

# **FEI ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020**

## **FEI BOARD MEETING**

Lausanne (SUI), 25 November 2020

### **Greater gender balance and diversity in FEI Board**

The FEI President Ingmar De Vos advised the FEI Board at its final meeting of the FEI Online General Assembly on 25 November 2020 that the recent elections and the promotion to full Board Member status of the Medical, Para Equestrian and Vaulting Committee Chairs, has resulted in an improved gender equality balance on the Board.

The percentage of female Board members has now risen to 38% and 62% male. "The recommendation from the IOC is 30% female representation", Ingmar De Vos said, "but even 38% is not enough and we will keep working on the gender balance."

The inclusion of Amanda Bond (HKG), Chair of the Para Equestrian Committee as a full Board member brings additional diversity to the Board.

The President welcomed the four new FEI Board members elected by the FEI Online General Assembly: Brigitte Mathias (NAM), Chair of FEI Regional Group IX; Christian Lozano (FRA), Chair of the FEI Endurance Committee; Pavla Krauspe, Chair of the FEI Vaulting Committee; and Janice Shardlow (GBR), Chair of the FEI Audit and Compliance Committee.

Outgoing Board members Mary Binks, former Chair of the Group IX and Brian Mangan, former Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee, have been appointed as Honorary FEI Board Members for their dedicated service to the FEI.

In an update on the FEI Online General Assembly on 23 November, the Secretary General informed the Board that the total count of National Federations now stands at 136 as the National Federation of Brunei (BRU) has been excluded from FEI membership due to non-payment of dues for the past two years.

In a further update following the announcement at the FEI Online General Assembly that 10 National Federations had been suspended for non-payment of dues, Armenia (ARM), Azerbaijan (AZE), Georgia (GEO) and Turkmenistan (TKM) have now been reinstated and are members of good standing following full payment of their dues.

### **Endurance Committee members**

Following the election of the new FEI Endurance Committee Chair Christian Lozano (FRA) at the FEI Online General Assembly, the Board appointed the following four members to the Committee: Sarah Coombs (GBR); Daniel Fenaux (ESP); Sharon du Plessis (BOT); and Elizabeth van Schelle (BRA).

The new Committee members have been initially appointed for the period 2020-2024, but the Board will review these terms during next year's Rules revision process 2021 with the aim of ensuring the continuity of the Committee beyond 2024.

Now that the new Endurance Committee has been populated, a replacement for the Endurance Athlete Representative will be appointed ad interim, with full rights, until new elections take place.

In addition to the automatic membership in the Endurance Calendar Task Force of the Chair of the Endurance Committee, and in order to guarantee continuity of the work done in 2020, the Board agreed to appoint former Endurance Temporary Committee Chair Sarah Coombs as an additional member of the Endurance Calendar Task Force.

**World Equestrian Centre, Ocala**

The 2021 events schedule for the World Equestrian Centre in Ocala, FL (USA) was discussed by the FEI Board, but as more information on this matter is required, this will be tabled for further discussions at the next FEI Board meeting on 15 December.

Separately, the Board reviewed the requests of the Equestrian Organisers regarding the FEI Calendar 2021 and also discussed articles in the Jumping Rules that will need to be looked at by the Jumping Committee and reviewed for the Rules Revision in 2021.