

MINUTES OF THE WORLD AQUATICS CONGRESS 2025

*Held on 29 July 2025 at 10:00 AM (GMT +8)
in Singapore (with remote participation)*

Agenda

1. Welcome by the World Aquatics President
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5. Honorary Order ceremony
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11. Update on the World Aquatics Swimming Championships – Beijing 2026
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13. Approval of changes to the Constitution
14. Report of the Treasurer
15. Report of the Chair of the Audit Committee
16. Report of the External Auditors
17. Approval of the 2023-2024 financial statements and release of responsibility and liability of the President, other Bureau Members and the Executive Director
18. Update on the activities of the Aquatics Integrity Unit
19. Update on the activities of the Athletes Committee
20. Presentation on Pool for All projects
21. Election of World Aquatics Bureau Members Continental Representatives and World Aquatics Vice Presidents
22. Election of World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large
23. Election of the First and Second Vice Presidents
24. Miscellaneous
25. Closing of the World Aquatics Congress

1. Welcome by the World Aquatics President

Mr. Husain Al Musallam, World Aquatics President, opened the Congress by welcoming all attendees. The World Aquatics Congress then observed a minute of silence in memory of World Aquatics Bureau Member, Mr Romani Katoa, who recently passed away.

2. Verification of quorum

Mr. Al Musallam confirmed, based on the attendance sheet signed by each delegate present and based on the presence of delegates participating remotely, that a total of 180 Member Federations were present either on-site or remotely, so the quorum according to Art. 13.14 of the Constitution was achieved and the World Aquatics Congress could proceed.

3. Order of Merit ceremony

The World Aquatics Order of Merit was awarded to Mr. Sam Ramsamy, World Aquatics First Vice President, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of aquatic sports on the African continent and worldwide. The Order of Merit was presented to him by Dr. Thomas Bach, IOC Honorary Life President.

4. IOC President's Address

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Ms. Kirsty Coventry welcomed all attendees in an opening address.

5. Honorary Order ceremony

The World Aquatics Honorary Order was awarded to Ms. Coventry, in recognition of her exceptional leadership and contribution to the development of Aquatics.

6. Welcome by the Co-Chair of the Organising Committee of the World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025

Mr. Mark Chay, Co-Chair of the Organising Committee of the World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025, welcomed all attendees in an opening address.

7. World Aquatics President's Address

Mr. Al Musallam provided an update on the activities of World Aquatics and the new initiatives being developed by World Aquatics. Mr. Al Musallam announced that Beijing, China will host the 2026 World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m).

8. Executive Director's Address

Mr. Brent J. Nowicki, World Aquatics Executive Director, provided an update on the recent activities and new projects of World Aquatics.

9. Appointment of Scrutineers

Mr. Al Musallam proposed to appoint Mr. Abdon Deguenon (BEN), Mr Raymond Hack (RSA) and Ms. Asma Hilal (TAN), as Scrutineers for the World Aquatics Congress. The World Aquatics Congress approved the proposal (98.84% for and 1.16% against)

10. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Al Musallam asked the World Aquatics Congress to vote on the approval of the Agenda that had been circulated to all National Federations. The World Aquatics Congress approved the Agenda (99.14% for and 0.86% against).

11. Update on the World Aquatics Swimming (25m) Championships – Beijing 2026

Mr. Zhang Hua, Level II Bureau Rank Official of Beijing Municipal Bureau of Sport, thanked World Aquatics for choosing to organise the 2026 World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) in Beijing. He added that the city of Beijing is committed to deliver a spectacular event and provide an exceptional experience to all participants.

12. Update on the World Aquatics Championships – Budapest 2027

Mr. David Szanto, Chief Operating Officer of the Hungarian Swimming Federation, provided an update on the planning and progress for the World Aquatics Championships - Budapest 2027.

13. Approval of changes to the Constitution

Mr. Al Musallam asked the World Aquatics Congress if there were any questions regarding the proposed changes to the World Aquatics Constitution. No questions were asked. Mr. Al Musallam asked the World Aquatics Congress to vote on the approval of the proposed changes to the World Aquatics Constitution. The World Aquatics Congress approved the changes proposed to the World Aquatics Constitution (98.01% for and 1.99% against).

