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Introduction

The 56th World Archery Congress took place on 2-3 September 2025 in Gwangju, Korea. All materials, a total of 37 pages, were published online and distributed electronically to participants within the constitutional deadlines. A total of 101 member associations attended the Congress and 49 were represented by proxy. The meeting commenced at 9h30 (local time) on Tuesday and finished at 16h30 on Wednesday.

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1. Opening of 2025 Congress

World Archery president Prof Dr Ugur Erdener opened the 56th World Archery Congress in Gwangju, Korea, at 9h30 on Tuesday 2 September 2025.

The Mayor of Gwangju, His Excellency Kang Gi-Jung, was then invited to deliver an opening address. He welcomed all attendees, expressed his honour to host the Congress in Gwangju and highlighted the city's experience in staging international sporting events as well as its significance as a symbol of democracy, human rights and peace.

A video message from Mr Chung Euisun, president of the Korea Archery Association and World Archery Asia, was then played. Mr Chung welcomed the delegates, emphasised the importance of the Congress in shaping the future of archery and paid tribute to president Erdener's leadership and the progress made in the sport under his guidance.

2. Report of registration

A total of 101 member associations attended the Congress, of which 98 held voting rights at the start of proceedings.

Member associations present: ALG, AND, ARG, ARM, AUS, AUT, AZE, BAN, BAR, BEL, BER, BLR, BRA, BUL, CAN, CHA, CHI, CHN, CIV, COL, COM, CRO, CUB, CYP, CZE, DEN, ECU, EGY, ESA, ESP, FRA, FRO, GBR, GEO, GER, GRE, GUA, HKG, HON, INA, IND, IRI, IRL, IRQ, ISL, ISR, ISV, ITA, IVB, JAM, JPN, KAZ, KEN, KGZ, KOR, KSA, KUW, LBA, LBN, LTU, LUX, MDA, MEX, MGL, MRI, MYA, NED, NGR, NOR, PAK, PAN, PHI, POL, POR, PUR, QAT, ROU, RSA, RUS, SGP, SLO, SRB, SRI, SUD, SUI, SVK, SWE, TGA, THA, TKM, TOG, TPE, TUN, TUR, UGA, UKR, USA, UZB, VIE, YEM.

Proxies (49 valid at the start of the Congress): BAH to MEX, BEN to NGR, BOL to ECU, BRN to KUW, CMR to ESP, COD to BAN, CRC to ESA, CUW to BER, DOM to PAN, EST to LTU, FIN to SWE, FLK to GBR, GUY to COL, HUN to AND, JOR to SVK, KOS to POL, LAO to THA , LAT to MDA, LES to SUD, LIE to ISL, MAC to HKG, MAD to CAN, MAR to SRB, MAS to SRI, MKD to POR, MLT to USA, MTN to IRQ, NAM to KEN, NEP to LUX, NIG to CIV, NZL AUS, PAR to CHI, PER to ARG, PLE to TKM, PNG to ISV, SAM to SUI, SEN to CHA, SLE to CYP, SMR to ITA, SOL to BUL, SOM to EGY, SYR to YEM, TJK to UZB , TTO to BAR, UAE to TUN, URU to BRA, VEN to PUR, VIN to CUB, ZIM to RSA.

Member association delegates in attendance are listed in Appendix 1. World Archery executive board members and other registered Congress delegates are listed in Appendix 2.

Voting delegates received a voting card at registration. Tablets were used for voting and there were no paper handouts during the Congress.

The quorum was achieved with 101 full members holding voting rights present, accounting for 246 votes and 49 members represented by proxy (one vote per proxy), giving a total of 295 votes at the beginning of the Congress.

Remark: the number of members and votes changed following the affiliation vote.

3. Apologies for absence

The secretary general presented the apologies for absence received:

- Marty Swanson, chairperson of the board of justice and ethics
- Vladimir Esheev, World Archery executive board member
- The representatives of Afghanistan, Comoros and Mauritius, due to visa issues

A moment of silence was observed to honour the memory of officials, athletes and other members of the World Archery family who had passed away since the previous Congress in Berlin in 2023. In particular:

- Nino Oddo, Italy – World Archery secretary general, member of target and coaches committees
- Antonio Aita, Italy – Member of Italian archery federation, instructor and national coach
- Kusuma Wardhani, Indonesia – Olympic team silver medallist, national youth coach
- Jim Easton, USA – World Archery honorary president, World Archery president, IOC vice president and honorary member
- Lamoure-Sébastien Amedegnato, Togo – President of Togolese archery federation
- Jamil Baharuddin, Malaysia – Member of board of justice and ethics, first vice president of World Archery Asia, member of development committee
- Boonyarit Chaipoon, Thailand – International para archer, national team member
- Jean Beya Wa Kabenga, Democratic Republic of the Congo – Board member of World Archery Africa, president of Democratic Republic of the Congo archery federation
- Chong Yap Lee, Malaysia – International judge candidate, national team coach (Fiji, Saudi Arabia, Philippines and Singapore)
- Butch Johnson, USA – Five-time Olympian, Olympic team gold medallist
- Katelynn Venter, Namibia – International para archer, African champion
- Tetyana Ovraztsova, Russia – World and European team gold medallist, world record holder, coach
- Gerhard Furnier, Germany – Vice president of German archery federation, member of technical commission, chair of organising committees
- Denis Beaudet, Canada – National coach, para archery coach
- Joe Bailey, USA – Paralympian, world para team gold medallist
- Kevin Eldredge, USA – Archer and coach, USA Archery level 4 coach
- Ernesto Diaz Bazan, El Salvador – World Archery vice president, president of World Archery Americas, president of the El Salvadorian archery federation
- Terry Reilly, Australia – Two-time Olympian, World Archery executive director, Sydney 2000 competition manager, chief executive officer of Australian archery federation
- Syed Ali Hussaini, India – Chair of the Indian archery federation's coaches committee, national team manager
- Prince Andreas, Germany – Patron of German archery federation
- Bob Sheppard, Canada – International judge, volunteer of Canadian archery federation, member of judges and coaches committees
- François Buggenhout, Belgium – Member of World Archery technical committee, coach and volunteer
- Karim Farhat, Libya – Board member of World Archery Africa, board member of Libyan Olympic Committee, president of Libyan archery federation
- Joan Kennedy-Kelly, Ireland – President of Irish archery federation
- Robert Montgomery, USA – Archery instructor
- Park Seong Soo, Korea – Olympic medallist, national coach
- Jean-Pierre Dimoyat, France – National judge

4. Nomination of scrutineers

Congress appointed Adriana Acevedo Prado (Puerto Rico) and Junji Ozawa (Japan) as scrutineers. Neither of the scrutineers had candidates up for election from their respective countries.

4.1 Voting procedure

All votes were cast by electronic voting unless mentioned otherwise. A test was made at the beginning of each session to check that the voting system worked, and Congress delegates raised no objection to its use, which conforms to the World Archery Constitution.

5. Minutes of Berlin 2023 Congress

The minutes were approved unanimously by a raise of hands.

6. Reports

6.1 President's report

President Prof Dr Ugur Erdener delivered his presidential report, reflecting on his 20 years of service to World Archery. He expressed both pride in the organisation's achievements and sadness at leaving his position.

In his remarks, Prof Dr Erdener highlighted the significant evolution of archery within the Olympic Movement and the broader development of the sport during his presidency. He recalled that in 2005, archery was at risk of being excluded from the Olympic programme. Since then, it has not only secured its position but become a core Olympic sport. This transformation was driven in large part by the successful implementation of the World Archery Plan, which prioritised good governance, transparency, and accountability – and achieved its main objectives within ten years. These efforts culminated in the addition of a sixth medal opportunity in LA28 for the compound mixed team, representing a major success for the federation and the sport.

Prof Dr Erdener also highlighted key innovations and milestones shaping the modern era of archery. These included the introduction of the match and set system for television audiences, the establishment of the World Cup series and the founding of the International Archery Development Foundation. A major achievement was the opening of the World Archery Excellence Centre in 2016, serving as a global hub for training and development. He emphasised the introduction of the mixed team event, which contributed to full gender balance in Olympic medal events, now increased from five to six. Archery has also pioneered the integration of live biometric data into broadcast coverage, enhancing viewer engagement.

Reporting on the recent success of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, Prof Dr Erdener noted that archery events attracted over 111,000 spectators, with all sessions played to full stands. Looking ahead, he underscored the importance of ensuring safe and secure environments for athletes and stakeholders as preparations continue for Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032.

Prof Dr Erdener extended his gratitude to World Archery staff, secretary general Tom Dielen, executive board members, and all permanent and ad hoc committee members, for their ongoing dedication and support throughout his leadership.

He concluded by expressing his gratitude for the trust placed in him over the past 20 years and his confidence in a brilliant future for archery.

Following the president's report, a video message from IOC honorary president for life, Mr Thomas Bach, was played. Mr Bach praised Prof Dr Erdener's leadership and contributions to World Archery and the Olympic Movement.

