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Circular No. 7 of 2013

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Subjects covered in this Circular include the following:

Updates for the 2013 FISA Ordinary Congress

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Updates for the 2013 FISA Ordinary Congress

1. Clarification in the Minutes of the 2013 FISA Extraordinary Congress

We have received a comment on the Extraordinary Congress Minutes related to the paragraph on page 6, upper right corner which reads as follows:

“The Council reviewed many of the documents mentioned above, asking for comments as the documents were reviewed. As the delegates did not have time to fully review these appendices, the appendices were considered approved by the Council for implementation but the Council stood ready for any comments until the end of February when text was being finalised for printing.”

The intention here was pragmatic in order to find out if any national federations had concerns in any of the areas covered by the Bye-Laws and Event Regulations presented in the appendices of the Rule Book. These Bye-Laws and Regulations were approved by the Council in accordance with Article 44 of the FISA Statutes – Duties of the Council, paragraph 4 which reads:

“...to adopt and amend Bye-Laws made under Statutes and Rules of Racing and to adopt and amend Event Regulations.”

These Bye-Laws and Event Regulations were published on 15 March 2013. The Congress retains the right to request reconsideration of these Bye-Laws and Regulations until 15 March 2014 in accordance with Article 30 of the FISA Statutes.

2. Procedures that will be followed for the Elections of the Executive Committee

We would like to provide a clear description of the procedures to be followed when it comes to the elections on 2 September 2013. As explained in Circular No. 4:

“The current president, Denis Oswald, is seeking re-election, but he indicated that he intends to retire before the 2014 Congress. If he is re-elected, there will be a vacancy [when he retires]. Instead of having this vacancy filled by the Executive Committee according Art. 52 of the Statutes, the Council proposes that the Congress selects the next president already at the Congress in Chungju.

Provided that Denis Oswald is re-elected for the immediate term, the delegates will also elect the person who will fill the vacancy and take over the presidency from Denis Oswald when he retires. This solution aims at allowing a smooth transition between the current and the future president.

National federations have therefore the opportunity to propose candidates for the position of president, either to be opposed to Denis Oswald for the period starting immediately after the Congress in Chung-Ju, or for the period starting when Denis Oswald retires in the course of 2014.”

Therefore, the elections will proceed as described below:

a. Election of the President

Candidate : Denis Oswald (SUI)

A delegate from the Swiss Rowing Federation will be given the floor for three (3) minutes to present the candidacy of Denis Oswald.

There will be an opportunity for questions then the election of the President will take place.

b. Election of the President to succeed Denis Oswald

As explained above, the Congress will elect the person who will fill the vacancy created when Denis Oswald retires and thus complete the term of president. There are three candidates for this succession:

- i. John Boulton (AUS)
- ii. Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA)
- iii. Tricia Smith (CAN)

Delegates from the national federations of the three candidates will each be given the floor for three (3) minutes to present their candidacies. The order will be determined by random draw among the candidates.

There will be an opportunity for questions of the candidates from the delegates and then the election of the successor to Denis Oswald will take place.

c. Election of the Vice President

The candidates are:

- i. Anita DeFrantz (USA)
- ii. Tricia Smith (CAN)

Delegates from the national federations of the two candidates will each be given the floor for three (3) minutes to present their candidacies. The order will be determined by random draw among the candidates.

There will be an opportunity for questions and then the election of the Vice President will take place.

d. Election of the Treasurer

The only candidate is Michael Williams (GBR)

A delegate from the British Rowing Federation will be given the floor for three (3) minutes to present his candidacy.

There will be an opportunity for questions and then the election of the Treasurer will take place.

There will then be a break in the Congress so that the Council can assess the results of the above elections and then prepare a proposal for the three commission chairs to be elected individually to the Executive Committee in accordance with Article 48 of the FISA Statutes as described in Circular No. 6 of 2013:

“According to Article 48 of the FISA Statutes, the Congress shall elect three Commission Chairs, individually, to the Executive Committee based on a proposal from the Council. After the deadline of 2 June for candidacies to become president, vice president and treasurer, it became clear that there could be several possible outcomes affecting the election of the three commission chairs on the Executive Committee. For the present time, the three current chairs on the Executive Committee and three additional Council chairs have indicated would be interested to serve on the Executive Committee.”

The Council discussed this at their meeting in Lucerne on 14 July 2013 and has decided to submit the Council proposal for these three positions after the elections for president, vice president and treasurer. The Council will ask for a break in the congress, retire for a short Council meeting and then return to present the definitive Council proposal for these three commission chairs."

The Congress will resume.

e. Election of the Three Commission Chairs to the Executive Committee

The Council will propose three commission chairs to the Congress to hold positions on the Executive Committee.

There will be an opportunity for questions and then the election of the three commission chairs to the Executive Committee will take place.

That will complete the elections.

3. Meeting with the Candidates to succeed Denis Oswald as FISA President

Each of the three candidates to succeed Denis Oswald as FISA President will be presenting their candidacies at a meeting to be held Saturday, 31 August 2013 at 11:00 hrs in the team manager's meeting room at the Chungju regatta venue. Congress delegates and any interested persons are welcome. Each candidate will be given 15 minutes to present his or her candidacy. There will be no questions during the presentations. Afterwards, the candidates will be available separately to answer individual questions.

We look forward to seeing you soon in Chungju.

Yours sincerely,



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President



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