



EUROPEAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

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Vice President Report For 27 February 2018 Executive Board Meeting

This report looks at the commissions assigned under my portfolio and addresses the question of seniority among the vice chairholders.

Commissions

1. Marketing & Media

Proposed commission members: Otto Duindam, Netherlands; Boguslaw Ochab, Poland; Elena Serdiuk, Ukraine (resident Switzerland)

One additional volunteer has asked to serve, Arta (Leila) Artai, Cyprus/Iran and has been asked to submit her CV – no further response

Status: awaiting approval for commission members, initial vision document submitted by KB, must be expanded by commission especially as relates to sponsorship, income generation from marketing efforts, promotion of events

2. Youth Development

Proposed commission members: Sue Menzies, GB; Natalia Kravtsova, Ukr – currently proceeding with these commission members pending approval

Status: awaiting plan of approach from Sue, seeking additional volunteers

3. Women's Commission

Proposed commission members: still searching, several inquiries have been sent, including direct inquiry to promising members, without result; will need to do direct recruiting effort at next EDBF Championships

Status: initial women's status document submitted by KB, further inquiry needed into women's participation in events, etc. as outlined in vision document. This should be done by commission members once the commission is filled.

4. Competition and Technical Commission

Not assigned to a specific portfolio holder. This is an existing, active commission with a great deal of autonomy and coordination with ComSpec at IDBF level.

Commission chair: Saed Abdulla

Members: see Saed for details.

Status: Saed has been involved in site visits and sent out official invitations for 2018 EDBF Championships. Alan van Caubergh has been tapped to lead the Race Officials Secretariat and I believe Saed is coordinating with him. See Saed for further details.

5. Medical & Sports Science

Not assigned to a specific portfolio holder. This is an existing commission which has been under-resourced in the past.

Commission Chair: Antonio de Lucia

Members: see Antonio for details.

Status: See Antonio's 2017 report.

6. Adaptive Paddling

In development? Not currently defined or chaired although Claudio has made a recent visit to Armenia to look at a program there.

Senior Vice President Status

At the 30 January 2018 meeting the question of establishing seniority for the Vice Presidents was raised. I was asked to look into the issue. According to the current EDBF Bye-Laws (5th Edition, 28 December 2005):

4.8 The Vice-Chair Holders. The specific duties of the Vice-Chair Holders shall be defined in this Bye-Law, from time to time, and shall for the time being be as follows:

4.8.1 The Senior Vice-Chair Holder shall:

a. assist the Chair Holder in carrying out the duties in Bye-Law 4.1.1 - 4.1.6.

b. co-ordinate and supervise the work of the EDBF Commissions.

c. prepare in consultation with the Chair Holder the working programme of the Board.

Should the Chair Holder be prevented from exercising the office, the Senior Vice-Chair Holder shall become responsible for controlling the work of the EDBF and whilst so doing, shall enjoy the same rights as the Chair Holder.

4.8.2 The Second Vice-Chair Holder shall:

a. assist the Senior Vice-Chair Holder in working with the EDBF Commissions. b. fulfil any specific tasks allocated by the EDBF Council, the Board or the Chair Holder.

Should the Senior Vice-Chair Holder be prevented from exercising the office or is acting as the Chair Holder, the Second Vice-Chair Holder shall fulfil the role of Senior Vice-Chair Holder and whilst doing shall enjoy the same rights.

4.9 The Vice-Chair Holders shall report on their activities to the Board and Council and, in addition, shall provide the Secretary-General with copies of all official correspondence originated by them.

4.10 Whenever the EDBF does not have an Honorary President, the Vice-Chair Holders shall assist the Chair Holder in these duties and in representing the EDBF.

On 30 January 2018, the vice chairholders were assigned various duties and responsibilities. The duties and responsibilities assigned to the four vice chairholders do not match the currently existing (2005) by-laws, therefore I would recommend that the duties of the vice chairholders be re-examined and either the by-laws modified to enable a more flexible assignment of duties or the vice chairholders responsibilities may need to be re-assigned to confirm with the existing (or pending by-laws).

Determining seniority:

The current EDBF By-Laws do not have a provision for determining seniority. In cases where no EDBF By-Law exists, we have deferred to the IDBF By-Laws. The current IDBF By-Law¹ regarding establishing the Senior Vice Chairholder states the following:

4.7 (2.7) The Vice-Presidents.

*The Senior Vice-President, as defined in Article 21 of the Statutes (**that is, the Vice President who has held such Office the longest**) shall be responsible for undertaking the duties of the President or any of the Officers of the Federation, whose duties are detailed in this Bye-Law, in the event that one or other of them is prevented from exercising the office concerned.*

Article 21 of the IDBF Statues states:

ARTICLE 21 - COMPOSITION AND CHAIR HOLDER. 21 - 组成和主席 Effective from 1 January 2014. (Passed on the 8 August 2011, by the IDBF Members Congress).

*The President of the IDBF shall take the Chair and open and close the bi-annual IDBF Member's Congress or, failing him or her, the Senior Vice-President (**in case of equal seniority, the eldest**) shall preside. In the absence of the Senior (1st) Vice-President the 2nd Vice-President, shall preside and so on to the 3rd and 5th Vice Presidents. In the absence of all the Vice Presidents, the Secretary General shall preside. The President shall conduct the business of the Congress according to the Agenda laid*

¹ Edition No.6 Issue 2 Effective 01 January 2014

down in these Statutes. In the absence of the President or if the President so directs, a Vice-President or the Secretary-General, as detailed above, shall conduct the business of the Congress. (Aug 11)

In accordance with the IDBF Statutes, the Vice Chairholder holding the office the longest would be the senior vice chairholder. As all four vice chairholders were elected to office simultaneously, the senior would then be determined by date of birth.

In that case, the order of seniority among the four EDBF Vice Chairholders is as follows²:

Senior: Ute Becker: 1957, July 30

Second: Kimberly Beckwith: 1962, November 08

Third: Peter Jarosi: 1966, April 23

Fourth: Petr Klima: 1973, August 31

The IDBF By-Laws and Statutes appear to allow for a fairly flexible assignment of vice chair duties and it may be desirable to adjust those duties in accordance with individual vice chairholders experience and interest. For example, in the case of the EDBF Chairholder not being able to run a meeting, one of the vice chairholders who has organized the EDBF meetings in the past in conjunction with a past or present chairholder might be the best suited to take on that responsibility in the absence of the chairholder; or in matters of protocol, one of the vice chairholders with experience in protocol could take on that responsibility, etc.

Submitted by: K.M. Beckwith, EDBF Vice Chairholder

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K.M. Beckwith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

² As recorded in the IDBF Paddlers' Database