

Manifesto

We are at the moment facing the most difficult time in AIBA history. The past and the mistakes made in the past must not determine our future. We have to make radical changes on many levels. To start a new Era in AIBA, the focus has to be on the following items:

Governance

Leadership is one of the most crucial items that the IOC task force criticized. As a consequence, the president as well as his board of EC members needs to have a clean record without any misconduct in the past.

We have to go through the report and identify those who are not acceptable in regard to the Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics, There will be third-party due diligence and background checks. This may result in the request to resign from his or her post to certain members of the EC. The same will be done for the members of AIBA commissions in order to make sure that the people in charge are capable to fulfil their duties properly.

We will have to find trustworthy people who know boxing well and who dedicate their time and effort to bringing our sport forward.

We will establish communication between AIBA and its members to ensure that concerns and suggestions are taken notice of.

Finance

The AIBA financial system has to be reformed. We have to analyse the expenses in the past to reduce the running costs in the future. Consolidation of finances is a balance act between reducing costs and increasing income.

We will have to negotiate with our creditors to convert the debts party in some kind of sponsorship to reduce the overall amount of money we owe. Of course, we will try to find new sponsors to work with in a long-term partnership to make sure that funding of daily work is secured.

We have to extend the use of software in daily work so that people are less occupied with doing stupid work that a machine can do better and faster. This will reduce costs significantly. We have to identify the most expensive posts and try to reduce them. This may even result in moving the AIBA office to somewhere where maintenance costs are lower than at the moment.

For the future, we have to implement a financial system that ensures transparency and integrity. We have (just to mention one example) to make sure that investments or expenses over a certain amount cannot be approved by one single person.

And, finally, there is an amount of about 20 million Dollars frozen money from the suspension of our membership. If we manage to restore our membership, a respectable amount of our debts can be repaid immediately.

Officials

We have to make sure that assigned referees and judges use common sense in evaluating a bout. In addition, we have to refine and apply mechanisms of evaluation of referees and judges to make sure that there is no fraud in any stage of a contest.

Therefore, we will have to educate our international referees and judges continuously. We have to make sure that they learn from each other and consider this point when putting together courses.

We have to make sure that selection of referees and judges for an event is based on their performance and not on their origin. Therefore, we would continue electronic evaluation of judges' performance by introducing the electronic scoring system on many levels of contests. We have to make sure that an electronic scoring system is developed that is easy to handle and cheap enough that everybody can afford to use it. Results of judges' performance shall be stored in a database to identify good officials.

Education

Safety of our boxers is the most important issue. We have to organize courses for technical officials, for ringside doctors and for coaches and cutmen. They need to know how to protect the boxers and how to keep them healthy and in good condition for a life after boxing.

Sports development

For a clean sport, it is indispensable to strictly apply the WADA code into our rules and bylaws and to act accordingly at all levels of competition. We will introduce an anti-doping policy to make sure that cheaters are expelled.

As a sports organisation, we have to make sure that tournaments bringing our boxers forward are run all over the world, and we have to make sure that there is diversity in the field of participants. We will encourage national federations to take part in tournaments and we will support them in doing so.

In the end, we must not forget our champions and veterans. We have to educate them to make sure that they can lead a good life after their sports career. We have to offer them a future for their dedication to boxing.