It was then announced that the executive board had decided to make Prof Dr Erdener an honorary president of World Archery at the end of the Congress. This decision was unanimously supported by delegates through a show of hands.

6.2 Secretary general's report

The secretary general made additional remarks to the report published on 30 June as part of the Congress documents and presented recent updates.

An extensive update on World Archery events and partnerships was presented, covering recent challenges, ongoing developments, and future opportunities. A cost evaluation process is currently underway for World Cup events and other competitions. World Archery fully covers TV production and distribution costs through sponsorship and broadcasting revenues and finances all World Cup prize money, while hotel revenues go exclusively to local organising committees. In the context of rising global costs – particularly for transport, infrastructure, food, and accommodation since the COVID-19 pandemic – these expenses are being carefully reviewed.

The World University Games in Essen were reported as successful, with excellent cooperation from FISU. Despite some technical challenges related to TV protocols and ceremonial procedures, the events were generally well organised. At the Chengdu World Games, field archery received unprecedented television exposure, featuring in-motion technology and an archery simulator. Athletes from 12 countries earned medals out of 36 participating nations, demonstrating a wide competitive field.

The World Archery Youth Championships in Winnipeg faced serious difficulties due to an Air Canada strike, which prevented 20% of registered athletes from attending. Weather disruptions also forced schedule adjustments. To support affected federations, the IMSSA insurance policy was activated.

In relation to IOC activities, over 111,000 tickets were sold for archery events at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, reflecting the sport's growing popularity. Ongoing discussions cover archery's participation in Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032. Updates were also provided on the Olympic Solidarity programme and ongoing development initiatives, particularly as World Archery prepares for the IOC's decision on the Brisbane 2032 sports programme.

For the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the IOC opted not to implement a formal qualification system. Instead, 101 National Olympic Committees requested places for 101 boys and 99 girls. Minimum qualification scores have been set for athletes from Africa and other continents, with invitations allocated based on NOC priorities. World Archery noted ongoing challenges with this approach.

Regarding television production and distribution, new broadcast partnerships have been signed with Globo in Brazil, and CBS and BeIN in the United States. CBS will focus on customised highlights, while BeIN will air live matches. A dedicated workshop was held during the Congress to discuss

broadcast strategies, including the launch of the Archery Plus programme aimed at enhancing coverage and engagement.

Finally, the World Archery Excellence Centre continues to play an important role in athlete development. Several athletes who trained at the Centre have achieved international success, with further details to be presented by Sébastien Flute.

6.3 Affiliations

6.3.1 Membership applications

Cecilia Viscara, membership services coordinator, gave an overview of the temporary members and explained the executive board's recommendations for the vote. The secretary general opened the vote at the end of the presentation.

6.3.2 Approval of new members

Afghanistan – a special case from the 2023 Congress, where full affiliation was postponed due to not fulfilling requirements:

- Has shown improvement since the last Congress
- Holds annual national championships in archery and traditional archery
- Women practice in other countries like Iraq, Iran and Malaysia
- Archers compete in regional events, including the Asia Cup
- Still facing challenges with obtaining visas for international competitions

Vote: Accepted with 269 yes, 20 no, and 6 abstentions
Decision: To accept as full member

Cook Islands – a new federation applying for membership, approved by the Executive Board as a temporary member since January 2025:

- A small but active federation with 10 archers
- Trains two days per week in recurve, compound and barebow
- Focuses on fundraising for coach and judge education
- Has one accredited coach trained in New Zealand and two judges
- Holds provisional affiliation with their National Olympic Committee

Vote: Accepted with 275 yes, 17 no, and 3 abstentions
Decision: To accept as full member

Timor-Leste – another special case from the 2023 Congress, postponed for full affiliation:

- Situation has improved significantly since the last Congress
- New secretary general actively managing the Federation
- Organised a World Archery level 1 coaching course last year
- Has one judge trained in Malaysia
- Applied for the equipment assistance programme in World Archery
- Likely to receive an Olympic scholarship for one athlete for Los Angeles 2028

Vote: Accepted with 285 yes, 5 no, and 3 abstentions

Decision: To accept as full member

6.4 Member association governance report

Cecilia Viscara, membership services coordinator, explained the process of preparing the member associations' report before Congress and thanked all national federations for their cooperation.

6.5 Exclusions

Albania

- Warning issued during the 2023 Congress
- Marked as not in good standing for three years due to non-payment of membership fees and reduced activity
- Albanian Archery Association (AAA) became non-functional in 2023 due to lack of resources
- A new federation was established in 2024; it was officially recognised by the government in 2025, is not yet affiliated with the National Olympic Committee, its governance structure is still being finalised, it has 30 active archers, and it is conducting training and shooting activities in the capital
- After consultation with both entities, responsibility for archery development will be entrusted to the Albanian Archery Federation (AAF)
- Membership application for the new federation is expected in 2026/2027, once governance is fully in place

Vote: Exclusion with 248 yes, 25 no, and 29 abstentions
Decision: Expulsion of Albanian Archery Association

Montenegro

- Warning issued during the 2023 Congress
- Marked as not in good standing for three years due to non-payment of membership fees and failure to report on activities
- Montenegro Archery Association has been inactive since 2022, primarily due to changes in national sports law imposing stricter requirements on sports clubs. As a result, several small clubs ceased operations, and the federation no longer meets criteria for active status, including eligibility for government support
- Montenegro Archery Association lost recognition from the government and the National Olympic Committee
- Around 35 archers remain active, with only one functioning club, which hosts the annual Mimoza Cup archery tournament
- Once governance issues are resolved and the federation gets full recognition from the government and the National Olympic Committee, a new application for membership will be submitted to World Archery

Vote: Exclusion with 240 yes, 37 no, and 28 abstentions
Decision: Expulsion of Montenegro Archery Association

6.6 Final warnings

Djibouti

- Marked as not in good standing for two years due to non-payment of membership fees
- Reduced activity over the past year
- Faced governance issues, including irregular elections held in 2024, not recognised by the National Olympic Committee or World Archery
- A roadmap was submitted to World Archery and the National Olympic Committee to hold an elective general assembly at the end of September 2025, in line with good governance principles
- It is expected that membership fees will be paid after the new executive board is elected

Vote: Warning with 269 yes, 21 no, and 13 abstentions
Decision: To issue final warning to Fédération Djiboutienne de tir à l'arc

6.7 World Archery Excellence Centre and FIDTA

The secretary general invited the World Archery Excellence Centre director to the stage for his report. The Centre belongs to the International Foundation for the Development of Archery (FIDTA). Sébastien Flute, the new operating officer of the World Archery Excellence Centre, presented an update on the Centre's activities and facilities.

The Centre is equipped with indoor and outdoor shooting halls, allowing archery practice in all seasons. An outdoor field with 22 targets offers shooting distances ranging from 10 to 70 metres, suitable for both training and competitions. Additional facilities are available to ensure the comfort of archers and visitors alike.

The Centre is committed to introducing people to archery, providing training for all levels and educating qualified coaches. It also regularly organises competitions, helping promote the sport and support the development of both local and international talent. The Centre will host the Swiss Open Lausanne 2025, a major event bringing together archers from across Switzerland and beyond.

7. Finances

All documents were published before the Congress deadlines.

7.1 Finance and audit board report 2021-2022

The financial statements for 2023-2024, together with finance and audit board reports audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, were provided with the Congress documents.

The chair of the finance and audit board, Rolf Lind, gave a brief summary of the board's working process and explained how to interpret the auditor's report. No questions were raised on the reports. Secretary general Tom Dielen provided further explanations regarding income, expenses and cash flow.

Tom Dielen also highlighted potential concerns:

- CHF is strengthening against the USD, while much of World Archery's income is in USD and expenses are in CHF
- Inflation and increasing expenses
- Need for additional resources to guarantee federation services due to new projects

7.2 Audited accounts / auditor's report 2023

No questions were raised about the audited accounts. It was decided to vote on this item together with the 2024 accounts.

7.3 Audited accounts / auditor's report 2024

The 2023 and 2024 audited accounts were voted on together.

Vote: 291 yes, 8 no, 4 abstentions
Decision: Approval of 2023 and 2024 audited accounts

7.4 Financial programme 2025-2035

The secretary general explained that the programme aligns with the decision of the 2021 Congress to allocate Olympic revenues to the accounts yearly. He noted that the current USD/CHF exchange rate of 0.79 is lower than the budgeted rate of 0.85, negatively impacting financial projections.

There is potential for increased revenue from the IOC, but negotiations are ongoing. The new president of ASOIF has been mandated to lead discussions with the IOC to secure additional funding for Olympic sport federations.

