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WMA Draft Constitution

Dear Winston,

enclosed please find our comments and amendments for the new WMA Draft Constitution. We would like to take this opportunity to remind WMA that all members shall get an overview summary (synopsis) of the proposed changes from the draft constitution dated 18.05.2011 and the new version after your discussion in Jyväskylä.

New Draft Constitution

A NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, PURPOSE, MEANS, MEMBERSHIPS

2. Purpose:

1. The word "promotion" should be added
- 2.+3. Can be combined
3. The following part should be added:of masters' athletic championships, for masters athletes that are registered/licensed by their national governing body/federation.

Reason: Only athletes with a valid national license fall under the IAAF/WMA jurisdiction and can be sanctioned. To prevent injustice a valid national license must be obligatory. Unlicensed athletes will have to be recruited by their national federations (starting pass, club membership). The athletes' registration request for participation must be validated by his/her national federation.

4. Membership

Last sentence: Any federation disqualified by the IAAF shall automatically be disqualified from WMA as well as any separate Masters Association.

Mitglied des DOSB,
der IAAF und der EAA

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B ORGANISATION

6. General Assembly

6.1. Powers

6.1.5. Exchange “Sanction” for “Award” of WMA World Championships

WMA does not have to sanction World Championships, as it relates to WMA’s traditional Stadia and Non-Stadia events

6.2. Ordinary and extra-ordinary General Assemblies

Is it planned to manage an additional GA in 2015 **and** 2016? Here we have the change of the World Championships to even years.

7. Council

7.2. Composition

- **Vice-President** (The title **Executive Vice-President** should be retained. To third parties this title implies more authorization during pre-bid inspections on organizational and financial issues.)
- **Competition Director** (We **don’t agree** to combining the Vice-President Stadia and Vice President Non-Stadia to Competition Director. In our opinion the requirements of the two positions are too different and specific as for one person to master adequately as well as too time consuming for one person to be able to put forward excellence in addressing the needed expertise. During pre-bid evaluation visits with potential bid-parties time constraints may also make it impossible to adequately address inspection objectives. It also does not seem very feasible as the areas are not necessarily interchangeable in expertise, making meaningful communication in Council meetings and the general assembly potentially less representative.
- **General Secretary** (The title “Secretary” should be retained as it is an elected position with restricted executive powers. The position of a General Secretary, as it is mostly referred to, implies the given powers of a Managing Director. These powers so far have not been given to the secretary of WMA and is therefore misleading. This is another point why staying with Executive Vice President is the more appropriate title for the VP for a person with executive authorities.
- **One (1) Regional Coordinator** (We don’t agree to the reduction to one Regional Coordinator. We support one Council Member for each of the six Regional Associations. No one can understand the very different problems of the regional Associations in full. It will always be a question of being loyal to the best idea instead of pushing your own regional interest. A reduction of regional representation endangers the development and regional growth. The Regional Representative to WMA Council must be an elected officer of their own regional federation and shall also be proposed and selected only on qualification and could very

well (to be discussed, also to reduce costs) integrated into a committee setting.

Furthermore your version does not specify details about the nomination process, simply saying that the designated person shall be elected by council.

By-Laws

C EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

4. President:

Within his portfolio parameters should be added:

- Promotion of an effective co-operation between WMA and IAAF
(since this is a major part of his responsibility)

5. Vice-President:

6. Competition Director:

We are missing a very clear definition of the necessary competence for this job as well as a listing of responsibilities for the Vice-President and Competition Director (please remember, that we prefer to keep the status quo with a Vice-President Stadia and a Vice President Non-Stadia), especially since those definitions of competence and responsibilities are listed in the LOC Entry Booklet and the Competitors Handbook. In both portfolios we find these parameters.

D COMMITTEES

13 General Rules for Committees:

16.2 Composition

17.2 Composition

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19.2. Composition

We agree with your intention to reduce council members due to financial savings. Since regional aspects are represented by the 6 regional council representatives in our proposal, committee members should be proposed and selected only on qualification criteria and not for regional representation to simulate equal distribution. Therefore the number of committee members can be calculated due to reason and function. Furthermore the position of the chairmen of a committee should not be appointed, the chair should be held by the respective council member.

Best regards



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