



Minutes of the 25th OFC Congress
Held on 4 June 2019
At the Palais des Congres, Hyatt, Paris, France

Attendees

Executive Committee Members:

Alex GODINET (American Samoa), Rajesh PATEL (Fiji), Steeve LAIGLE (New Caledonia), Johanna WOOD (New Zealand), John KAPI NATTO (Papua New Guinea), Samuel PETAIA (Samoa), William LAI (Solomon Islands), Thierry ARIIOTIMA (Tahiti), Lord VE'EHALA (Tonga), Lambert MALTOCK (Vanuatu)

Full Members delegates

American Samoa	Amio MAVAEAGA, Tavita TAUMUA
Cook Islands	Moeroa TAMANGARO, Terry PIRI
Fiji	Mohammed YUSUF, Jitendra REDDY
New Caledonia	Joseph HMAEN, Martine SANALE
New Zealand	Garry CARNACHAN, Rakesh NAIDOO
Papua New Guinea	John WESLEY, Dimirit MILENG
Tahiti	Jean-Francois MARTIN, Isabelle GRAFFE
Tonga	Fetu'u VEA, Lui LANGI
Vanuatu	Terry MAKI, Allen FAERUA

Guests of Honour

FIFA President Mr Gianni Infantino
FIFA Secretary General Fatma Samoura

Other guest

Andrew PRAGNELL (New Zealand Football CEO)

OFC Secretariat:

Franck CASTILLO (OFC General Secretary), Frederic GUILLEMONT (Chief Operations Division), Patrick JACQUEMET (Chief of Football Division), Barbara LLOYD (Head of Legal and Compliance), Ray PARK (Head of Finance and Services), Pualani JACQUEMET (Procurement Administrator), Beatrice TCHEN PAN (Executive Assistant)

Apologies: none

Duration | Tuesday 4 June – 8.45am – 11.20am

Agenda

1. Address of the President
2. Roll Call
3. A declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Appointment of scrutineers to check the voting
6. Suspension or expulsion of a Member (not applicable)
7. Approval of the minutes of preceding Congress
8. Activity report (containing the activity since the last ordinary Congress)

9. Receipt and consideration of the Auditor's report of annual accounts
10. Presentation of an Annual Budget 2020 and Strategic Plan
11. Admission for membership (not applicable)
12. Votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing of the Congress
13. Consideration of proposals submitted by the Members and the Executive Committee
14. Consideration of any proposed amendments to the OFC Code of Ethics
15. Approval of any Audit and Risk Committee recommendation regarding the compensation to members of the Executive committee and members of Judicial body (not applicable)
16. Appointment of the Auditors (not applicable)
17. Election of the members of the Eligibility Committee
18. Election of the members of the Audit and Risk Committee
19. Election of the members of the Judicial Bodies
20. Election of the OFC President (not required)
21. Election of the two (2) members on the FIFA Council (not required)

1. ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

OFC President Mr Lambert Maltock opened the 25th OFC Congress by welcoming the delegates, presidents and guests of honour, most importantly FIFA President Mr Gianni Infantino and FIFA Secretary General Mrs Fatma Samoura for their continued support to OFC. It was a pleasure to welcome everyone to Paris, 3 months after his election as OFC President to his first Ordinary Congress. For the last 15 months, having only Extra-ordinary congress, Mr Maltock was glad that it is finally an Ordinary congress.

He acknowledged the presence of all member associations and having the support, gratitude of FIFA President and FIFA Secretary General is very much appreciated for the past 4 years. Mr Maltock recognised the exceptional, remarkable charisma that Mr Infantino has, which gives him courage to lead Oceania Football Confederation.

Mr Maltock thanked the OFC General Secretary for his support during the past 15 months.

He continued to congratulate Mrs Wood, newly elected for being the first women leading a Member Association.

He also congratulated Mr Patel, Lord Ve'ehala and Mr Petaia being newly elected. On the field, he congratulated New Caledonia as being qualified for Club World Cup Championship, and New Zealand recently. These has proved that Oceania Football can go forward.

Mr Maltock finally wish all the best for Mr Infantino for the new election.

Address of FIFA President Mr Gianni Infantino

Mr Infantino welcomed all delegates to Paris for OFC Ordinary Congress and FIFA 69th Congress.

He acknowledged the difficult time that OFC has, similar to what FIFA had, going through similar process and hard work. He reminded that passion was the main purpose of going forward.

