

**IBF General Assembly Meeting
November 23 2025
Hong Kong, China**

Present:

Members of the Executive Committee:

President - Sheikh Talal Mohammad Al Sabah
1st Vice-President - Mr. Martin Faba
2nd Vice-President - Mr. Marios Nicolaides
President of Oceania Bowling Federation – Mr Joey Miranda III
Acting President of Bowling Federation of Africa – Mrs Kiley Cassell
President of European Bowling Federation - Mr. Valgeir Gudbjartsson
EBF delegate - Mr. Onder Gurkan
Representative of ABF President - Dr. Danny Santos
ABF Delegate - Mrs. Suwalai Satrulee
Representative of Athletes Committee - Mr Francois Lavoie
Representative of Para Bowling - Ms Vivien Lau
IBF CEO - Mr. Michael Seymour

Attending Federations: 30

Asian Bowling Federation

Chinese Bowling Association
Hong Kong, China Tenpin Bowling Congress
Japan Bowling
Korea Bowling Association
Kuwait Bowling Federation
Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress
Philippine Bowling Federation
Qatar Bowling Federation
Singapore Bowling Federation
Thai Tenpin Bowling Association
Chines Taipei Bowling Association

European Bowling Federation

British Tenpin Bowling Association
Finnish Bowling Federation
Tenpin Bowling Association of France
German Bowling Federation
Icelandic Bowling Association
Bowling Ireland
Italian Federation of Billiards and Bowling Sports
Swedish Bowling Federation

Pan American Bowling Confederation

Canadian Bowling Federation
Costa Rica Bowling Association
Dominican Republic Bowling Federation
Guatemala Bowling Federation
Mexican Bowling Federation
United States Bowling Congress

Bowling Federation of Africa

Egyptian Bowling Federation
Tenpin Bowling Association of South Africa

Oceania Bowling Federation

Tenpin Bowling Australia
Guam Bowling Congress
Tenpin Bowling New Zealand

Proxies:

From

Asian Bowling Federation
Bahrain Tenpin Bowling Association
Islamic Republic of Iran Bowling & Billiard Federation
Kazakhstan Pin Sport Federation

European Bowling Federation

Royal Belgian Bowling Federation
Bulgarian Bowling Federation
Catalan Bowling Federation
Croatia Bowling Federation
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling Association
Bowling Federation of Kosovo
Latvian Bowling Federation
Malta Bowling Association
Norwegian Bowling Association
Portuguese Bowling Association
Romanian Bowling Federation
San Marino Bowling Association
Slovak Bowling Federation
Slovenian Bowling Federation
Swiss Bowling Federation
Turkish Bocce Bowling Dart Federation
All-Ukrainian Sports Tenpin Bowling Federation

Pan American Bowling Confederation

Ecuador Bowling Federation
Uruguay Bowling Association

Bowling Federation of Africa

Tunisia Bowling Federation

Observers

Mr Petr Vanura President, World Ninepin Bowling Association (WNBA)
Mr Roger Creamer QubicaAMF
Mr Tyler Jensen President, Storm Product Inc.

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M. Faba
Federacion Costarricense de Boliche

M. Nicolaides

1. Opening of the General Meeting

The President, Sheikh Talal M. Alsabah called the General Assembly to order at 3.05 pm. He thanked and welcomed delegates attending the meeting and also the bowlers coming for the championships.

2. Appointment of Chairman and Secretary of the meeting

The President appointed Mr Martin Faba, 1st Vice President, as Chairman of the meeting and CEO, Mr Mike Seymour, as Secretary of the meeting. Martin Faba welcomed everyone and informed the floor that the meeting would be recorded.

3. Memorials

There were none.

4. Roll call, validation of the proxies and determination of voting rights

Mr Valgeir Gudbjartsson and Ms Suwalai Satrulee were appointed as scrutineers for the proxies. There were 30 federations present and 23 proxies. Total voting rights 53.

