

Minutes of The UANA Quadrennial Congress

XVII Pan American Games

July 13, 2015

Westin Harbour Castle Hotel

Toronto, Canada

UANA Secretary/Treasurer Fernando J Canales called the meeting to order at 0900AM

Accreditation of Delegates

UANA Member Federations present and accredited:

42 Countries / 100 % of UANA Member Federations were represented along with their delegates.

These are:

Antigua & Barbuda; Argentina; Aruba; Bahamas; Barbados; Bermuda; Bolivia; Brasil; Canada; Cayman Islands; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Curacao; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; El Salvador; Grenada; Guatemala; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Jamaica; Mexico; Nicaragua; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Puerto Rico; St. Kitts & Nevis; St. Lucia; St. Vincent & the Grenadines; Suriname; Trinidad & Tobago; Turks & Caicos Islands; United States; Uruguay; Venezuela; British Virgin Islands; US Virgin Islands

Opening Remarks by UANA President and Declaration of Quorum

UANA President Coaracy Nunes Filho greeted the attending UANA Federations, the members of the UANA Executive Committee and all distinguished guests. He welcomed Dr. Julio Maglione, Uruguay IOC Member, Interim PASO and current FINA President, as well as Mr. Cornel Marculescu, FINA Executive Director. The UANA President thanked Honorary Life President, Mr. Eldon Godfrey, for his guidance and excellent work. He complimented the audience and the Executive Committee for the excellent work accomplished during his quadrennial. It was established that we had quorum.

UANA Executive Committee members present in addition to President Coaracy Nunes Filho (BRA) and Secretary/Treasurer Fernando J. Canales (USA):

Mr. Luis Leiva Perez (CHI)

Mr. Errol Clarke (BAR)

Mr. Ismael Gonzalez (GUA)

Mr. Steve McFarland (USA)

Mr. Brian Johnson (CAN)

Mr. William Shaw (CAN)

Distinguished guests present:

Dr. Julio Maglione, Uruguay IOC Member, PASO and FINA President; Mr. Ivar Sisniega, ACODEPA President; Ms. Nicole Hoevertz, PASO Chief of Protocol and Aruba IOC Member; Mr. Bob O'Doherty, Sr. Vice President of Sport - Toronto 2015; Mr. Dale Neuburger, FINA Vice President; Dr. Margo Mountjoy, FINA Bureau and UANA International Relations; Mr. Eldon Godfrey, UANA Honorary Life President

Presentation of Visitors

The UANA President addressed the assembly and asked for our distinguished visitors to share important topics about their line of work during the quadrennial.

Honorary UANA Life President, Mr. Eldon Godfrey provided a comprehensive report about his experience with PASO. Mr. Godfrey was present as the UANA representative during the PASO Sports Festival in Mexico City. He was proud to announce that Mr. Dale Neuburger was elected as our new member representative to ACODEPA and Dr. Julio Maglione was selected as the Interim PASO President, following President Mario Vasquez Rana's

death. The PASO Sports Festival featured 4 aquatic disciplines and it was an important well run event in 2014. The future of the event is yet to be determined but it may continue to grow, both, as a qualifier for the Pan American Games and as a developmental event for Junior Age Continental athletes. Mr. Godfrey served eight wonderful years as our ACODEPA representative and we are grateful for his dedication and excellent body of work.

The UANA President encouraged Dr. Julio Maglione to address the assembly and to share important topics about FINA and PASO. Dr. Maglione highlighted his experience with UANA and the long history he has shared with so many UANA members. He is very proud of UANA and encourages everyone to keep working together on behalf of our Continental Federation. Don Julio spoke about all the different aquatic disciplines with great eloquence. He explained the growth and importance of the World Cup events, new innovations within FINA such as mixed duet as well as the future FINA World Championships in Gwanju, Korea. Dr. Maglione emphasized the importance of the FINA World Championships in Kazan as well as their economic impact. He thanked the Hungarian Federation for their quick action stepping forward to host the 2017 FINA World Championships as a result of Mexico stepping down as the host country. He complimented the Brazilian Federation for their excellent work "en camino a Rio 2016" and he expressed great expectations for these Olympics being hosted in South America.

President Coaracy asked Mr. Cornel Marculescu to take the stage and share with the assembly his thoughts and observations regarding FINA. Mr. Marculescu expressed gratitude to UANA and complimented its members as being an important and integral part of FINA. He spoke about the upcoming World Championships in Russia and the great economic impact they will have for all. In addition, he spoke about the technological, marketing and branding advances that will be experienced by the global FINA audience for the first time during these World Championships. He expressed confidence in FINA's bright future and explained how FINA's brand continues to surge in the eyes of the IOC and the Global Television and Marketing partners.

Mr. Ivar Sisniega, ACODEPA President, briefly addressed the assembly updating us with ACODEPA and ODEPA matters, explaining their difference and importance. He thanked Mr. Godfrey for 8 years of distinguished service with ACODEPA as well as Dr. Maglione for being a role model and a motivating force in his career. He believes the PASO Festival will continue to grow and expand. He discussed Water Polo and Team events. In addition, he encouraged new participation for the future.

Mr. Bob O'Doherty, Senior Vice President for Sport-Toronto 2015 spoke about his role in preparation for the Pan Am Games. He thanked FINA and UANA for working as a Team as well as Dr. Maglione for his expert guidance during the preparation phase en route to the Toronto 2015 Games.

The UANA President thanked all the Technical Delegates and gave specific praise to Dr. Margo Mountjoy and Mr. Eldon Godfrey for their contributions to the success of his office during the quadrennial.