14. Report of the Treasurer

Mr. Dale Neuburger, World Aquatics Treasurer, presented the 2024 financial report.

15. Report of the Chair of the Audit Committee

Mr. Debendranath Sarangi, Chair of the World Aquatics Audit Committee, presented the Audit Committee report. On behalf of the Audit Committee, he recommended to approve the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

16. Report of the External Auditors

Mr. Sarangi next confirmed that the External Auditors conducted an audit of World Aquatics' statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. He added that the External Auditors recommend the approval of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

17. Approval of the 2023-2024 financial statements and release of responsibility and liability of the President, other Bureau Members and the Executive Director

Mr. Al Musallam asked the World Aquatics Congress to vote on the approval of the 2023-2024 financial statements and the release of responsibility and liability of the President, other Bureau Members and the Executive Director. The Congress approved the 2023-2024 financial statements and granted discharge from responsibility and liability to Mr Al Musallam, other Bureau Members, and the Executive Director (99.41% for and 0.59% against).

18. Update on the activities of the Aquatics Integrity Unit

Mr. Ken Lalo, Vice Chair of the Supervisory Council of the Aquatics Integrity Unit, provided an update on the AQIU's activities in 2024 and 2025.

19. Update on the activities of the Athletes Committee

Ms. Jamila Lunkuse, member of the World Aquatics Athletes Committee, provided an update on the recent activities of the Athletes Committee.

20. Presentation on Pool for All projects

Mr. Sonam Karma Tshering, President of the Bhutan Aquatics Federation, provided a summary of the impact of the Pool for All project in Bhutan.

21. Election of World Aquatics Bureau Members Continental Representatives and World Aquatics Vice Presidents

Mr. Lalo, as Chair of the Election Committee, confirmed that the election process is in line with the World Aquatics rules and that the Aquatics Integrity Unit reviewed the eligibility of all candidates before the election.

Mr. Lalo invited the World Aquatics Congress to vote on the proposed election of the following individuals as World Aquatics Bureau Members Continental Representatives and World Aquatics Vice Presidents:

World Aquatics Bureau Member Continental Representatives from Africa

Ms. Thauriya Ahmed Diria Bharmal (TAN)
Ms. Monica Amon Changanamuno (MAW)
Mr. Mohamed Diop (SEN)
Mr. Yasser Mohamed Ibrahim Idris (EGY)
Mr. Donald Rukare (UGA)

World Aquatics Bureau Member Continental Representatives from America

Ms. Maureen Croes (ARU)
Ms. Cheryl Gibson (CAN)
Mr. Rafael Radhames Tavares (DOM)
Mr. Fernando Terrilli (ARG)

World Aquatics Bureau Member Continental Representatives from Asia

Mr. Digamber Vasant Kamat (IND)
Dr. Somsak Leeswadtrakul (THA)
Ms. Shakhnoza Mirziyoeva (UZB)
Mr. Mohsen Rezvani (IRI)
Ms. Jihong Zhou (CHN)

World Aquatics Bureau Member Continental Representatives from Europe

Mr. Kyriakos Giannopoulos (GRE)
Ms. Otylia Jędrzejczak (POL)
Ms. Sarah Keane (IRL)
Mr. Antonio Silva (POR)
Mr. Josip Varvodic (CRO)

World Aquatics Bureau Member Continental Representatives from Oceania

Mr. Matthew Dunn (AUS)
Ms. Judy Otto (PLW)

World Aquatics Vice Presidents:

Ms. Maureen Croes (ARU)
Mr. Matthew Dunn (AUS)
Mr. Yasser Mohamed Ibrahim Idriss (EGY)
Mr. Antonio Silva (POR)
Ms. Jihong Zhou (CHN)

He clarified that the candidates for World Aquatics Bureau Members Continental Representatives were nominated by their Continental Organisations.

The World Aquatics Congress approved the election of the abovementioned individuals as World Aquatics Bureau Members Continental Representatives and World Aquatics Vice Presidents (96.63% for and 3.37% against).

Following the vote, a delegate from Sweden noted that the results only displayed the percentage of votes received. She asked if the number of votes corresponding to each percentage could be added to the results. Mr. Lalo mentioned that the appointed Scrutineers were responsible for verifying the number of votes. Mr. Nowicki added that given the results have been displayed by percentages from the outset of the Congress, no changes would be implemented. This said, in request, delegates may contact the Scrutineers after the Congress to request the raw number of votes corresponding to each percentage.