Vote: 195 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention, 16 votes not cast (vote passed)
Decision: Approval of financial programme 2025-2035

7.5 Member association fees proposal

Secretary general Tom Dielen presented the proposal for member association fees:

- No change proposed to the current fee structure

He noted that the last significant fee adjustment was in 2023. The proposal aims to maintain stability and ensure a solidarity-based approach, providing fair contributions from member associations while supporting continental associations in their operations and development.

Vote: 280 yes, 17 no, 4 abstentions
Decision: Approval of member association fees without change

7.6 Approval of audit type and auditor's firm

Secretary general Tom Dielen proposed retaining PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) as World Archery's auditor for 2025 and 2026. PWC was originally selected through a tender process for 2023-2024, and a new tender will be conducted before the 2027 Congress. PWC internally rotates auditors every three years to ensure independence.

In response to a question from the Azerbaijan delegate, Mr Dielen provided additional information:

- The last tender process included offers from three firms
- The finance and audit board reviewed the offers before presenting to the executive board
- Congress approved the previous selection

- The decision to use a major auditing firm like PWC was based on their reputation and the confidence they provide to national federations
- Smaller, less-known Swiss firms were considered but deemed less suitable for an international organisation
- A new tender will be held for the next cycle

Vote: 277 yes, 14 no, 14 abstentions
Decision: To continue with an ordinary audit and use PWC as auditor's firm for 2025-2026

8. Interpretations of rules

Secretary general Tom Dielen presented the interpretations for approval and noted that all interpretations issued since the publication of the Congress documents were included. No specific interpretation was requested for separate discussion. The interpretations were submitted for a single vote ("en bloc") and, once approved, would become permanent rules.

Since no questions were raised regarding interpretations between Congresses 2023–2025, they were submitted for approval en bloc.

Vote: 280 yes, 1 no, 22 abstentions
Decision: To approve interpretations from 2023-2025

The secretary general thanked committee members for their hard work in providing the interpretations.

9. Bylaws adopted by executive board

Secretary general Tom Dielen presented the bylaws for approval and reminded delegates that all bylaws approved by the executive board since the Berlin Congress were included.

As no questions were raised regarding bylaws between Congresses 2023–2025, they were submitted for approval en bloc.

Mr Dielen emphasised the importance of the work done by various committees in developing these bylaws, acknowledging their often-unseen efforts.

Vote: 282 yes, 3 no, 22 abstentions
Decision: To approve bylaws from 2023-2025

10. World Archery Plan

Mark Miller and Carina Olsson presented an update on the World Archery strategy.

Following the Berlin Congress, a working group was established to refine the existing strategy, making it easier to understand, measure and implement. The group, composed of Carina Olsson, Tom Dielen and Mark Miller, focused on reviewing the organisation's vision, mission and values, introducing clear strategic objectives, and defining key performance indicators (KPIs) to track progress effectively.

The vision of the organisation remains unchanged: *"A world in which everyone has the opportunity to practise, engage with or enjoy the important Olympic sport of archery."* However, the mission was

slightly revised to better reflect the organisation's goals. The updated version reads: *"To empower its members associations to make archery an important sport in nations around the world,"* replacing the previous wording that referred to making archery "a leading sport."

No modifications were proposed to the core values, which continue to be precision, intensity, innovation, courage, fair play and sport for all.

To ensure the strategy is actionable and measurable, five strategic objectives were defined:

- Maintaining financial sustainability
- Ensuring successful events through athlete satisfaction
- Increasing awareness and engagement via media and digital channels
- Empowering member associations by tracking growth and gender balance
- Promoting sustainability by adhering to event guidelines

Secretary general Tom Dielen emphasised that the working group's goal was to simplify the strategy documents and make them more understandable for all members.

The strategy update was presented as an informational item to keep Congress delegates informed about the ongoing work to refine and improve World Archery's strategic direction.

11. Motions and proposals for laws

There were 21 motions and 3 proposals, provided in advance with the Congress documents, in addition to two online calls held specifically to introduce the motions.

Presented below is a summary table with the outcome of voting, along with details of the discussions raised. The table follows the order in which the motions were published before the Congress.

All motions passed the Congress vote, some with amendments. These motions represented a comprehensive update and restructuring of World Archery's rulebooks, aimed at improving clarity, organization and ease of use. The high approval rates for most motions indicated strong support from Congress, demonstrating a commitment to modernising and streamlining the organisation's rules and regulations.

It was proposed and accepted by Congress delegates that the motions will come into effect on 15 January 2026, as was the case in the previous Congress, except for motions 2 and 3, which will come into effect immediately.

The wording of the approved motions is added as Appendix 3.

		Available/Valid votes	Votes needed to pass	Yes	No	Abs	Result
Motion 1	New introduction	305/300	200	299	1	3	Passed
Motion 2	Gender equity and inclusion committee	305/281	188	257	24	10	Passed
Amendment 2.1	*Immediate application*	305/281	188	261	20	19	Passed

Motion 3	Executive committee composition	305/288	192	269	19	13	Passed
Amendment 3.1	*Quorum*	305/290	194	259	31	7	Passed
Amendment 3.2	*Immediate application*	305/290	194	285	6	10	Passed
Motion 4	Plaquettes submission by continental associations	305/282	188	271	11	21	Passed
Motion 5	New recipients for plaquettes	305/289	145	256	33	10	Passed
Motion 6	Athletes committee composition	305/287	192	285	2	15	Passed
Amendment 6.1	*Athletes committee composition*	305/289	193	266	23	12	Passed
Motion 7	U21 in para categories	305/295	197	284	11	3	Passed
Motion 8	Change of names for para categories	305/285	190	276	9	13	Passed
Motion 9	Set system for para W1 matches	305/290	194	266	24	11	Passed
Motion 10	Mixed team at 18 metres	305/295	197	246	49	8	Passed
Motion 11	Field and 3D eliminations rounds	305/286	191	240	46	10	Passed
Amendment 11.1	Number of athletes in match play	305/280	187	231	49	20	Passed
Motion 12	Book 2 rewriting	305/289	193	288	1	4	Passed
Motion 13	X tiebreaker (outdoor)	305/295	197	256	39	0	Passed
Motion 14	Ranking from fifth to eighth place						Withdrawn
Motion 15	Ranking to allocate quota places	305/280	187	103	177	18	Rejected
Motion 16	Transformation of chapter 21 to new book 5 (see motion 19)	305/283	189	275	8	7	Passed
Motion 17	Book 3 rewriting	305/285	190	280	5	8	Passed
Motion 18	Book 4 rewriting	305/291	194	285	6	5	Passed
Motion 19	Creation of a new book 5 (refer to motion 16)	305/280	187	273	7	12	Passed
Motion 20	Book 6 rewriting and editorial changes	305/289	193	277	12	4	Passed
Motion 21	Editorial changes	305/299	150	286	13	0	Passed
Proposal 1	Indoor competition	305/290	145	268	22	13	Passed
Proposal 2	Para World Series	305/277	139	254	23	22	Passed
Proposal 3	Board of justice and ethics	305/295	148	278	17	10	Passed

Motion 14 – Ranking from fifth to eighth place

- Decision: Postponed until after discussion of Motion 17
- Reason: Motion 17 proposed a more comprehensive change that would make motion 14 unnecessary if passed

Motion 15 – Quarterfinal places based on ranking

- The target committee raised concerns regarding practical problems with tournament schedules

Proposal 1 – Expansion of indoor competition record table

Submitted by the Latvian archery federation, this proposal aims to expand the indoor competition record table by officially recognising the mixed team indoor event.

During discussion, secretary general Tom Dielen explained that the proposal primarily concerns bylaw matters. Sergio Font, representing World Archery Americas, noted that a previous motion had already approved the inclusion of indoor mixed team events and questioned whether it was necessary to wait for another Congress to add records for this discipline. In response, Mr Dielen clarified that the inclusion of new records falls under the authority of the executive board and does not require postponement until the 2027 Congress.

Proposal 2 – Upgrading world ranking events in para archery

A discussion took place regarding the upgrading of world ranking events in para archery. Dominique Ohlmann, chair of the para archery committee, explained that the objective is to enhance the status and visibility of these events, aligning them more closely with able-bodied archery competitions.

The discussion emphasised the importance of providing greater competitive opportunities for para-athletes and ensuring consistency in standards across events. Stakeholders highlighted the need for improved coordination, clearer criteria for event classification, and increased support from member associations to ensure the success and sustainability of these upgraded competitions.

Proposal 3 – Revision of board of justice and ethics rules

Submitted by the president, this proposal stems from recent cases reviewed by the board of justice and ethics, which revealed that some existing rules are outdated and insufficient for handling complex legal matters. There is a need for a more robust, legally sound process.

Discussions will be held with legal experts and other sports federations to identify best practices and improve the current system. The initiative includes developing clearer procedures for both appeals and responses, with the possibility of implementing certain changes immediately through bylaw amendments. The proposed changes will be fully detailed at the next Congress.

12. Workshop and candidate presentations

At the end of the first day of Congress, workshops were held. This was followed by a report from the chair of the electoral board. Presentations by the candidates for vice president and president positions were then conducted.

