PANATHLON INTERNATIONAL

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To
Panathlon Club Presidents

and f.i. To *Panathlon International*
Board Members
A.C. Members
C.A.B. Members
Members of the Scientific and Cultural Commission
Members of the Int. Expansion Commission
District Presidents
Area Governors

Circ. no. 13/19 **Rapallo, 5th August 2019**

Dear Presidents,

As a result of the amendment to PI Statute adopted in 2018 in Florence whereby the International President may stand as a candidate for an additional term of office, last year the International Board charged an ad hoc international Working Group with the task of examining the consequences resulting from that amendment, as well as other situations deemed particularly important.

During its last meeting on 14 June 2019, the IB examined the final report drafted by the Working Group and, after thorough review, decided to propose some Statute amendments and to convene an **Extraordinary General Meeting** to be held **in Molfetta – Matera next 26 October 2019** in order for such amendments, subject to the Clubs' approval, to be effective as from the next General election Meeting in 2020.

In August you will receive the official Notice of the General Meeting, jointly with the decision, with an enclosed table showing all the articles of the present Statute, the proposed changes and the opinion delivered by the CAB pursuant to the Statute; I think it is appropriate, however, to forward in advance a summary of the items on which you will be asked to vote. Please find below the proposals in condensed form:

1. **Past-president's role**: it is proposed to grant him a consultative role and the right to attend the PC and IB meetings, but not a deliberative role (no voting power). As a result of the amendment adopted in Florence, a President who is elected for two terms may subsequently remain in office as past-President for two additional terms (i.e. a maximum of 16 years in total in a governing position). This is deemed too long a period.

2. **Electing an additional International Board Member (8 instead of 7) while increasing the maximum number of IB Members from the Districts with more than 30 Clubs** (from 4 to 5) in order not to disadvantage any Districts. This change becomes necessary because, if the Past-president's role is modified, there will be one less voting member both in the PC and in the IB.

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3. Appointment of **two Vice-presidents** instead of one by the International Board (the two VPs will sit in the PC with the International President), subject again to the Past-president's role being changed.

4. Change in the **minimum number of Clubs** required to form a District, from 2 (present requirement) to not less than 3 (proposal). Moreover, the Clubs which do not belong to any District will still be allowed to choose whether to join a neighbouring District or to be coordinated by the Expansion Commission (and no longer by the supranational district).

5. Only Panathlon members with specific legal expertise may be **eligible for standing as candidates to become CAB members**.

6. **Election of the** (entire) **Boards and Committees** in case of resignation of the majority of their members during their term of office; this procedure would thus be brought in line with the procedure in force for the International Board.

7. Possibility, for the International President, to **adopt urgent decisions** and, for the PC and the IB, to **hold meetings via videoconference**.

8. **No longer allow to form Junior Clubs**: based on the opinion delivered by the ad hoc Working Group, on the experience gained and on the opinions of the existing sponsor and junior clubs, it is proposed to establish a new category of "junior" members (aged from 18 to 35) in order to enable their full participation in Panathlon's life, with all the rights and duties of the ordinary members. Therefore, the existing Junior Clubs will merge into their sponsor/senior clubs pursuant to specific regulations.

9. Formal changes to **article 21.2** which were not implemented in amending the previous Statute (District Presidents elected by the Clubs).

10. Possibility for the IB to entrust operational activities to **PI Representations** outside Italy.

The above is a very condensed summary of the work carried out – through broad review, exchange and discussion – by the Statute Working Group and the IB. The Clubs may obtain the report released by the Statute Working Group (available in English and Italian) from the Secretariat; the report contains full details about the review undertaken and was updated to reflect the final proposals submitted by the IB.

During the first week of September, you will also receive the Programme of the General Meeting to be held next 26 October in Molfetta-Matera, jointly with the registration form.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Simona Callo
General Secretary

