



## WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

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To  
The Presidents of the WBF NBOs  
WBF Executive Council Members  
WBF President Emeritus  
WBF Committee of Honour Members  
WBF Zonal Conference Presidents  
Kellerhals Carrard Lausanne/Sion Ltd  
WBF General Counsel  
WBF Secretary

Lausanne, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Dear Friends,

### WBF CONGRESS 2020

Following the preceding communication, I am pleased to confirm to you that the 2020 Congress will be hosted in accordance with art. 27 par. 1 lit. b of Ordinance 3 on Measures to Combat Coronavirus of the Swiss Federal Council (formerly art. 6f par. 1 lit. b of COVID-19 Ordinance 2). Consequently, members will not be able to attend the Congress physically and will be requested to send their voting instructions by e-mail to the independent proxy appointed by the Management Committee at the meeting held on 17th July, namely the law firm Kellerhals Carrard Lausanne/Sion Ltd, represented by one of its Partners.

The Congress of the World Bridge Federation will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. The preliminary agenda is as follows:

1. Determination of quorum
2. Approval of minutes of preceding Congress Meeting in Orlando
3. Report of the President
4. Report of the Treasurer (including auditor's report)



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5. Election of 3 Members of the WBF Executive Council for the biennium 2020/2022
6. Affording status of Associated Member (if applicable)
7. Unfinished business
8. Adjournment

In accordance with WBF Statutes & By-Laws and art. 27 par. 1 lit. b of Ordinance 3 on Measures to Combat Coronavirus of the Swiss Federal Council, the Congress procedure will be as follows:

1. On or before 4th October 2020 (30 days before the Congress) the candidatures for the election of the 3 members of the Executive Council must be forwarded by the NBOs by e-mail to the Hon. Secretary (**[hon.secretary@worldbridgefed.com](mailto:hon.secretary@worldbridgefed.com)**) together with a CV of the candidates and the candidates' signed declaration to be in good standing with their own NBO (i.e. of the country in which they are either a citizen or bona fide resident) and compliant with all the other conditions of admissibility (see article 39 of the WBF Statutes).
  - 1.1. The candidatures and annexed CV will be immediately circulated and published on the WBF website by the Hon. Secretary.
  - 1.2. If, and only if, there are not candidates from at least 3 different Zonal Conferences, NBOs of the Zonal Conferences that do not already have a candidate will be invited to submit further one further candidate by e-mail to be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary on or before 10 October 2020. As above, the email must include the candidate's CV and his/her signed declaration to be in good standing with his/her own NBO and compliant with all the other conditions of admissibility.
  - 1.3. The additional candidatures and annexed CV will be immediately circulated and published on the WBF website by the Hon. Secretary
2. On or before 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (30 days before the Congress) any new matters to be added to the Agenda and comments on the documents attached to the Convocation must be forwarded by e-mail by the NBO to the Hon. Secretary.
3. On or before 11 October 2020 the Final Agenda, including any additions requested by the NBOs (if accepted), will be circulated and published on the WBF website by the Hon. Secretary. The following will also be circulated to NBOs at the same time: (i) any comments received on the documents attached to Convocation, (ii) any responses to those comments that are deemed appropriate, (iii) the form to appoint the independent proxy and (iii) the voting cards.



4. You will be asked to complete and sign the proxy form and voting card and send the same by email to the Independent Proxy, Kellerhals Carrard Lausanne/Sion Ltd on or before 28 October 2020 . With respect to the election of EC members, each NBO may cast a vote for up to 3 candidates providing they are from 3 different Zonal Conferences. Voting cards with more than 3 preferences selected and/or with more than one candidate from the same Zonal Conference, shall be void with respect to the election. The three candidates with the highest number of votes from 3 different Zonal Conferences shall be elected. In the event of a tie, the Congress will be adjourned such that a further vote between the tied candidates can be held according to the same principles as contemplated herein (i.e. through the independent proxy). .
  
5. The 'residual' Congress will be held in Lausanne on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 14.00 CET with the attendance of a limited number of persons, including the President, the Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary and the Independent Proxy who will notify the results of the votes.

Yours sincerely  
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