After the close of the first day, Congress delegates were also able to network during a reception.

Day 2 – Opening of session

The session on Wednesday 3 September 2025 began at 9h00 (local time). The first vice president conducted the roll call, followed by two rounds of test votes.

A total of 101 member associations were present, of which 98 held voting rights at the start of proceedings.

Member associations present: ALG, AND, ARG, ARM, AUS, AUT, AZE, BAN, BAR, BEL, BER, BLR, BRA, BUL, CAN, CHA, CHI, CHN, CIV, COL, COM, CRO, CUB, CYP, CZE, DEN, ECU, EGY, ESA, ESP, FRA, FRO, GBR, GEO, GER, GRE, GUA, HKG, HON, INA, IND, IRI, IRL, IRQ, ISL, ISR, ISV, ITA, IVB, JAM, JPN, KAZ, KEN, KGZ, KOR, KSA, KUW, LBA, LBN, LTU, LUX, MDA, MEX, MGL, MRI, MYA, NED, NGR, NOR, PAK, PAN, PHI, POL, POR, PUR, QAT, ROU, RSA, RUS, SGP, SLO, SRB, SRI, SUD, SUI, SVK, SWE, TGA, THA, TKM, TOG, TPE, TUN, TUR, UGA, UKR, USA, UZB, VIE, YEM.

Proxies (49 valid at the start of the Congress): BAH to MEX, BEN to NGR, BOL to ECU, BRN to KUW, CMR to ESP, COD to BAN, CRC to ESA, CUW to BER, DOM to PAN, EST to LTU, FIN to SWE, FLK to GBR, GUY to COL, HUN to AND, JOR to SVK, KOS to POL, LAO to THA, LAT to MDA, LES to SUD, LIE to ISL, MAC to HKG, MAD to CAN, MAR to SRB, MAS to SRI, MKD to POR, MLT to USA, MTN to IRQ, NAM to KEN, NEP to LUX, NIG to CIV, NZL to AUS, PAR to CHI, PER to ARG, PLE to TKM, PNG to ISV, SAM to SUI, SEN to CHA, SLE to CYP, SMR to ITA, SOL to BUL, SOM to EGY, SYR to YEM, TJK to UZB, TTO to BAR, UAE to TUN, URU to BRA, VEN to PUR, VIN to CUB, ZIM to RSA.

13. Elections

13.1 President

One position was available, with two candidates.

1st round	**EASTON GREGORY J. (USA)** DIELEN TOM (SUI)	**208 votes** 96 votes	One elected for a four-year term

After the election of the president, the secretary general resumed the remaining elections.

13.2 Vice president

Two positions were available, with three candidates.

1st round	**HAN THOMAS (KYU-HYUNG) (KOR)** **MILLER MARK F. (USA)** OLSSON CARINA (SWE)	**238 votes** **184 votes** 128 votes	Two elected for a four-year term

13.3 Executive board members

Four positions were available, with ten candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**GAVIRIA MARIA EMMA (COL)** **OLSSON CARINA (SWE)** **AMIRY AHMED TARIK (SUD)** TOPALOGLU ABDULLAH (TUR)	**202 votes** **169 votes** **167 votes** 120 votes	Three elected for a four-year term; last position removed for 2nd round

	UIDL DARKO (CYP) ROBERTS TRINA (BER) MICHALSKI DAWID (POL) MANKHANOV ZORIGTO (RUS) ZHENG LIXUN (CHN) ESSIS MI-CARÊME MOÏSE (CIV)	89 votes 72 votes 57 votes 54 votes 51 votes 49 votes	
2nd round	TOPALOGLU ABDULLAH (TUR) ROBERTS TRINA (BER) UIDL DARKO (CYP) ZHENG LIXUN (CHN) MANKHANOV ZORIGTO (RUS) MICHALSKI DAWID (POL)	112 votes 61 votes 56 votes 35 votes 24 votes 18 votes	No majority reached; last position removed for 3rd round
3rd round	TOPALOGLU ABDULLAH (TUR) ROBERTS TRINA (BER) UIDL DARKO (CYP) ZHENG LIXUN (CHN) MANKHANOV ZORIGTO (RUS)	133 votes 57 votes 57 votes 37 votes 24 votes	No majority reached; last position removed for 4th round
4th round	TOPALOGLU ABDULLAH (TUR) ROBERTS TRINA (BER) UIDL DARKO (CYP) ZHENG LIXUN (CHN)	137 votes 69 votes 55 votes 42 votes	No majority reached; last position removed for 5th round
5th round	**TOPALOGLU ABDULLAH (TUR)** ROBERTS TRINA (BER) UIDL DARKO (CYP)	**157 votes** 82 votes 69 votes	One elected for a two-year term

14. Elections of permanent committees

14.1 Constitution and rules committee

Three positions were available, with eight candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**BROWN HANNAH (GBR)** CHOI KAY (KYUNGHWAN) (KOR) JONES RANDALL (CAN) NEVILLE ANDREW (USA) VECCHIO PASSERINI ALEXANDRE (BRA) VOLUNGHOLEN ROLF (SWE) PELEGRIN ISABELLE (FRA) LI XINPING (CHN)	**180 votes** 145 votes 108 votes 105 votes 103 votes 97 votes 47 votes 37 votes	One elected for a four-year term; last position removed for 2nd round
2nd round	CHOI KAY (KYUNGHWAN) (KOR) VECCHIO PASSERINI ALEXANDRE (BRA) VOLUNGHOLEN ROLF (SWE) NEVILLE ANDREW (USA) JONES RANDALL (CAN) PELEGRIN ISABELLE (FRA)	150 votes 96 votes 96 votes 78 votes 77 votes 51 votes	No majority reached; last position removed for the third 3rd round

3rd round	**CHOI KAY (KYUNGHWAN) (KOR)** VECCHIO PASSERINI ALEXANDRE (BRA) VOLUNGHOLEN ROLF (SWE) NEVILLE ANDREW (USA) JONES RANDALL (CAN)	**172 votes** 103 votes 102 votes 89 votes 80 votes	One elected for a four-year term, last position removed for 4th round
4th round	VECCHIO PASSERINI ALEXANDRE (BRA) VOLUNGHOLEN ROLF (SWE) NEVILLE ANDREW (USA)	142 votes 101 votes 63 votes	No majority reached; last position removed for 5th round
5th round	**VECCHIO PASSERINI ALEXANDRE (BRA)** VOLUNGHOLEN ROLF (SWE)	**190 votes** 110 votes	One elected for a two-year term

14.2 Field and 3D archery committee

Two positions were available, with five candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**BALUSEK CURTIS (USA)** BROPHY BARRY (IRL) HORAN CHRIS (GBR) TAN DAVID (ZHENG YUAN) (SGP) KHALILOV FARID (AZE)	**162 votes** 128 votes 121 votes 100 votes 58 votes	One elected for a four-year term; last position removed for 2nd round
2nd round	BROPHY BARRY (IRL) HORAN CHRIS (GBR) TAN DAVID (ZHENG YUAN) (SGP)	140 votes 90 votes 77 votes	No majority reached; last position removed for 3rd round
3rd round	**BROPHY BARRY (IRL)** HORAN CHRIS (GBR)	**190 votes** 115 votes	One elected for a four-year term

14.3 Judges committee

Two positions were available, with three candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**POTTS GRAHAM (GBR)** **DATTA INDRANIL (IND)** LARKINA MARIYA (RUS)	**229 votes** **203 votes** 121 votes	Two elected for a four-year term

14.4 Coaches committee

Two positions were available, with four candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**MAJAROVA HANA (CZE)** CLINI FILIPPO (LUX) CUESTA COBO ELIAS (USA) IM DONGHYUN (KOR)	**177 votes** 152 votes 130 votes 120 votes	One elected for a four-year term; last position removed for 2nd round

2nd round	**CLINI FILIPPO (LUX)** CUESTA COBO ELIAS (USA)	**196 votes** 108 votes	One elected for a four-year term

14.5 Technical committee

Three positions were available, with six candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**DENTON DOUGLAS (USA)** **SERRANO GUTIERREZ JUAN RENE (MEX)** **OH JINHYEK (KOR)** FAYYADH MOHAMMED (IRQ) UMMACHERIL JORIS PAULOSE (IND) MU YONG (CHN)	**200 votes** **182 votes** **158 votes** 136 votes 57 votes 42 votes	Three elected for a four-year term