The President finally thanked all members the support he has for past 4 years and look forward for upcoming 4 years working together.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr Castillo, General Secretary, conducted the roll call:

Present: (11 full members)

American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga and Vanuatu

The General Secretary declared that all 11 full members were present and that in accordance with Article 19.7 of the OFC Statutes the quorum of the Congress which is two thirds of the Full Members was achieved.

In addition, the General Secretary advised that in accordance with Article 23.4 of the OFC Statutes amendments to the Statutes will be achieved if two thirds of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

3. DECLARATION THAT THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN CONVENED AND COMPOSED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTES

The OFC Executive Committee at their meeting held on 10th May 2019 in accordance with Article 20 (1) of the OFC Statutes resolved to convene the OFC Extraordinary Congress on Tuesday 4th June 2019 to consider the following items prescribed in the Agenda.

In accordance with Article 20(3) of the OFC Statutes, the members were notified by circular of the date, place and agenda of this Ordinary Congress at least 21 days prior (13 February 2019).

In accordance with Article 19(6) and Article 20(4) of the OFC Statutes, the agenda and enclosures were sent to the members no later than 14 days before the date of this Ordinary Congress (20th May 2019)

The General Secretary declared that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the OFC Statutes.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution	Approval of Agenda by all members
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5. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS TO CHECK THE VOTING

In accordance with Article 3 of the Standing Orders of Congress, three (3) scrutineers are to be appointed to count the votes given for and against whenever a vote is taken and to assist the General Secretary in distributing and counting votes.

It was proposed and agreed by members that the scrutineers to check the voting would be Frederic Guillemont, Ray Park and Barbara Lloyd.

Resolution	By a vote of 11 votes for and 0 vote against, the appointment of the scrutineers as proposed was approved.
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6. SUSPENSION OR EXPLUSION OF A MEMBER (not applicable)

There are no proposals to suspend or expel a member of OFC.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING CONGRESS

- 7.1 Minutes of OFC 24th Ordinary Congress | 11 December 2017, Noumea, New Caledonia
- 7.2 Minutes of OFC Extra-Ordinary Congress | 11 June 2018, Moscow, Russia
- 7.3 Minutes of OFC Extra-Ordinary Congress | 21 November 2018, Auckland, New Zealand
- 7.4 Minutes of OFC Extra-Ordinary Congress | 9 March 2019, Auckland, New Zealand

Resolution	By a vote of 11 votes for and 0 vote against, the following minutes were approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the minutes of the 24th OFC Ordinary Congress held on 11 December 2017 in Noumea, New Caledonia,- the minutes of OFC Extra-Ordinary Congress held on 11 June 2018 in Moscow, Russia- the minutes of OFC Extra-Ordinary Congress held on 21 November 2018 in Auckland, New Zealand- the minutes of OFC Extra-Ordinary Congress held on 9 March in Auckland, New Zealand
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8. ACTIVITY REPORT

Mr Castillo tabled the Activity Reports for 2017 and 2018 and approved by the previous Executive Committee meeting in May 2019. No other comments were added by the members.

9. RECEIPT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Mr Park, Head of Finance and Administration presented the Audit Report of annual accounts.

9.1 Audit Report 2017

He first provided a background information on competition of Audit 2017. RSM was appointed at the OFC Congress in November 2018.

- Due to possible fraud, the auditor's scope included 2016. As a result, 2016 accounts had to be restated because of:
 - Home of Football restatement 2016 (overstated by NZD 7,644,136)
 - Revised FIFA Loan restatement 2016 – Interest Revenue of 1,835,198, Interest expense of 2015 and 2016 of \$467,085 and 400,255 respectively.
- RSM, Lawyer (MC) and the forensic auditor (Deloitte) coordination had to be carried out on the investigation as part of audit assurance.
- OFC Executive Committee has approved to put OFC Commercial Ltd into liquidation, finalised in March 2019.

Mr Park clarified that the 2016 audited accounts had to be restated as part of 2017 audit. A consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and expense comparison was presented, as well as the consolidated statement of Financial position comparison with 2016

An explanation of OFC Commercial Ltd liquidation was provided. Following the validation of the Executive Committee on 10th June 2018, OFC Commercial Ltd was put into liquidation as per lawyer's recommendation. Ernst Young was appointed as liquidator and officially put OCL into liquidation on 6th August 2018. Completion and distribution documents were executed on 28th March 2019, with an agreed value of NZD513,182. The inventory would be used for various technical, tournaments, and Just Play activities as a way of providing value in kind grant to the Member Associations.

