

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WITH CONTINENTAL PRESIDENTS INVITED

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Saturday 20th September 2025 – 13:00 to 14:00 CEST (Lausanne time)

MINUTES

EB members and Continental Presidents in attendance:

SÖRLING Petra	President
LIU Guoliang	Deputy President
AL-MOHANNADI Khalil	Senior Executive Vice-President and ATTU President
MESHREF Alaa	Executive Vice-President – Finance
AZEVEDO Alaor	Executive Vice-President
MAEHARA Masahiro	Executive Vice-President
NATLAN Roland	Executive Vice-President
OSHODI Wahid	Executive Vice-President and ITTF President
SYMONS Graham	Executive Vice-President
LIU Shiwen	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair
ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair
MOURA Pedro	ETTU President
MOORE Anthony	ITTF-Oceania President

Staff in attendance:

DAINTON Steve	ITTF Group CEO
CALIN Raul	ITTF Secretary General

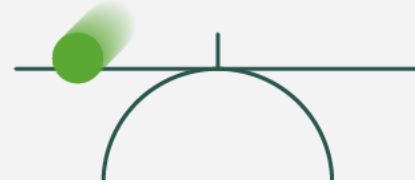
1. Welcome from the ITTF President

1.1. ITTF President's Welcome

Ms SÖRLING welcomed the Executive Board Members, Continental Presidents, and staff, and congratulated Mr DANTON and the WTT team for the success of the delivery of the Smash Europe, the WTT Champions in Macao, reporting also on the achievements in other areas, such as different events in the Youth, Hopes, and Regional events, as well as the ITTF Americas Annual General Meeting, which was successfully conducted in a very constructive manner in Antigua, Guatemala, congratulating Mr Juan VILA and his ITT Americas Board for it.

Ms SÖRLING highlighted one point of today's agenda, which is the AGM Continuation, indicating that out of respect to the EVP candidates, now that the ITTF Tribunal has taken a decision, it is time to move on with the ITTF AGM continuation, for which there is a point later in the agenda, so the EVP elections can take place, adding also that due to the interruption in Doha, the ITTF will consider the appropriate moment to recognise for their contribution those EVPs that are not continuing, during the AGM in London when celebrating the 100 years of the ITTF.

Without further ado, Ms SÖRLING invited Mr CALIN to proceed with the roll call.



1.2. Roll Call

The Roll Call was conducted with nine out of the eleven EB members present at the moment of the roll call ¹, and the Continental Presidents of Europe and Oceania also in attendance.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without any further items being added.

3. **Update on the ITTF Tribunal appeals from QTTA and Mr Al-Mohannadi**

The EB noted that, as announced at the previous EB meeting, the ITTF Tribunal hearing was held on Thursday, 28th August 2025, and that on 1st September 2025 the ITTF Tribunal issued the operative decision, dismissing the two appeals and confirming the election of Ms Petra SÖRLING as the ITTF President.

The EB also noted that subsequently, on 2nd September 2025, the ITTF CEO and Secretary General circulated a letter to the Membership, informing them of the ITTF Tribunal's decision.

Due to the speculations circulated via email by some Member Associations Ms SÖRLING asked clarification on the reasoning of the two step approach on the ITTF Tribunal decision, to which Mr CALIN responded that the request to advance the operational decision was made to the ITTF Tribunal during the hearing by one of the parties, without any objection to the other party to that, what is a common practice in Tribunal proceedings, understanding that it is important for the ITTF to try to return to normality as soon as possible, by completing the interrupted AGM. Mr CALIN confirmed that the full decision, including the reasoning, will be circulated to the Membership once issued by the ITTF Tribunal.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr CALIN for the explanation and asked the EB colleagues and Continental Presidents to help spread the word to refute the circulating innuendos.

4. **ITTF AGM continuation**

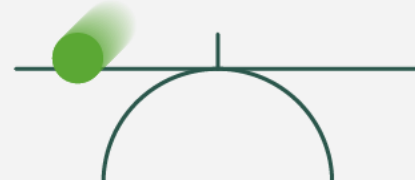
Mr Graham SYMONS, ITTF AGM 2025 Chair, reported that, as discussed at the last EB meeting, he was waiting for the decision of the ITTF Tribunal. Once the decision has been taken, and as advised by the ITTF lawyers, the ITTF Executive Board has the constitutional power to decide on the modality in which the AGM should be reconvened, with Mr SYMONS recommending a fully remote meeting on Saturday, 15th of November.

The reason for such a recommendation is the very narrow window to complete such an AGM within four years of the last elections, the complication of coordinating travel logistics, and the high cost and impracticality of having delegates travel once again this year.

Mr SYMONS added that the ITTF lawyers' recommendation is to ensure the continuation of the AGM mirrors, as much as possible, the manner in which the first part of the AGM was conducted. Accordingly, only the 207 member associations registered for the 2025 AGM should be invited.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr SYMONS for his intervention.

