



July 2, 2022

**To:** IBA Board of Directors

**Subject: Appreciation of your leadership and convening the announced IBA Extraordinary Congress**

Dear IBA Board of Directors,

Like most National Federations (NFs) we were very pleased to learn from IBA's press release that you voted to convene an Extraordinary Congress and President election between September 27 and October 1, 2022.

Despite pressure from certain individuals to ignore the CAS ruling, you have shown strength, integrity and commitment to proper ethics and governance. We are certain that this has not gone unnoticed by the NFs, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic-style boxing community. Thank you for your **courage to reject the leadership practices of the past** and to **fix the historically unjust systems within IBA**. We now look forward to a **fair and democratic Presidential Election**, which is vital step on the way to IBA's reinstatement within the Olympic Movement.

At the same time, we have taken note of the Congress hosting requirements / bidding guidelines distributed to all National Federations. We find it surprising that the IBA management has decided to open a bidding process to host its Congress, offering just one week to submit letters of intent and provide government guarantees. It is not something that the IBA has done in the past and we strongly believe that for the upcoming Extraordinary Congress, more than ever before, IBA should be fully in control of the organizational process to minimize all related risks. Therefore, **we believe that the Board of Directors needs to convene this Extraordinary Congress in Switzerland**, home of the IOC and many International Federations (IFs), as an additional necessary measure **to show commitment to integrity and transparency**.



**Failure to hold a fair and democratic presidential election** in the coming months can lead to irrevocable severe consequences for our sport. The Olympic future of boxing is on the line, together with NFs ability to receive Olympic solidarity and other types of funding from their National Olympic Committees (NOC) and respective governments.

We remain committed to IBA and its mission “... *to promote, support and govern the sport of boxing worldwide in accordance with the requirements and spirit of the Olympic Charter...*” **We look forward to working with you and all IBA National Federations** to ensure Olympic-style boxing remains in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and is re-included in the LA 2028 program.

We remain in your corner,

Boris van der Vorst  
Dutch Boxing Federation President

Steve Hartley  
Boxing New Zealand President

Mike McAtee  
USA Boxing Executive Director/CEO

Per-Axel Sjöholm  
Swedish Boxing Federation President

CC: All IBA National Federations, IBA Secretary General, Professor Ulrich Haas