14.6 Target archery committee

Three positions were available, with eight candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**SENEVIRATHNE SUNETHRA (SRI)** PIAN ROBERT (USA) JANGNAS PIERRE (FRA) SHALABY MAYA (SLO) PAN YU-HSUAN (KAREN) (TPE) YANG CHANGHOON (KOR)ALLAHYARI SHAHRZAD (IRI) QU YINAN (CHN)	**179 votes** 148 votes 129 votes 108 votes 89 votes 73 votes 67 votes 30 votes	One elected for a four-year term
2nd round	PIAN ROBERT (USA) JANGNAS PIERRE (FRA) SHALABY MAYA (SLO) YANG CHANGHOON (KOR) PAN YU-HSUAN (KAREN) (TPE) ALLAHYARI SHAHRZAD (IRI)	132 votes 118 votes 114 votes 71 votes 64 votes 51 votes	No majority reached; last position removed for 3rd round
3rd round	PIAN ROBERT (USA) JANGNAS PIERRE (FRA) SHALABY MAYA (SLO) YANG CHANGHOON (KOR) PAN YU-HSUAN (KAREN) (TPE)	150 votes 128 votes 120 votes 72 votes 65 votes	No majority reached; last position removed for 4th round.
4th round	**PIAN ROBERT (USA)** SHALABY MAYA (SLO) JANGNAS PIERRE (FRA) YANG CHANGHOON (KOR)	**183 votes** 136 votes 128 votes 84 votes	One elected for a four-year term
5th round	**SHALABY MAYA (SLO)** JANGNAS PIERRE (FRA)	**163 votes** 135 votes	One elected for a four-year term

14.7 Medical and sport sciences committee

Three positions were available, with three candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**KIM JIN-TAEK (KOR)** **UMMACHERIL JORIS PAULOSE (IND)** **LIAO YUANPENG (CHN)**	**275 votes** **250 votes** **249 votes**	Three elected for a four-year term

14.8 Para archery committee

Three positions were available, with seven candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**GALLARDO VICENTE ALMUDENA (ESP)** MESA JUAN FELIPE (COL) AN HYUNGSEUNG (KOR) NEMATI ZAHRA (IRI) FORSBERG JERE (FIN) PAQUET DENIS (FRA) ZHOU JIAMIN (CHN)	**184 votes** 135 votes 116 votes 116 votes 79 votes 70 votes 66 votes	One elected for a four-year term
2nd round	MESA JUAN FELIPE (COL) AN HYUNGSEUNG (KOR) NEMATI ZAHRA (IRI) FORSBERG JERE (FIN) PAQUET DENIS (FRA)	132 votes 124 votes 107 votes 81 votes 69 votes	No majority reached; last position removed for 3rd round
3rd round	**AN HYUNGSEUNG (KOR)** MESA JUAN FELIPE (COL) NEMATI ZAHRA (IRI) FORSBERG JERE (FIN)	**155 votes** 152 votes 103 votes 86 votes	One elected for a four-year term
4th round	**MESA JUAN FELIPE (COL)** NEMATI ZAHRA (IRI)	**180 votes** 121 votes	One elected for a four-year term

14.9 Gender equity and inclusion committee

Four positions were available, with four candidates (majority 154 votes).

1st round	**HUNT NICKY (GBR)** **PERSAUD-McKINNON VIDUSHI(GUY)** **LEONARD KERRIE (IRL)** **MATHESON LEXIE (NZL)**	**251 votes** **240 votes** **231 votes** **212 votes**	Two elected for a four-year term; the last two elected for a two-year term

15. Appointments

15.1 Board of justice and ethics

The executive board recommended Trina Roberts (Bermuda) and Mael Loretan (Switzerland).

Congress approved the nominations with 304 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstention.

15.2 Finance and audit board

The executive board recommended Rolf Lind (Denmark), Christophe Peignois (Belgium) and David Tan (Singapore).

Congress approved the nominations with 304 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstention.

16. Events

16.1 Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games

The Congress received a presentation on the upcoming Youth Olympic Games, which will take place in Dakar, Senegal, in 2026. This edition marks a historic milestone, as it will be the first time the Youth Olympic Games are hosted on the African continent. The Games are scheduled from 31 October to 13 November 2026 and will welcome 2,700 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees. A total of 35 sports will be featured, including 25 competitive disciplines and 10 showcase sports, with events held across three cities: Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly.

Archery competitions will be held at the Abdoulaye Wade Stadium, a venue praised as one of the most beautiful stadiums in the world. The stadium will also host the opening ceremony, further elevating the profile of the archery events.

Secretary general Tom Dielen provided additional details on athlete qualification. He urged countries that have not yet met the Minimum Qualification Scores (MQS) at the events in Winnipeg or Catez to submit their best under-18 60-metre scores as soon as possible. He emphasised the strategic importance of the upcoming African Championships in Côte d'Ivoire, particularly for African nations seeking qualification. Any unfilled African quota places will be reallocated globally.

Mr Dielen underlined the urgency of submitting scores promptly to support ongoing discussions with the IOC regarding the allocation of invitation places.

16.2 Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

The Congress received a detailed update on preparations for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games through a video presentation delivered by Nico Campriano, head of sport for LA28, and Leticia Malavasi, sport manager for archery. The presentation confirmed that the Olympic Games will take place from 14 to 30 July 2028, followed by the Paralympic Games from 15 to 27 August 2028. One major announcement was the relocation of archery events to Carson Stadium, within the Carson zone, and the addition of the compound mixed team event to the Olympic programme.

The venue is expected to accommodate 10,000-16,000 spectators for Olympic events and 6,000-8,000 for Paralympic competitions. Finals are scheduled during evening sessions to improve global broadcast reach, particularly in Asian markets. Carson Stadium will host elimination and medal matches for Olympic events, while Paralympic competitions will take place in a temporary hockey stadium nearby. Ranking rounds are planned for a separate area east of the main venue, with the field of play centrally positioned to maximise the spectator experience.

Secretary general Tom Dielen provided further context, explaining that the venue change was motivated by the cooler climate in Carson and the strategic value of evening sessions to avoid scheduling conflicts with other sports. He also noted the organising committee's goal of creating an iconic, media-friendly atmosphere, leveraging Los Angeles' technological resources and Hollywood backdrop.

Regarding the qualification system, Mr Dielen reported that the final proposal will be completed in the coming months. No major changes are expected for recurve events, but the number of team quotas has been reduced to eight to safeguard qualification opportunities for smaller nations. For the Paralympics, gender equity will be fully ensured through balanced quota allocations.

16.3 Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games

The Congress received an update on preparations for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games through a video message from Kit McConnell, former IOC sport director and now a member of the Brisbane organising committee. Secretary general Tom Dielen provided further details, focusing on a key concern regarding the proposed archery venue.

Initially, archery was to take place at a central location in Brisbane; however, that venue is no longer available. The organising committee has proposed an alternative site in Maryborough, a town of 30,000 inhabitants located four hours by car from Brisbane and two and a half hours from the satellite Olympic Village in the Gold Coast. Mr Dielen expressed serious concerns about this location, citing its remoteness, limited accommodation infrastructure – with only two hotels in the area – and lack of alignment with standards expected for an Olympic competition. He noted that World Archery, the IOC, the Brisbane organising committee sports department and Archery Australia are not in agreement with the Maryborough proposal.

This venue issue is part of a broader review process currently being undertaken by the Brisbane organisers, which affects several sports. Mr Dielen reassured the Congress that active discussions are underway with both current and former IOC sport directors to address the situation. He also pointed out that there is precedent for venue changes in past Olympic Games and confirmed that World Archery remains committed to finding a more suitable location for the competition.

Additional context was provided regarding the broader Brisbane 2032 planning process. The Olympic sports programme has not yet been finalised, and decisions on the full list of sports and disciplines are expected during an IOC session scheduled for mid-2024. Decisions on specific events, including the potential inclusion of compound archery, will be taken after the conclusion of the Los Angeles 2028 Games.

16.4 Yankton 2026 World Archery Field and 3D Championships

Bruce Cull, representing the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Foundation, presented the plans for the 2026 World Field and 3D Archery Championships, to be held in Yankton, South Dakota, USA. This edition will be the first time both championships are staged as a combined event. Scheduled from 24 September to 4 October 2026, the competition will take place at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center and around Lewis and Clark Lake. A final competition is planned each day to maintain excitement and visibility throughout the event.

The venue offers extensive infrastructure, including 11 field ranges and five permanent 3D ranges. Accommodation is available within a five to 20 minute radius, with access supported by three nearby airports: Sioux Falls, Sioux City and Omaha. Mr Cull emphasised that Yankton, a small town

of 20,000 inhabitants, is known for its hospitality and commitment to archery. The Easton Center is recognised as the largest archery facility in the world, featuring a 105-target indoor range accommodating up to 400 archers simultaneously, on-site campgrounds and a small archery museum.

Secretary general Tom Dielen provided background on the decision to combine the World Field and 3D Championships. Initially, the field and 3D committee was not in favour of merging the events. However, the combined format has been approved as a test, with a detailed evaluation to follow after the event.

Kristina Reitmeier, speaking on behalf of the field and 3D committee, noted ongoing concerns about the format. While not fully supportive, the committee agreed to proceed with the proposed schedule and monitor the event closely. The decision was reached in February, pending final approval by the executive board.

