



**PASAF Executive Committee
Minutes
April 23, 2019
Video Conference Call**

1. Meeting was called to **Order** at 1005 hours (CDT) by President John Bennett (BRA) on 23 August 2019.
2. **Present on the Call** – President John Bennett (BRA), Secretary-General & VP Fred Hagedorn (USA), Treasurer & VP David Covo (CAN), VP Alberto Dana (MEX), VP Hector Duval (DOM), VP Pablo Masseroni (ARG) and VP Eric Tulla (PUR) reported in briefly but had connection difficulties, Host Representative Jorge Barreda (PER), and as a guest – Ricardo Navarro (BRA) – WS ITD for the 2019 Pan Am Games.
3. **MINUTES** The Minutes from the meeting of the Executive Committee held in Lima, Peru, August 18-19, 2018 had been previously approved by Electronic Vote via e-mail.
4. **REPORT of the President** President Bennett shared his hopes for moving many of the day's agenda forward to the General Assembly, and took a few moments to specifically recognize the efforts of Ricardo Navarro, Coco Barreda, David Covo and Fred Hagedorn in working with COPAL and Panam Sports in preparation of the 2019 Pan Am Games.

At this point, the gavel was passed to Secretary General Hagedorn to conduct the business of the meeting.

5. **Proposed Constitution Change #1** This change defines the start and end date of the Terms of Office for the President and the Executive Committee to coincide with the Closing Ceremonies of the applicable Pan Am Games. It was unanimously **APPROVED** to recommend this change to the General Assembly.
6. **Proposed Constitution Change #2** This change is a comprehensive re-write of the current Constitution to more accurately reflect current practices, to incorporating most of the Regulations dealing with things like electronic voting via email or other services, more accurately placing provisions so the section they are placed within are describing the body whose action is required. After fixing a typo and agreeing upon a provision to limit the number of persons an MNA may endorse for election to 1 (one), it was unanimously **APPROVED** to recommend this change to the General Assembly. It was also recommended that the Secretary General provide a 1-page summary to help readers have a feel for the changes and their reasons.
7. **Proposed Regulation creating an Athletes Commission and its Statute** Panam Sports and World Sailing are both heeding the call of the IOC and are strongly encouraging all members to adopt an Athletes Commission. PASAF has used the Panam Sports Athletes Commission Statute as its guide in preparing the Statute being proposed. After much discussion, ensuring that of the 8 athletes on the Commission should all come from 8 different MNAs, which is assured in Paragraph 2 of Section 2 of the Athletes Commission Statute. It was unanimously **APPROVED** to adopt a Regulation creating an PASAF Athletes Commission and its accompanying Statute.



- 8. Proposed Regulation creating an Election Protocol for the 2019 General Assembly Meeting** The current Constitution is very vague on how to conduct the nomination and election of the 7 VPs to serve on the PASAF Executive Committee and the voting process for the election of the President. This Regulation clarifies this. After discussion it was agreed to further clarify the Regulation by limiting any MNA to being able to endorse no more than 1 person from their MNA to be nominated as a VP of PASAF. The amended Election Protocol for the 2019 PASAF General Assembly Meeting was unanimously **APPROVED**.
- 9. Laser Measurement Allegations regarding Australian-made Laser Hulls** – Pablo Masseroni asked to discuss this at this point in the meeting as he needed to depart for another meeting. The allegation was noted, and it was agreed that our 2019 Pan Am Games ITD, Ricardo Navarro, would bring this issue up with World Sailing and then share what he learned with the Chief Measurer and Chief Judge and then present to the MNAs and NOCs the agreed upon actions (if any) that will be taken relative to this concern.
- 10. Proposed date for the 2019 PASAF General Assembly is 2 August 2019 (Friday) at 1730 hrs local time** This was a change from the initial discussion that the Executive Committee had last August in Lima where the initial thought was to hold the General Assembly on 4 August 2019 (Sunday) after racing. However, many MNAs have expressed concern over having the meeting once competition begins as their intended delegate will be a Team Leader or Coach. On the other hand, as some on the executive Committee noted, some MNA leaders will have an easier time attending on a Weekend day rather than a weekday. We all agreed that there is no easy answer, but the best compromise seemed to be to hold the meeting on a Friday in the late afternoon. A Motion was Made and Seconded to Schedule the 2019 PASAF General Assembly on 2 August 2019 at 1730, preceded by an hour for check-in and refreshments, in Paracas, Peru. The Motion was **APPROVED** on a vote of 3-yes, 2-no and 1 abstain.
- 11. Update on Accreditation for the 2019 Pan Am Games** David Covo shared that it has been a fairly painful process getting all of the data, in the correct format as well as the “passport-like” photos for each of the Officials and for the PASAF Family. The good news is that the due date is 26 April 2019, so the end is in sight. Of course, there will be special requests later and hopefully COPAL is ready for those. It was NOTED that MNA leaders should get their accreditations through THEIR NOC, as the NOC has Credentials for National Federation Leaders attending the Games.
- 12. Update on Membership Applications** This was actually discussed during the conversation regarding Constitution Change #2, as this change provides for the creation of an Affiliate Membership in PASAF. The issue is that Bolivia has applied, but they are not a member of World Sailing, so by our Constitution we may not recognize them. However, World Sailing will not recognize them until their Sport Ministry recognizes them and their sport ministry won’t recognize them until they are accepted by an international federation. Thus, if we have an Affiliate membership, then we can recognize them and help them to further become World Sailing Members and then move into full-membership.
- 13. Update on the 2019 Pan Am Games in Lima/Paracas, Peru** Ricardo Navarro provided an update from the perspective of the ITD. NOR has been released to the NOC Extra-net, and will be Amended within the next week with a number of details that needed fine-tuning. It is hoped that COPAL will then publish it in both English and Spanish on their public site., so that athletes and MNAs may more



easily see it and so that PASAF may be able to link to it. COPAL has shared that they have secured a Powerboat Provider who will deliver 4 – 48-foot Cats as Signal boats, 15 RIBs and 4 additional hard-sided powerboats. This is great news, and we look forward to learning who this sponsor is so we may thank them directly. Ricardo, Fred and Coco will be attending a meeting with COPAL to review and answer the final issues leading up to the Games. That same weekend, Ricardo will lead a 2-day race Management Seminar for the Games-Team in Lima. The friends of the Games Hotel in Paracas has not yet been announced, however, Fred shared that Gustavo, Sport Director at COPAL is no looking into the issue for us and an answer is expected shortly. We also hope to hear back from Panam Sports regarding our proposal to subcontract for Mediapro and provide images of the games using sailing centric image specialists.

14. **Process of selecting the ITD for the Pan Am Games** It was verified that the Technical Delegate for the Pan Am Games must be a World Sailing Certified ITD, that PASAF makes the recommendation of who would be best suited for the event to the Chair of the Regional Games Sub-Committee of World Sailing who then provides it to the World Sailing EWP. PASAF provides for input from the Host Nation's MNA during this process. Based on all of this, and the need for a Spanish Speaking ITD and one that is located relatively close to Chile, the recommendation to World Sailing will be Ricardo Navarro for the 2023 Pan Am Games to be held in Santiago, Chile.
15. **Old Business** – None.
16. **New Business** – Pablo Masseroni, during discussions of whether an athlete from a particular event, or if an ExCom Member who may also be an Officer of an International Class, has a conflict of interest offered to send out to TED talks to the ExCom on the topic of Conflicts of Interest.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 1221 Hours (CTD).