

Planning, Building and Sharing the Future of Olympic Boxing



Gafur Rahimov

AIBA Interim President & Candidate for AIBA President

About Gafur Rahimov

Date, place of birth, marital status:

22 July 1951 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan; Married, three daughters and three sons.

National and International Sporting Career

1993 -2012	Vice President of the Uzbekistan boxing federation
1995 - 1998	Chairman of AIBA Business Commission
1998 to present	Member of AIBA Executive Committee
1999 - 2011	Vice President of Olympic Council of Asia
1999 - 2011	Chairman of Olympic Council of Asia Central Asia Region
2001 - 2012	Vice President of the National Olympic Committee of Uzbekistan
2002 - 2010	AIBA Vice President
2007 - 2008	President of Asian Boxing Federation
2010 - 2014	President of Asian Boxing Confederation
2011 to present	Vice President of Olympic Council of Asia International Games
2003 - 2018	AIBA Vice President
2018 to present	AIBA Interim President

Awards

2003	Honorary Order of Olympic Council of Asia
2008	Merit Award of Association of National Olympic Committees

Professional Background

1975- 1986	Coordinator at Ministry of Trade of the Uzbekistan Soviet Socialistic Republic (USSR) Boxing coach at the "Dynamo" Central Sport Club
1986 -1990	Member of public movement Association of Cooperatives, USSR
1990 -1993	Founder of export-import company in collaboration with European Partners
1993 to present	Founder and shareholder in several private companies in Asia and Europe involved in real estate, tele-communications, oil and natural gas excavation and refinery, mining and international commodity trade.

Education Background

1958 - 1967	Studies at the Tashkent Sports School, specialization in Boxing
1968 - 1970	Served at the Soviet army
1975 - 1980	Studies at the Leningrad Engineering and Economic Institute, specialization in Engineering and Economics

Charitable work

2004 to present	Chairman of the Guardian's Board of the National public charity fund «Mehirjon Sport» in Uzbekistan
2013 to present	Contributor to the "Rashid Center for Disabled" in Dubai, UAE Contributor to a charity foundation helping to combat ecologic issues in Africa

Dear AIBA Members,

It has been clear to all of you that AIBA and Olympic Boxing have over the past years been facing major challenges on several fronts. These challenges combined to create a critical moment in our history, in which the future of our organisation and of our sport was jeopardized, and our relations with the Olympic movement became strained.

But following the AIBA Extraordinary Congress in January, where you put the trust in a new AIBA leadership and elected me as the Interim President of AIBA, everybody has worked tirelessly to save our organisation and our sport. We have had to do so many things very quickly, guided by the AIBA "New Foundation Plan" which we launched in July this year. The plan was developed to lay the foundation for a stronger future while at the same time implementing short-term corrective measures for AIBA and Olympic Boxing.

Now it is with great pleasure that I can tell you: first round accomplished!

We have created a new AIBA with a refined, transparent governance system, we have implemented comprehensive changes in our Refereeing & Judging system, and we have secured our financial stability. With these changes, we now have a solid foundation in place, that we were badly missing in the past years.

While we must carefully guard the foundation we have created, we can now also begin to look forward to building upon it, to ensure the future success of Olympic Boxing.

Should you give me the honor to serve as your President following the AIBA Congress in November, I will do my utmost - together with all of you - to create a future of our beloved sport that will make us all proud. I will focus my work on four key pillars, which are briefly described in this document: Govern & Inspire, Develop & Grow, Educate & Empower and Tell & Sell.

In the new AIBA we will dream, we will dare, and we will do – together. As we learned from the great champion Muhammed Ali: "If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough!"

Lausanne, Switzerland
October 2018

Gafur Rahimov
AIBA Interim President



Govern & Inspire

- Transparency
- Integrity
- Democracy
- Professionalism
- Good Governance

The difficulties that AIBA has faced during the past years has provided some important learning for all of us – not least in terms of governance. Improving our governance structures will therefore remain a key priority for me in the coming years.

We have improved and updated many of our regulations and related control mechanisms, but we will continue this work over the coming years – and we will continue to work closely with the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

I will personally lead the work on further developing our governance systems, ensuring that our decision-making is truly transparent with strong and solid control mechanisms in place. This will cover all AIBA activities, with a special focus on Refereeing & Judging and Anti-Doping. Furthermore, I propose to introduce

an innovative block chain technology to the financial operations in order to support maximum transparency and accountability of financial flow, as well as providing additional benefits to Members Federations and boxers through revenues generated thanks to the abovementioned block chain operations.

We will, however, not only be focusing on AIBA. To implement governance systems based on transparency, integrity and democracy must also become an obligation of all our Member Federations.