16.5 Medellín 2027 World Archery Championships and Congress

Sergio Font and Maria Emma Gaviria presented the plans for the 2027 World Archery Championships and the 57th World Archery Congress, to be hosted in Medellín, Colombia. The presentation highlighted Colombia's strong track record in organising major international archery events and introduced the proposed venue and infrastructure.

The championships will be held on the equestrian polo field at Llano Grande Country Club, a 316 × 160-metre site. Accommodation includes several country-style hotels within five to 20 minutes of the venue, with international access via Jose Maria Cordova Airport. The Congress will take place at the Intercontinental Hotel in Medellín, approximately 35-40 minutes from the competition site.

Mr Font noted that the Antioquia Hall at the Intercontinental Hotel can host over 400 Congress attendees. Transportation for participants will be provided via a modern fleet of buses and vans. The Llano Grande area offers restaurants and shopping, while meals during the event will include breakfast and dinner at hotels and lunch at the competition venue.

Regarding the competition schedule, Mr Font explained that discussions with World Archery are ongoing to finalise the number of competition days. Organisers are considering whether to maintain the extended format used in recent championships or return to a more traditional schedule.

Secretary general Tom Dielen added that the extended format was introduced primarily to meet television broadcasters' needs, which remains critical as the 2027 World Archery Championships will serve as the main qualification event for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. The format also allows practical advantages, such as enabling recurve archers to arrive later and compound archers to leave earlier. Final scheduling decisions will consider ongoing discussions with broadcasters, as the World Archery Championships remain World Archery's most valuable television product.

17. Any other permissible business

17.1 German Shooting and Archery Federation

The German archery federation took the opportunity to express gratitude to the outgoing president, Prof Dr Ugur Erdener, for his 20 years of service. A special surprise had been prepared to honour his tenure.

Hans-Heinrich von Schönfels announced the creation of a scholarship in Prof Dr Erdener's name and outlined its key features:

- The scholarship will be awarded every two years
- It provides a unique training experience at the Bundesstützpunkt Wiesbaden-Frankfurt National Olympic and Paralympic Training Centre
- The German Shooting Sport and Archery Federation will cover travel and accommodation costs for the recipient
- The scholarship includes access to training opportunities, professional sports support services, and social integration into a training group
- The duration of the scholarship training programme will be up to two weeks, coinciding with the Youth Exchange Programme of the national federation

18. Awards

18.1 Gender equity and inclusion awards

Yuko Okura, chair of the gender equity and inclusion committee, presented the Gender Equity Awards. She expressed gratitude to all member associations for supporting the motion to make the committee a permanent body within World Archery, emphasising the importance of achieving gender equity and inclusion in the sport.

Key points included:

- The nomination process for the awards opened on International Women's Day (8 March)
- The gender equity and inclusion committee discussed and proposed award winners to the executive board for approval

The Congress honoured three individuals and one member association for their exceptional contributions to gender equity, inclusion and leadership in archery.

Prof Dr Ugur Erdener (Türkiye) was recognised for his outstanding global efforts to advance gender equity in governance and sport, including achieving gender parity in the appointment of chairs and deputy chairs across all World Archery permanent committees, and leading the introduction of mixed team events at the Olympic Games from Tokyo 2020 to LA 2028.

Jodie Grinham (Great Britain) was celebrated as an inspiring role model, winning a bronze medal in the individual compound event at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games while pregnant, and becoming the first pregnant athlete to win Paralympic gold in the mixed team competition.

Hilda Gibson (Great Britain) was recognised for her long-standing contributions as an official, coach, and mentor. She has supported organising committees for London 2012, Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024, mentored women in archery, and contributed to judge education and development programmes across Africa.

The Equal Opportunity Award was presented to the **Spanish archery federation** (Real Federación Española de Tiro con Arco) for its commitment to gender equity, including 50% female representation on its executive board, appointment of women to key leadership positions, gender quotas in its general assembly, programmes to increase women's participation, investment in female judges and coaches, and promotion of health and well-being among female archers.

18.2 Nations' trophy

The Congress presented the World Cup nations' trophy awards. Prof Dr Ugur Erdener presented the 2023 awards, while president-elect Greg Easton presented the 2024 awards.

2023 results:

- Third place: USA
- Second place: India
- First place: Korea

2024 results:

- Third place: USA
- Second place: India
- First place: Korea

These awards combined results from recurve and compound divisions, highlighting the consistent performance of these nations in international archery.

18.3 Plaquettes

The Congress proceeded to the presentation of bronze, silver and gold plaquette awards. Prof Dr Ugur Erdener presented the awards.

Bronze plaquette recipients:

- **Martin Bauer (Germany)** – Recognised for long-standing service as chair of the medical ans sport sciences committee (award accepted by the president of the German archery federation)
- **Atanas Temelkov (Bulgaria)** – Honoured for organising numerous world ranking tournaments and youth cups in Europe
- **Greg Koncan (Slovenia)** – Recognised for his success as a coach and driving force behind the Veronicas Cup
- **Matt Stutzman (USA)** – Paralympic Champion in Paris, recognised for promoting archery for individuals without arms (award accepted by Rod Menzer)
- **Darja Rozmanec (Slovenia)** – Honoured for organising continental 3D and Field Championships and supporting archery development in Slovenia
- **Irena Rosa (Slovenia)** – Recognised for organizing two successful continental Indoor Championships and for extensive work with youth committees and youth cups
- **Randall Jones (Canada)** – Acknowledged for editorial work and service as a judge (award accepted by president of Canadian archery federation)
- **Kazi Rajib Uddin Ahmed Chapol (Bangladesh)** – Recognised as first vice president of World Archery Asia and organiser of many events, including the upcoming Asian Championships

Silver plaquette recipients:

- **Dominique Ohlmann (France)** – Chair of para archery committee, recognised for service and promotion of run archery
- **Hanz-Heinrich von Schönfeld (Germany)** – Current president of the German archery federation, recognised for organising events in Germany
- **Jonathan Shales (Great Britain)** – Chair of the technical committee, recognised for long-standing service
- **Maria Emma Gaviria (Colombia)** – President of World Archery America and the Colombian archery federation, recognised for organising events including World Cups and Continental Championships
- **Um Sung Ho (Korea)** – Secretary general of World Archery Asia, sports manager for Seoul Olympics

Gold plaquette recipient:

- **Mario Scarzella (Italy)** – President of World Archery Europe, recently concluded tenure as president of the Italian archery federation, recognised for long-standing service and contributions to international archery governance

The Congress unanimously approved all plaquette awards.

18.4 Farewell to officers

The Congress also recognised officials concluding their terms or roles within World Archery. The secretary general noted this primarily concerned term-limited departures, while some non-re-elected individuals would be recognised at a later occasion.

Officials specifically honoured:

- Martin Bauer (Germany)
- Dominique Ohlmann (France)
- Jonathan Shales (Great Britain)

19. Thanks and closing of 2025 Congress

A heartfelt vote of thanks was delivered by Prof Dr Ugur Erdener, marking the formal conclusion of his presidency of World Archery. In his final address, he acknowledged the 56th World Archery Congress and expressed sincere gratitude for the support he received throughout his tenure. He highlighted the invaluable contributions of the executive board, extended special thanks to secretary general Tom Dielen for over two decades of close collaboration, and praised the dedication of the entire World Archery team. Prof Dr Erdener also recognised the local organising committee and the Korean archery federation for their excellent hosting of the Congress, as well as the technical team for ensuring the event ran seamlessly.

He offered specific acknowledgments to key individuals and groups, reiterating the collaborative spirit that has defined his leadership. In a symbolic moment, Prof Dr Erdener formally congratulated

and welcomed Greg Easton as the new president of World Archery, officially handing over the organisation's leadership and expressing full confidence in a successful future under Mr Easton's guidance.

In his closing remarks, Prof Dr Erdener wished all attendees safe travels and extended his best wishes to those remaining in Korea for the World Championships. No formal decisions or votes were taken during this segment, which served as a ceremonial and respectful closure to Prof Dr Erdener's years of service.

Following the formal handover, newly elected President Greg Easton delivered his acceptance speech, marking the beginning of his tenure at the helm of World Archery. He opened by sincerely thanking Dr Ugur Erdener and all the delegates, acknowledging both the honour and the profound responsibility of the role. Expressing appreciation for the support received from the assembly, Mr Easton reflected on the importance of collaboration and conveyed his optimism for the future of the organisation.

Looking ahead, he expressed his anticipation for continued participation in many future congresses and shared his enthusiasm for working closely with the executive board. He also announced his intention to remain present for most of the World Championships week, underlining his commitment to staying connected with the athletes and the field of play from the outset of his presidency.

The handover represented a significant and symbolic transition in World Archery's leadership, carried out with a strong sense of continuity and respect. Mr Easton's speech highlighted both his awareness of the weight of the role and his dedication to fostering collaboration and building on the foundations laid by his predecessor. His immediate engagement with ongoing events further reinforced his commitment to being an accessible and active leader.