5. Introduction of Other Members of the Executive Committee

Martin Faba introduced the Executive Committee Members. Mrs Kiley Cassell was introduced as the Acting President of the BFA and Mr Joey Miranda III was introduced as the new President of the Oceania Bowling Federation. The floor unanimously accepted the change.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Extra-ordinary Congress

The Chairman asked the floor whether they have any comments on the minutes. There were none. The floor unanimously accepted the minutes.

7. Report of President

There were no comments or questions on the Presidents Report.

8. Report of Presidents of the Zones (if any)

There were no comments or questions on the Zone Presidents Reports.

9. Committee Reports

There were none

10. Admission and Expulsion of Member Federations

There were no expulsion of federations and no admission of new federations. The General Assembly was informed that the Executive Committee had approved the amalgamation of the Irish Tenpin Bowling Association and Northern Ireland Tenpin Bowling Association into Tenpin Ireland.

11. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

12. Presentation of Financial Report

The financial reports for the years 2023 and 2024 were presented by the Accountants, Prateo. The Chairman explained that these reports have been submitted to the Swiss authorities and the Executive Committee has very little information regarding the specific numbers in the reports.

He also noted that it was time the organisation moved on from the issues with the previous administration.

The Chairman requested that if anyone had any specific questions, could they please put them in an email to the CEO who will contact the accountants for clarification.

The Chairman asked for any comments, observations or questions on the reports from the floor. There were none.

There was a motion from Qatar seconded by Hong Kong, China to approve the financial reports as presented. There were no objections and the financial reports were approved.

13. Release of the Executive Committee

There was a motion from Hong Kong, China seconded by Guam to release the Executive Committee. There were no objections to the release of the Executive Committee.

14. Legislation

The following amendments to the IBF Articles were proposed to the General Assembly by the Executive Committee.

14.1 Article 2.1 - Name, headquarters and duration – The amendment to Article 2.1 is proposed to authorize the Executive Committee to establish a new IBF headquarters, should relocation from Lausanne become necessary.

There were no objections to this proposal. The amendment was approved.

14.2 Article 8.5 - Delegates of any Zone Organization of 15 Members or more. The removal of Article 8.5 is recommended, as the appointment of a delegate is the responsibility of the Zone organisations and is carried out through their approved procedures.

There were no objections to this proposal. The amendment was approved.

14.3 Various Articles - Recognition of the WNBA as part of the IBF. The amendments listed below, relate to the recognition of the WNBA as part of the IBF.

i. The designation of the WNBA in the statutes as the integral and sole world authority for ninepin bowling (changes in section 1.2.5)

ii. Co-opting the WNBA President (or the WNBA's appointed representative) as non-voting member of the Committee (changes to Sections 6.1; 6.5; 8.5)

iii. In Article 9.1 of Chapter 9 - World Championships, a point has been added that the WNBA directly organises the world competitions for ninepin bowling

There were no objections to this proposal. The amendment was approved.

The WNBA President addressed the General Assembly and thanked them for their support in including WNBA as part of the IBF.

15. New Business

A question was raised regarding the requirement to have full teams to attend the World Championships. The Chairman of the Competition Committee (Mr Francois Lavoie) advised that the committee is currently reviewing the formats for championships, and it will be their recommendation that federations may participate in certain events without the requirement of having a full team.

The President of WNBA, spoke about and presented the new WNBA logo to the General Assembly.

WNBA also asked about including ninepin as a discipline in the next edition of the World Games. The CEO provided an update on the application process, which will include tenpin and ninepin.

WNBA also asked to confirm the IBF was a member of SportAccord. This was confirmed.

16. Projected Budget and Establishment of Dues

The projected budget is still under development and is not available for presentation at this meeting.

The Chairman informed the General Assembly that the Executive Committee has unanimously agreed to a 50% increase in membership fees commencing in 2026. This increase will include general assembly fees, so that in the future delegates will be able to attend the general assembly without having to pay a fee. It was emphasised that the fees have not increased in more than 20 years. A question was asked regarding the breakdown of membership fees. The meeting was advised that each zone collects the fees on behalf of IBF and they have a breakdown for each of the federations in their zone.

17. Close the Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3.45 pm.

Approved by:

Sheikh Talal Mohammad Al Sabah
President

December, 2025

Prepared by

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CEO, Secretary