22. Election of World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large

Mr. Lalo invited the World Aquatics Congress to vote on whether they agreed to elect the following individuals as World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from Asia and Europe:



World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from Asia

Mr. Khaleel Al Jabir (QAT)
Dr. Joo Hee Park (KOR)
Mr. Daichi Suzuki (JPN)
Ms. Kwai Mae Tang (MAS)

World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from Europe

Ms. Pernille Blume (DEN)
Ms. Camelia-Alina Potec (ROU)
Mr. Vanja Udovičić (SRB)
Mr. Erkan Yalcin (TUR)

The World Aquatics Congress approved the election of the abovementioned individuals as World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from Asia and Europe (98.50% for and 1.50% against).

Mr. Lalo then informed the World Aquatics Congress that the following four individuals were the candidates for the three positions of World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from Africa:

Mr. Zouheir El-Moufti (MAR)**
Mr. Jayseelan Naidoo (RSA)**
Ms. Doreen Tiborcz (MRI)**
Ms. Nozipho Mahlalela (SWZ)

He clarified that the candidates marked with the two asterisks were those supported by their Continental Organisation and proposed by the World Aquatics Bureau. He asked the World Aquatics Congress to vote for the three candidates they want to elect.

The World Aquatics Congress elected Mr. El-Moufti (MAR) (36.69% of valid votes cast), Mr Naidoo (RSA) (26.35% of valid votes cast), and Ms Tiborcz (MRI) (29.29% of valid votes cast) as World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from Africa.

Mr. Lalo next informed the World Aquatics Congress that the following five individuals were the candidates for the four positions of World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from America:

Mr. Dylan Carter (TTO)**
Ms. Diana Dominguez (PAR)**
Ms. Ana Fortin (HON)**
Mr. Jorge Soto (COL)**
Mr. Algernon Mashiel Cargill (BAH)

He clarified that the candidates marked with the two asterisks were those supported by their Continental Organisation and proposed by the World Aquatics Bureau. He asked the World Aquatics Congress to vote for the four candidates they want to elect.

The World Aquatics Congress elected Mr. Carter (TTO) (26.32% of valid votes cast), Ms. Dominguez (PAR) (22.30% of valid votes cast), Ms. Fortin (HON) (22.30% of

valid votes cast), and Mr. Soto (COL) (24.00% of valid votes cast) as World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from America.

Mr. Lalo informed the World Aquatics Congress that the following two individuals were the candidates for the position of World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from Oceania:

Mr. John West (NZL)
Mr. Ryan Pini (PNG)

Mr. Al Musallam clarified that the candidate supported by Oceania Aquatics was Mr. Katoa who passed away.

Mr. Lalo asked the World Aquatics Congress to vote for the candidate they want to elect.

The World Aquatics Congress elected Mr. West (NZL) (71.14% of valid votes cast) as World Aquatics Bureau Members World-at-Large from Oceania.

23. Election of the First and Second Vice Presidents

Mr. Al Musallam informed the World Aquatics Congress that the five elected Vice Presidents nominated Mr. Dunn as World Aquatics First Vice President and Mr. Silva as World Aquatics Second Vice President. The World Aquatics Congress elected Mr. Dunn as World Aquatics First Vice President and Mr. Silva as World Aquatics Second Vice President by acclamation.

24. Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous points were raised by the National Federations either before or during the Congress.

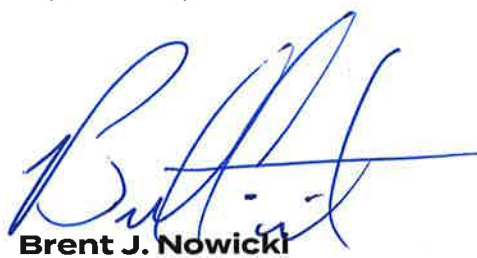
25. Closing of the World Aquatics Congress

Mr. Al Musallam thanked the National Federations for their presence and closed the World Aquatics Congress.

The World Aquatics Congress ended at 12:59pm (GMT +8)



Husain Al Musallam
World Aquatics President



Brent J. Nowicki
World Aquatics Executive Director

Encl:

- Attendance sheet