



June 27, 2022

To: IBA Board of Directors

Subject: **Appreciation of leadership and championing governance**

Dear IBA Board of Directors,

Like most National Federations (NF) 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.

We and other NFs were concerned after we learned a small group of individuals were attempting to influence you into not calling for the congress and presidential election. As you know this would have been a direct violation of the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) ruling which restored our eligibility and cleared our names of wrongdoing.

Your strength, integrity and commitment to proper ethics and governance has not gone unnoticed by us but more importantly by the NFs, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Olympic-style boxing community. Thank you for your **courage** and **commitment** to **reject the leadership practices of the past** and move away from past corruption.

We know look forward to **a fair and democratic Presidential Election**, which is vital step to restore reinstatement within the Olympic Movement. **Failure to hold a presidential election** in the coming months will surely destroy the NFs ability to **receive vital Olympic solidarity funding** from their National Olympic Committees (NOC).

Please know NF representatives as well as representatives from the wider Olympic-style boxing community salute you for **standing strong for proper governance and against the persons who want to keep historically unjust systems within IBA**.

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.

In your corner,

Boris van der Vorst
Dutch Boxing Federation President

Steve Hartley
Boxing New Zealand President

Mike McAtee
USA Boxing Executive Director/CEO

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Swedish Boxing Federation President

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