FC and ACB.
6. Enforcement of annual judges, coaches, SportID / SportData seminars.
7. Weigh in procedure should be changed, as we want to avoid the weigh cutting.
8. Hosting federation deposit system (for holding Championships).

The Issue was put for adoption of the house as a formality only, as it was already ratified by the Governing Body in accordance to the authority granted by the Constitution.

Voting results to adopt the changes:

FOR 34	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 4
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**14.00 p.m.**

**14. Formation of WMMAA Committees.**

Mr. Alexander Engelhardt proposed that the members present at Congress vote to ratify the formation of these initial WMMAA Committees/Commissions by the Governing Board as and when required, so as to comply with the requisites of the SPORTACCORD\IOC recognition process.

- Technical Commission;
- Development Commission;
- Medical and Anti-Doping Commission;
- Marketing and Media Commission;
- Finance Commission;
- Ethical and Disciplinary Commission;

- Athletes' Commission;
- Women in Sport Commission;
- Legal Commission;
- Sports and Active Society Commission;
- Commission for Athletes with Different Abilities;
- Athletes' Entourage Commission;
- Referee and Judges Commission.

Issue No.14 was put to Vote

Vote results:

FOR 34	AGAINST 0	ABSTAIN 4
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**14.15 p.m.**

**15. Place and Venue of the 2017 World MMA Championships**

Mr. Vadim Finkelchtein requested members present to consider the possibility of carrying out the 2017 World MMA Championships within their territories and send their proposals for hosting the same with date, venue and financials to the WMMAA Governing Board, on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

**14.25 p.m.**

**16. Date and Venue of the 2017 Continental MMA championships**

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**14.30 p.m.**

**17. Date and Venue of the 2017 World MMA Championships for Youth and Juniors**

Mr. Vadim Finkelchtein requested members present to consider the possibility of carrying out the 2017 World MMA Championship for Youth and Juniors within their territories.

Mr. Fedor Emelianenko took the initiative and informed the members that the Russia MMA Union has already sent a proposal to the WMMAA Governing Board that they propose to conduct the 2017 World MMA Championship for Youth and Juniors in Russia.

**14.30 p.m.**

**18. Compliance to and enforcement of WADA/ WMMAA Anti-Doping Code**

Mr. Suresh Gopi expressed need of Compliance to and enforcement of WADA/WMMAA Anti-Doping Code. Mr. Suresh Gopi paid attention to importance of this point of agenda for SPORTACCORD\IOC recognition process.

**14.40 p.m.**

**19. Report on AIMS/ SPORTACCORD / IOC recognition process**

Mr. Suresh Gopi addressed the members present highlighting the major criteria that need to be fulfilled by each National member of the WMMAA so as to be compliant to SportAccord and IOC membership requests.

**14.50 p.m.**

Vote of Thanks.

There being no other business raised by the Members, the Chairman of the Congress gave the vote of Thanks and declared the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the WMMAA as adjourned.

**Chairman of the Meeting**

**Vadim Finkelchtein**