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Appendix 1: List of member association delegates

List of member association delegates with vote counts (situation at the start of the session on Friday).

Registered	Name of voting delegate	Voting delegate status	Votes	Proxy	Votes2
AFG	Masoud Abdul Bari	Secretary General	1		1
ALG	Lazreg Abderazak	President	2		2
AND	Vivé Lluis	President	2	**HUN**	3
ARG	Adrover Diego Martin	President	3	**PER**	4
ARM	Vasilyan Boris	Voting delegate confirmed	1		1
AUS	Fiddyment Robert	President	4	**NZL**	5
AUT	Halvax Wolfgang	President	4		4
AZE	Khalilov Farid	Secretary General	2		2
BAN	Ahmed Tanvir	Secretary General	3	**COD**	4
BAR	Griffith Jonathan	Secretary General	2	**TTO**	3
BEL	Notenboom Francis	Voting delegate confirmed	4		4
BER	Roberts Ross	President	3	**CUW**	4
BLR	Marusau Mikalai	President	1		1
BRA	Luiz Araujo da Cruz João	President	4	**URU**	5
BUL	Temelkov Atanas	President	2	**SOL**	3
CAN	Bull Aaron	President	4	**MAD**	5
CHA	Nguelet Colombe	President	1	**SEN**	2
CHI	Otárola César	President	4	**PAR**	5
CHN	Zheng Lixun	Voting delegate confirmed	3		3
CIV	Essis Mi-Carême Moïse	President	2	**NIG**	3
COL	Lopez Ana Maria	Voting delegate confirmed	4	**GUY**	5
COM	Ioussoufa Soilihy	Secretary General	1		1
CRO	Ivana Sabaji Golenko	Voting delegate confirmed	3		3
CUB	Jimenez Tamara	President	3	**VIN**	4
CYP	Theofylaktou Andreas	President	2	**SLE**	3
CZE	Hana Majarova	Voting delegate confirmed	4		4
DEN	Holm-Nielsen Morten	President	3		3
ECU	Icaza Eddie	President	3	**BOL**	4
EGY	Sameh Ahmed	Secretary General	3	**SOM**	4
ESA	De La O Armando	President	2	**CRC**	3
ESP	Holgado Romero Juan Carlos	Voting delegate confirmed	4	**CMR**	5
FRA	Megret Julien	President	4		4
FRO	Niclasen Jogvan	Voting delegate confirmed	2		2
GBR	Briegal Mark	Voting delegate confirmed	4	**FLK**	5
GEO	Nozadze Simon	President	3		3
GER	von Schönfels Hans-Heinrich	President	4		4
GRE	Papadopoulou Evelyn	Voting delegate confirmed	3		3
GUA	Cordero Arturo Luis	President	3		3
HKG	Lau Kun Hung Terry	Voting delegate confirmed	3	**MAC**	4

HON	Gómez Cristhian	President	1		1
INA	Dermadharana Irawadi	Secretary General	2		2
IND	Munda Arjun	President	3		3
IRI	Shabanibahar Gholamreza	President	2		2
IRL	Early Philip	President	4		4
IRQ	Al-Mashhadani Saad	President	1	**MTN**	2
ISL	Gudjonsson Gummi	President	4	**LIE**	5
ISR	Shainer Dandeker Amit	President	3		3
ISV	D'Amour Kevin	Secretary General	3	**PNG**	4
ITA	Polidori Vittorio	President	4	**SMR**	5
IVB	Hodge Debra	Secretary General	1		1
JAM	Pierre Sean Conway	Secretary General	2		2
JPN	Tanaka Nobukane	Secretary General	4		4
KAZ	Ussimbekov Azamat	President	3		3
KEN	Anwar Tabassum	Voting delegate confirmed	1	**NAM**	2
KGZ	Osmonalieva Elnura	President	2		2
KOR	Choi Kyunghwan	Secretary General	4		4
KSA	Alderbi Turki Mohammad S	President	3		3
KUW	Alghuroba Mohammad	Voting delegate confirmed	3	**BRN**	4
LBA	Eshneba Sabri	President	1		1
LBN	Tamer Jack	President	1		1
LTU	Baltrusaite Ringa	Voting delegate confirmed	2	**EST**	3
LUX	Clini Filippo	Voting delegate confirmed	4	**NEP**	5
MDA	Cecanova Irina	Secretary General	2	**LAT**	3
MEX	Ramos Gabriel	President	3	**BAH**	4
MGL	Khorloo Otgontuya	President	2		2
MRI	Bayjoo Al-Yousouf	President	1		1
MYA	Oo Kyaw	Voting delegate confirmed	1		1
NED	van Apeldoorn Marcel	Voting delegate confirmed	4		4
NGR	Abdullahi Mohammed Baba	President	1	**BEN**	2
NOR	Stensgaard Per Christian	President	3		3
PAK	Ali Imran	Voting delegate confirmed	1		1
PAN	Barria Luis	President	3	**DOM**	4
PHI	Reaport Ebbinghans	President	2		2
POL	Michalski Dawid	President	4	**KOS**	5
POR	Silva Helena	President	2	**MKD**	3
PUR	Pizarro Latorre Jean	President	3	**VEN**	4
QAT	Al Sulaiti Jassem	Secretary General	2		2
ROU	Milan Cornel	President	3		3
RSA	Van Kradenburg Frans	President	4	**ZIM**	5
RUS	Mankhanov Zorigto	President	2		2
SGP	Wong Edelin	President	4		4
SLO	Koncan Gregor	Voting delegate confirmed	3		3
SRB	Vranjkovic Katarina	Voting delegate confirmed	2	**MAR**	3

SRI	Senevirathne Nipun Sangeeth	Voting delegate confirmed	2	**MAS**	3
SUD	Amiry Ahmed Tarik	President	2	**LES**	3
SUI	Dielen Nathalie	Voting delegate confirmed	4	**SAM**	5
SVK	Buzek Vladimir	President	4	**JOR**	5
SWE	Volungholen Rolf	President	4	**FIN**	5
TGA	Jensen Hans	President	2		2
THA	Kosavinta Satakhun	Voting delegate confirmed	2	**LAO**	3
TKM	Sahedov Vepa	President	2	**PLE**	3
TOG	Alassi Possobindo	President	1		1
TPE	LinCheng-Hsien	Secretary General	3		3
TUN	Manai Ridha	President	3	**UAE**	4
TUR	Topaloglu Abdullah	President	4		4
UGA	Asiimwe Richard McBond	President	2		2
UKR	Oleksandr Nykolaievskyi	President	2		2
USA	Menzer Rod	President	4	**MLT**	5
UZB	Kopadze Orkhan	Secretary General	2	**TJK**	3
VIE	Phan Trong Quan	President	2		2
YEM	Al-Ahjeri Akram Mohammed Abdullah	Voting delegate confirmed	1	**SYR**	2

Appendix 2: List of other Congress delegates

Af	Koura	Ahmed	Delegate
Am	Font Milian	Sergio	Delegate
As	Chung	Euisun	Delegate
As	Kim	Seungyoon	Delegate
As	Lee	Yongseok	Interpreter
AFG	Masoud	Abdul Bari	Voting delegate
ALG	Lazreg	Abderazak	Voting delegate
AND	Vivé	Lluis	Voting delegate
ARG	Adrover	Diego Martin	Voting delegate
ARM	Vasilyan	Boris	Voting delegate
AUS	Fiddyment	Robert	Voting delegate
AUT	Halvax	Wolfgang	Voting delegate
AZE	Khalilov	Farid	Voting delegate
BAN	Chapol	Kazi Rajib Uddin Ahmed	Delegate
BAN	Ahmed	Tanvir	Voting delegate
BAR	Griffith	Jonathan	Voting delegate
BEL	Wolles	Johan	Delegate
BEL	Notenboom	Francis	Voting delegate
BER	Roberts	Trina	Delegate
BER	Roberts	Ross	Voting delegate
BLR	Timofeyeva	Ekaterina	Delegate
BLR	Marusau	Mikalai	Voting delegate
BRA	Terra Neto	Rubens	Delegate
BRA	Luiz Araujo da Cruz	João	Voting delegate
BUL	Temelkov	Atanas	Voting delegate
CAN	Bull	Aaron	Voting delegate
CHA	Nguelet	Colombe	Voting delegate
CHI	Otárola	César	Voting delegate
CHN	Mu	Yong	Delegate
CHN	Zheng	Lixun	Voting delegate
CIV	Essis	Mi-Carême Moïse	Voting delegate
COL	Salazar	Duvan	Delegate
COL	Lopez	Ana Maria	Voting delegate
COM	Ioussoufa	Soilihy	Voting delegate
CRO	Sebalj Golenko	Ivana	Voting delegate
CUB	Jimenez	Tamara	Voting delegate
CYP	Theofylaktou	Andreas	Voting delegate
CZE	Majarova	Hana	Voting delegate
DEN	Holm-Nielsen	Morten	Voting delegate
ECU	Icaza	Eddie	Voting delegate
EGY	Sameh	Ahmed	Voting delegate
ESA	De La O	Armando	Voting delegate