Mr Park continued by presenting the Consolidated Audited account for 2017 with an unqualified opinion, taking note of Note 31 in the summary.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements on pages 6 to 19 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the group as at 31 December 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Note 31 Summary

- Home of Football and FIFA Loan restatement
- Court action against individuals and companies involved in the Home of Football project
- Statutory demand for payment by the construction company which OFC applied to the High Court to set aside the demand. No decision has been received yet.
- OFC Commercial Ltd voluntary liquidation



Mr Park described the Consolidated Audited accounts for 2017, with revenues and expenses, as well as the financial position as at 31 December 2017.

9.2 Audit Report 2018

Mr Park presented the Audit Report 2018, which was a smoother report, with an unqualified opinion from the Independent Auditor. He provided the consolidated statement of comprehensive revenue and expense for year 2018, as well as the financial position showing assets and liabilities.

He clarified that FIFA funds had been restricted during most of 2018, and only approved expenses were released in instalments, including administration and operational needs, and OFC Champions League. Additional expenses were released later in 2018, including Grants to MAs, other tournaments and development activities including Education Centre. Mr Park explained that the restriction being lifted in October 2018,

It is suggested that the Congress will be approving the annual financial statements; this would need to be amended in the statutes. Currently, only the OFC Executive Committee is approving the annual financial statements.

10. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL BUDGET 2020 AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr Castillo provided a video on the strategic plan.

10.1 FIFA Forward

Mr Guillemont, Chief of Operational Division, presented the Contract of Approved Objectives, which was approved by the OFC Executive Committee on 9th May.

10.2 Annual budget 2020

Mr Park presented the budget 2020. He clarified that the budget 2020 was built to achieve and deliver OFC football development strategy. Key assumptions were explained for this budget, including amounts being deferred from 2019 from different funding sources to contribute towards Home of Football project, youth tournaments. He clarified that OFC budget represented 77% of total operational expenses linked with the grants and services provided to the Member Associations.

The budget 2020 included the Revenue, making up of deferred income from 2019 and other funding sources, with a total revenue of NZD25,928 million

He clarified that the Net Operating surplus for 2020 is at NZD5,092 million, and cash surplus for 2020 of NZD704,692.65

11. ADMISSION OF MEMBERSHIP (Not applicable)

There are no applications for membership to OFC

12. VOTE ON PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES, THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE STATUTES AND THE STANDING OF THE CONGRESS

Ms Barbara Lloyd, Head of Legal and Compliance explained the need of amending the statutes, the regulations governing the application of the statutes and the standing orders of the congress. There were not enough candidates are being nominated that fit all the criteria in the statutes adopted by the congress last November 2018.

The Executive Committee has proposed that "This Congress resolves to adopt the amendments of the OFC Statutes (including the Standing orders of Congress) as circulated to the Member Associations and when approved by the congress they will be effective immediately."

The main proposals are:

1. To merge the Ethics Committee and Disciplinary Committee
2. To insert a quorum requirement for Executive Committee meetings

3. To include all the prohibited grounds of discriminations in the FIFA Statutes in Article 5
4. Article 22 (6) Nominations for Candidates for election
5. Article 27 Composition and Term of office
6. Article 28 Role and Powers of executive Committee
7. Article 30 Voting
8. Article 34 (a) Audit and Risk Committee
9. Article 34 (b) Eligibility Committee
10. Article 36 Judicial bodies
11. Article 37 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee
12. Article 59 Eligibility
13. Article 60 Independent Members of Committee and Judicial bodies

Resolution	By a vote of 11 votes for and 0 vote against, the Congress approved to adopt the amendments of the OFC Statutes (including the Standing Orders of Congress) as circulated to the Member Associations which were effective immediately.
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13. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As the amendments had just been approved, Ms Lloyd clarified that no nominations have been made to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee. The Executive Committee had proposed that:

1. The current members of the Disciplinary Committee becoming members of Disciplinary and Ethics committee
2. The candidates nominated for election to the Disciplinary Committee and the Ethics Committee be candidates for the Disciplinary and Ethics committee for election at this congress, subject the Eligibility Committee confirming that they are eligible
3. That six additional members can be elected to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee at this Congress

Resolution	By a vote of 11 votes for and 0 vote against, the Congress approved the proposals submitted by the Executive Committee
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14. CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OFC CODE OF ETHICS

Ms Lloyd continued by explaining the consequences of the amendments of the statutes to the OFC Code of Ethics. The Executive Committee has proposed to change the Code of Ethics as follow:

1. To refer to the “Disciplinary and Ethics Committee” and not the “Ethics Committee”
2. To delete matters already covered in the Statutes
3. To allow the chair of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee to appoint the members of each chamber
4. To allow each chamber to elect their chair
5. To allow email and tracked courier notifications

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15. APPROVAL OF ANY AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE COMPENSATION TO MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF JUDICIAL BODY (Not applicable)

There are no recommendations of Audit and Risk Committee regarding compensation.

16. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS (Not applicable)

No new appointment of auditors was applicable as OFC has appointed RSM in 2018 for 3 years.

Ms Lloyd explained to the Congress the election process for members of Eligibility Committee, members of Audit and Risk Committee, members of Appeal Committee, members of Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

17. ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

Result of the Election:

Surname	First name	Country	Number of votes
EMANG	Geoffrey	Papua New Guinea	8
TIMATUA	Kalserei	Vanuatu	8
DUMONT	Arnaud	Tahiti	8

All candidates were elected members of the Eligibility Committee

18. ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Result of the Election:

Surname	First name	Country	Number of votes
MILES	Bevan	New Zealand	11

Bevan MILES was elected member of the Audit and Risk Committee

19. ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL BODIES

19.1 Election of the members of Appeal Committee

Result of the Election:

Surname	First name	Country	Number of votes
LEPE	Silverio	Solomon Islands	9
MESAO	Jona	Vanuatu	9
SINGH	Jiten	Fiji	9

All candidates were elected members of the Appeal Committee

19.2 Election of the members of Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

Result of the Election:

Surname	First name	Country	Number of votes
KOTEKA	Talissa	Cook Islands	7
ANTHONY	Mark Joseph	Fiji	6
MATHIESON	Christopher	New Zealand	5
ALEXANDER	Malcom	New Zealand	5
LAMANG	Richard Aupae	Papua New Guinea	6
KINGMELE	Rodney	Solomon Islands	5
ROUSSEAU-WIART	Christophe	Tahiti	8
DANIEL	Willie	Vanuatu	6

A second round of vote needed to be carried out for the 6th member of the committee as Messrs Mathieson, Alexander and Kingmele had equal number of votes.

KINGMELE	Rodney	Solomon Islands	5
MATHIESON	Christopher	New Zealand	4
ALEXANDER	Malcom	New Zealand	2

The 6th member of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee is Rodney Kingmele (Solomon Islands).

Members of Disciplinary and Ethics Committee:

Surname	First name	Country
KOTEKA	Talissa	Cook Islands
ANTHONY	Mark Joseph	Fiji
LAMANG	Richard Aupae	Papua New Guinea
KINGMELE	Rodney	Solomon Islands
ROUSSEAU-WIART	Christophe	Tahiti
DANIEL	Willie	Vanuatu

20. ELECTION OF THE OFC PRESIDENT

This was not required

21. ELECTION OF THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE FIFA COUNCIL

This was not required

22. CLOSING

Mr Maltock gave the floor to Mrs Wood (New Zealand Football), who gave an update on the bid for the FIFA Women's world cup in 2023, on how this event would contribute in Oceania. She then asked Mr Andrew Pragnell, CEO of New Zealand Football. Mr Pragnell informed that the bid is progressing well and it's an opportunity to promote women football in the Oceania region. Because of the uniqueness of the region, Mr Pragnell sees this opportunity where different community in New Zealand could work together in organising this event to work towards a legacy. He was hoping that all other Member Associations sees this event as an opportunity and benefit to promote Women's Football in the Oceania region.

Mr Maltock thanked Mr Pragnell explaining the impact of the bid which he is very committed. He pledged his promise to support this bid by discussing with other Presidents of Confederation to have their support. He appreciates the support of other Presidents Member Association to take this opportunity to showcase Women's Football in FIFA World Cup.

Mr Maltock also appreciated the work of the executive team and updated the congress and members about his plan regarding:

1. Competition – a need of new platform of competition in Oceania, to launch a professional league by 2021, appointing a consultant to work with OFC. A need of organising more competition so all teams and players can improve their competition and ranking
2. Vision 2026 – making sure that all professional leagues will be ready for 2026 (especially Fiji, Vanuatu, and PNG)
3. Good governance
4. Home of football – making sure that it will be opening in 2020.

Mr Maltock thanked the congress and Executive Committee members for their continued support.

There being no other matters, the congress closed at 11.20am