¹ Mr Wahid OSHODI and Dr Alaa MESHREF joined the meeting a few minutes later.



Mr DANTON indicated that, from a management perspective, the remote option is the best, to ensure that the ITTF funds are designated to the promotion of table tennis activities, given that only a few remaining points are pending on the AGM agenda.

Mr DANTON added that if the remote option is chosen, a third-party company would assist the ITTF in continuing the AGM to minimise concerns among the membership.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI indicated that the 2025 AGM had been decided to be held in Doha as per the decision taken at the 2023 AGM held in Bangkok, and that the EB does not have the power to move it from Doha, adding that online is not fair for everybody, and that if the ITTF wants more problems, then they should go ahead with this decision. Mr AL-MOHANNADI continued saying that difficult times will come for the ITTF, that is clear for everybody who controls the online voting, that the physical voters preferred him in Doha, and that the case is going to CAS.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI, elevating the tone of his voice and addressing Mr DANTON directly, suggested that the ITTF spend money on things that are not important, that voting for EVPs is important and that the ITTF should stop other matters, such as travelling and many other things, stating that he will never accept such a decision for a meeting online and that if a decision is taken today for anything different than a physical meeting in Doha, QTTA and QTTA President will again present a case directly to CAS.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr AL-MOHANNADI for his intervention.

Mr NATRAN indicated that the ITTF should act professionally and that, under the ITTF Constitution, online continuation is possible and the best option in this case, given the complexity of travelling to any location again.

Mr MAEHARA suggested that if the decision was to make the meeting in person, it should be held in Doha; however, resuming the AGM in person would impose a burden on each association in terms of expenses and schedule, and it is not realistic. Therefore, he would prefer that the AGM be conducted online and that the continuation of this AGM be held as soon as possible, so the ITTF can address the remaining agenda items.

Ms LIU Shiwen indicated that, with the proposed date of 15th November and the National Games in China held from 7th to 20th November, she would personally find it more practical for the AGM to be held online.

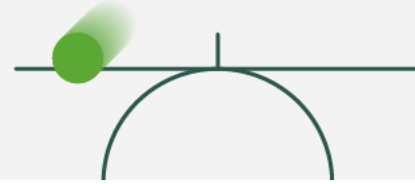
Mr AZEVEDO agreed with Mr AL-MOHANNADI that the AGM should continue in Doha in person.

Mr MOORE indicated that he fully supports the online meeting, adding that the members in Oceania (except Mr SYMONS, Table Tennis Australia President, because he is the ITTF AGM 2025 Chair) will not travel to any in-person AGM continuation meeting, wherever the meeting might be, and particularly to Doha. Mr MOORE continued, indicating that this is a very strong feeling of the Oceania delegates after the negative experience they had (in Doha), asking to put that on the record, indicating they will fully support an online meeting.

Dr MESHREF indicated that, for sustainability and financial reasons, he would prefer the AGM to be held online.

Mr MOURA agreed with Dr MESHREF and most of the other colleagues that, for sustainability, financial, and agenda reasons, he also prefers an online meeting, particularly after what happened in Doha.

Ms SÖRLING gave the floor once again to Mr AL-MOHANNADI.



Mr AL-MOHANNADI stated that whoever gave this advice to the ITTF (to continue the AGM online) gave wrong advice, adding that soon the ITTF will receive a request from many countries to hold an ITTF Extraordinary General Meeting, and stating that the next year in London, there will be elections again for the entire EB, because the EB cannot take this decision. Mr AL-MOHANNADI continued repeating that if this decision is taken, if not before, there will be elections for all the EB again in London, what will not be good for the ITTF.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr AL-MOHANNADI for his intervention.

Mr AZEVEDO asked for the possibility to have as an option the possibility to have the meeting physically in Doha.

Mr SYMONS suggested that if Mr AZEVEDO want to cast his vote for a hybrid meeting in Doha, he could do so.

Without any further requests to speak, the vote on the modality of the AGM continuation was held.

EB members in favour of an online continuation: nine (9).

EB members in favour of holding it physically: two (2).

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The Executive Board decided that the ITTF 2025 AGM continuation will be held online on Saturday, 15th November 2025.

Ms SÖRLING asked Mr CALIN how this decision will be communicated to the Membership.

Mr CALIN responded that, in view of some of the comments of two of the EB members in the meeting, the best course of action is that the communication will be circulated from the CEO's Office, for what he will coordinate it with Mr DANTON.

5. Other Business

There were no other businesses to be addressed.

6. Adjournment

Having no further business, Ms SÖRLING thanked the EB members and Continental Presidents for their contributions and hoped to work in peace and unity with everyone. The meeting was adjourned at 13:45 CEST.

Petra SÖRLING
ITTF President

Date

Steve DANTON
ITTF CEO

Date