ESP	Chabouk	Rifaat	Delegate
ESP	Holgado Romero	Juan Carlos	Voting delegate
FRA	Bernard Pelegrin	Isabelle	Delegate
FRA	Jangnäs	Pierre	Delegate
FRA	Megret	Julien	Voting delegate
FRO	Petersen	Nikkel	Delegate
FRO	Niclasen	Jogvan	Voting delegate
GBR	Gibson	Hilda	Delegate
GBR	Potts	Graham	Delegate
GBR	Briegal	Mark	Voting delegate
GEO	Sanishvili	Artem	Delegate
GEO	Nozadze	Simon	Voting delegate
GER	von Schönfels	Hans-Heinrich	Voting delegate
GRE	Kiziridis	Nikos	Delegate
GRE	Papadopoulou	Evelyn	Voting delegate
GUA	Cordero	Arturo Luis	Voting delegate
HKG	Wong	Yuk Sheung	Delegate
HKG	Lau	Kun Hung Terry	Voting delegate
HON	Gómez	Cristhian	Voting delegate
INA	Handayani	Lilies	Delegate
INA	Dermadharana	Irawadi	Voting delegate
IND	Sachdeva	Virendra	Delegate
IND	Munda	Arjun	Voting delegate
IRI	Hajianzehaei	Mohammadreza	Delegate
IRI	Shabanibahar	Gholamreza	Voting delegate
IRI	Khaleghi	Mahdi	Interpreter
IRL	MacDermott	Kevin	Delegate
IRL	Early	Philip	Voting delegate
IRQ	Fayyadh	Mohammed	Delegate
IRQ	Al-Mashhadani	Saad	Voting delegate
IRQ	Kadhim	Kareem	Interpreter
ISL	Gudjonsson	Gummi	Voting delegate
ISR	Shainer Dandeker	Amit	Voting delegate
ISV	D'Amour	Kevin	Voting delegate
ITA	Musiani	Roberto	Delegate
ITA	Polidori	Vittorio	Voting delegate
IVB	Hodge	Debra	Voting delegate
JAM	Baker	Petra	Delegate
JAM	Powell	Richard	Delegate
JAM	Pierre	Sean Conway	Voting delegate
JPN	Ozawa	Junji	Delegate
JPN	Sakuragi	Yumiko	Delegate
JPN	Tanaka	Nobukane	Voting delegate
KAZ	Baitassov	Yesset	Delegate
KAZ	Ussimbekov	Azamat	Voting delegate

KAZ	Moldakhmetov	Yerdos	Interpreter
KEN	Anwar	Tabassum	Voting delegate
KOR	Jang	Youngsool	Delegate
KOR	Choi	Kyunghwan	Voting delegate
KOR	Kim	Wonsik	Interpreter
KSA	Almadi	Alanoud	Delegate
KSA	Alnowaiser	Abdullah Mohammed A	Delegate
KSA	Alderbi	Turki Mohammad S	Voting delegate
KUW	Alghuroba	Mohammad	Voting delegate
LBA	Gharib	Ahmed	Delegate
LBA	Eshneba	Sabri	Voting delegate
LBN	Herz	Ali	Delegate
LBN	Tamer	Jack	Voting delegate
LTU	Baltrusaite	Ringa	Voting delegate
LUX	Clini	Filippo	Voting delegate
MDA	Cecanova	Irina	Voting delegate
MEX	Velez	Luis Eduardo	Delegate
MEX	Ramos	Gabriel	Voting delegate
MGL	Batbold	Badamkhand	Delegate
MGL	Khorloo	Otgontuya	Voting delegate
MRI	Bayjoo	Al-Yousouf	Voting delegate
MYA	Thura	Soe	Delegate
MYA	Oo	Kyaw	Voting delegate
NED	van Apeldoorn	Marcel	Voting delegate
NEP	Shiwakoti	Ramesh Prasad	Delegate
NEP	Gurung	Dipak Raj	Voting delegate
NGR	Abdullahi	Mohammed Baba	Voting delegate
NOR	Stensgaard	Per Christian	Voting delegate
PAK	Ali	Imran	Voting delegate
PAK	Ali	Lehrasub	Interpreter
PAN	Bethancourth	Diego	Delegate
PAN	Rodriguez	Cristina	Delegate
PAN	Barria	Luis	Voting delegate
PAN	Delgado	Maryuri	Interpreter
PHI	Sinco	Gerardo Joaquin	Delegate
PHI	Reaport	Ebbinghans	Voting delegate
POL	Michalski	Dawid	Voting delegate
POR	Silva	Helena	Voting delegate
PUR	Acevedo Prado	Adriana	Delegate
PUR	Pizarro Latorre	Jean	Voting delegate
QAT	Al Sulaiti	Jassem	Voting delegate
ROU	Milan	Cornel	Voting delegate
RSA	Van Kradenburg	Frans	Voting delegate
RUS	Larkina	Mariya	Delegate
RUS	Mankhanov	Zorigto	Voting delegate

SGP	Tan	Zheng Yuan, David	Delegate
SGP	Wong	Edelin	Voting delegate
SLO	Koncan	Gregor	Voting delegate
SRB	Vranjkovic	Katarina	Voting delegate
SRI	Senevirathne	H.P. Sunethra	Delegate
SRI	Senevirathne	Nipun Sangeeth	Voting delegate
SUD	Amiry	Ahmed Tarik	Voting delegate
SUI	Dielen	Nathalie	Voting delegate
SVK	Buzek	Vladimir	Voting delegate
SWE	Johansson	Sofie	Delegate
SWE	Volungholen	Rolf	Voting delegate
TGA	Jensen	Hans	Voting delegate
THA	Kosavinta	Satakhun	Voting delegate
TKM	Sahedov	Vepa	Voting delegate
TOG	Alassi	Possobindo	Voting delegate
TPE	Chen	Ting Ni	Delegate
TPE	Chou	Ming-Hsi	Delegate
TPE	Lin	Cheng-Hsien	Voting delegate
TPE	Chang	Hsin-Yun	Interpreter
TUN	Manai	Ridha	Voting delegate
TUR	Topbas	Huseyin Ersan	Delegate
TUR	Topaloglu	Abdullah	Voting delegate
TUR	Aydin	Sirer	Interpreter
UGA	Bumba	Peter	Delegate
UGA	Asiimwe	Richard McBond	Voting delegate
UKR	Nikolaievskyi	Oleksandr	Voting delegate
USA	Easton	Greg	Delegate
USA	Emmons	Mary	Delegate
USA	Menzer	Rod	Voting delegate
UZB	Kopadze	Orkhan	Voting delegate
VIE	Phan	Trong Quan	Voting delegate
YEM	Al-Ahgeri	Akram Mohammed Abdullah	Voting delegate
WA	Erdener	Ugur	President
WA	Brokamp	Jorg	First vice president
WA	Han	Thomas	Vice president
WA	Gaviria	Maria Emma	Vice president
WA	Scarzella	Mario	Vice president
WA	Cleroy	Jean-Michel	Executive board member
WA	Ollson	Carina	Executive board member
WA	Miller	Mark	Executive board member
WA	Okura	Yuko	Executive board member
WA	Chiu	Ping-Kun	Executive board member
WA	Uidl	Darko	Executive board member
WA	Thesen	Eva	Constitution and rules committee chair

WA	Gauvin	Crystal	Athletes committee chair
WA	Ohlmann	Dominique	Para archery committee chair
WA	Pian	Bob	Target committee chair
WA	Ergin	Goktug	Coaches committee chair
WA	Reitmeier	Kristina	Field and 3D committee chair
WA	Datta	Indranil	Judges committee chair
WA	Guo	Bei	Electoral board
WA	Steffens	Sabrina	Electoral board
WA	Chapol	Kazi Rajib Uddin Ahmed	Electoral board
WA	Lind	Rolf	Financial and audit board
WA	Dielen	Tom	Secretary general
WA	Terrier	Constance	World Archery Staff
WA	Viscara	Cecilia	World Archery Staff
WA	Aubert	Thomas	World Archery Staff
WA	Wells	Chris	World Archery Staff
WA	Sidaoui	Karim	World Archery Staff
WA	Kim	Jiwon	World Archery Staff
WA	Flute	Sébastien	World Archery Staff
WA	Alberga	Dean	Photographer
USA	Miles	Dean	Guest
USA	Milner	Lorena	Guest
USA	Cull	Bruce	Speaker
GBR	Morris	Steven	Speaker
GBR	Jackson	Mark	Lumi technician
TPE	Mak	Gary	Lumi technician
KOR	Kim	Seungyoon	Local organising committee

Appendix 3: List of motions

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