President Coaracy thanked Miss Nicole Hovertsz, Aruba IOC member and PASO Chief of Protocol, for her participation in the Congress. Miss Hovertsz addressed the assembly and expressed her involvement with UANA from her days as a synchronized swimmer to the present. She spoke about the great responsibility and honor it is to represent Aruba and our Continent in the IOC. She will continue to work for the advancement of Aquatics within the Olympic movement and looks forward to her participation as an IOC member in Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020.

Approval of the Guadalajara 2011 Congress Minutes

Secretary/Treasurer Canales requested approval of the 2011 Congress Minutes which were unanimously accepted by the assembly.

There was a motion to accept the minutes by USA and seconded by Puerto Rico. The result was approval.

Executive Committee Report for 2011-2015

Secretary/Treasurer Canales requested the approval of the Executive Committee written report which was accepted by the assembly

There was a motion to accept the minutes by Argentina and seconded by Chile. **The motion passed.**

Report by the UANA Secretary/Treasurer for 2011-2015

Secretary / Treasurer Fernando J Canales thanked all 42 National Federations and their delegates for participating in the Congress. He thanked President Coaracy and Dr. Julio Maglione for their support during the quadrennial as well as the Technical Committee members for their excellent Team work within UANA. He commented on his written report, which was provided for all and approved by the assembly. The topic centering around Federations being eligible to vote in the Congress by keeping up to date in the payment of their FINA and UANA fees was approved. The financial report was presented.

There was a motion to accept the written report by Cayman Islands and seconded by US Virgin Islands. The result was approval.

Reports by the Standing Committees and Special Commissions

The reports by the Technical Committees and special commissions were presented in writing and briefly discussed during the Congress. All the reports are available in the UANA website. UANA Vice President, Mr. Steve McFarland and Masters Chair/UANA Financial Manager, Mr. Mel Goldstein provided additional clarification concerning the UANA Pan American Championships for both Diving and Masters.

There was a motion to accept the Technical Committee reports by Canada and seconded by Puerto Rico. The result was approval.

Consideration and Discussions of Proposals previously submitted and included in the Summons

There were 2 proposals previously submitted regarding the UANA Constitution. These are:

Article 31 - Election of UANA Executive Committee Officers

Article 43 - Composition of UANA Standing Committees

The two proposed amendments to the UANA Constitution were discussed in order to clarify their rationale which was clearly defined in the literature available to the assembly. This information had been sent to all member Federations in advance of the Congress and it was included in the Summons. Both proposals were submitted by United States Aquatic Sports. The proposal concerning Article 31 of the UANA Constitution was intended to clarify the rotation policy for the UANA leadership and it did not change or alter the practice that has been used by UANA for over six decades. The proposal concerning Article 43 of the UANA Constitution dealt with the composition of the UANA Technical Committees and it was drafted in order to make sure that each Technical Committee will always have athlete representation.

There was a motion to accept and ratify the proposed amendments by USA and seconded by Dominican Republic. The result was approval.

Election of The UANA Executive Committee 2015-2019

In agreement with the UANA Constitution quadrennial period rotation schedule, the new Officers of the UANA Executive Committee were nominated and elected as follows:

President:

Mr. Dale Neuburger (Zone 3)

Secretary/Treasurer:

Mr. Errol Clarke (Zone 2)

Vice Presidents:

Dr. Margo Mountjoy (Zone 4)

Mr. Guno Van der Jagt (Zone 1)

Executive:

Mr. Marcos Jara (Zone 1)

Mr. Algernon Cargill (Zone 2)

Miss Brenda Villa (Zone 3)

Mrs. Kathy Seaman (Zone 4)

There was a motion to elect by US Virgin Islands and seconded by Canada. The result was approval.

Election of the Candidates of the Americas to the FINA Bureau

Nominations for FINA Bureau - Candidates

Zone 1 - Dr. Julio Maglione - Direct and Mr. Juan Carlos Orihuela at large

Zone 2 - Mr. Algernon Cargill - Direct and Mr. Errol Clarke at large

Zone 3 - Mr. Dale Neuburger

Zone 4 - Dr. Margo Mountjoy

There was a motion to elect by Cayman Islands and seconded by USA

Candidates for President of FINA

Dr. Julio Cesar Maglione

There was a motion to elect by USA and seconded by Paraguay. The result was approval

Candidates for FINA Vice President for the American Continent 2017-2021

Dr. Margo Mountjoy

There was a motion to nominate by Canada and seconded by Puerto Rico

Mr. Dale Neuburger

There was a motion to nominate by USA and seconded by Cayman Islands.

There was a motion to close the nominations by USA and seconded by Canada.

The ballots for this election were handed out via roll call.

The result of the elections under closed ballot for FINA Vice President for the American Continent 2017-2021 confirmed the re-election of Mr. Dale Neuburger receiving 60 votes to Dr. Margo Mountjoy receiving 22 votes.

Other matters of urgency with the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the members' present

The ratification of Curacao as Member of UANA

There was a motion by Cayman Islands and seconded by Argentina. The result was approval.

The ratification of Haiti as Member of UANA

There was a motion by Barbados and seconded by US Virgin Islands. The result was approval.

Secretary / Treasurer Canales requested the ratification of a new structure for UANA dues

There was a motion by Bahamas and seconded by US Virgin Islands. The result was approval.

Adjournment

President Coaracy Nunes Filho adjourned the UANA Congress

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Fernando J Canales

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Secretary/Treasurer