I will therefore initiate a worldwide Good Governance programme to inspire all AIBA members to follow – and ideally exceed! – the new standards recently established by AIBA. As a sports governing body, we want to become a role model, demonstrating true professionalism in AIBA and every one of our Member Federations all around the world.



- Women's Boxing
- Diversity in Boxing
- Research
- Growth
- Development

Develop & Grow

In the past months the AIBA leadership had to spend a lot of time and energy on the major challenges our organisation was facing. Now with our "New Foundation Plan" implemented, we can focus on the next steps – how to develop and grow Boxing worldwide.

AIBA can only succeed if the Members Federations succeed, and I am very aware of just how much potential our Member Federations have waiting to be realized, across all continents. As we enter this next phase, it will be one of my main priorities to make sure that AIBA provides the support and assistance our Member Federations need to truly thrive.

We have started this by launching the new "Diversity in Boxing" programme, which already this year has provided financial support to many Member Federations. It is my

plan to let the programme continue and further develop over the coming years supporting a range of Member Federation activities – not least the development of Women's Boxing.

While it is very important for AIBA to support the Member Federations with their existing development activities, I want to make sure that we constantly keep on the future. We must increase our investment in various research programmes, which will cover many aspects of our sport like new equipment, improved safety for our Boxers and how we can better integrate new technologies outside of the ring.

The new AIBA will be there to support its Member Federations – all around the world, all the time.



Educate & Empower

In the new AIBA a key focus will be to support the Member Federations with grassroots initiatives, empowering them all to drive positive, lasting change for boxing in their countries.

This will happen both through the development of new programmes which will help the Member Federations to develop and grow Boxing in their country like never before, and the upgrading and renewing of existing educational programmes which AIBA offers. Member Federations know the situation of boxing in their countries better than anyone else, and so AIBA's role, indeed duty, must be to offer effective and efficient support tailored to their needs.

I will therefore initiate a comprehensive AIBA educational programme for all Member Federations. We will continue our solid Coaches' Education programmes and upgrade

our Refereeing & Judging education programme. We will also launch a new educational leadership programme in sports management and marketing. Throughout my business career I have witnessed the importance of leaders continuing to develop their skills, and I want to make sure that Member Federation leaders are given the same opportunity.

With the right education programmes in place, our Member Federations will be empowered to test new ideas and develop new activities. This is very important point to me, because Boxing can only succeed if the Members Federations are given the tools and the opportunity to develop the ideas and the programmes which work in their country.

Education and empowerment of all Member Federations will go hand in hand in the new AIBA.

Sports management
Coaches
Referees and judges
Empowerment
Marketing training



Tell & Sell

Governance, development and education are all vital to our future – but they cannot stand alone. If we want to build a strong future for Boxing worldwide, we also need to communicate and to commercialise – or as I prefer to name it: we need to tell, and we need to sell!

AIBA and its Member Federations around the world are doing many good things every day, but we are not good enough in telling this to the media, to our partners and to the general public. In the new AIBA we will work hard on improving how we communicate and how we market Boxing worldwide.

We have so many good stories to tell and together with creative partners we will set up a wide range of new communication systems, which can be used by our entire Boxing family. It is crucial that we fully embrace

the new digital media opportunities we have, not least in connection with our major events, but also Member Federations must be able to use our new platforms in a way tailored to their needs.

Only when we improve our communication, will we be able to truly maximize the commercial potential of our sport. It will be a priority for me to have developed new marketing activities so that we become an attractive partner for both commercial sponsors and cities hosting our events.

The better we tell, the more we can sell – and the more resources we can generate for the development of our sport.

Communication
Digital platforms
Partners
Host cities
Sponsors

Official support from the Government of Uzbekistan:



Tashkent, September 18 - 2018

Further to the endorsement letters from the Uzbekistan Boxing Federation as well as the National Olympic Committee of Uzbekistan, this is to confirm the full and unconditional support of the Government of Uzbekistan for the candidature of our fellow countryman Mr. Gafur Rahimov for the Presidency of the International Boxing Association (AIBA).

It would be an immense honor for our country if AIBA, as one of the leading Olympic International Federations, were headed by an Uzbek citizen. If elected at the AIBA Congress in November, Mr. Gafur Rahimov would be provided with any support needed from the side of the Uzbekistan Government.

We would also like to take this opportunity to confirm that any allegation of past criminal activities by Mr. Gafur Rahimov as reported in some international media, are based on unfounded evidences which do not have a real ground and are untruthful.

For any further information regarding the status of Mr. Gafur Rahimov, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Achilbay Ramatov

**First Deputy of the Prime Minister
of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

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