



Agenda - Congress 2019

13 & 15 May, Tully, Queensland, Australia

- 1) Opening of Congress (13 May)
- 2) Apologies and roll call
- 3) Vote to accept [Congress 2017 minutes](#)
- 4) Reports on membership applications, resignations, suspensions or expulsions:
 - a) Advisement of adjustment in Full Member
 - i) The BOD advises Congress that there has been a positive structural change within China that moved rafting sport under the China Watersport Administration thus giving us NOC recognition in China, and moves CESA into an IRF associate membership position that continues to recognise and support the IRF.
 - b) Advisement of new IRF Provisional Members
 - i) The BOD wishes to advise the Congress that they have accepted the application from the Rafting Sports Association of Pakistan to represent the nation of Pakistan as an IRF Provisional Member.
 - ii) The BOD advises Congress that they unanimously voted to revise the status of the Serbian Rafting Federation (SRF) from Full Member to Provisional Member. The BOD also unanimously voted to accept an additional Provisional Member from Serbia, the Rafting Association of Serbia (RAS).
 - c) Resignations of IRF Full Members
 - i) The BOD informs Congress that the Turkish Developing Sport Branches Federation which represents the nation of Turkey, has submitted a request to resign their membership from the IRF.
- 5) President's Report
- 6) [Management Report by the Secretary General](#)
- 7) [2019 Financial Report](#) by the Secretary General, approved by Treasurer and BOD

- 8) [Proposed 2019 Budget](#) by the Secretary General, approved by Treasurer and BOD
- 9) Reports from Chairs of Committees - [published on the website](#) within a week of the Agenda being sent out

NOTE: these reports will NOT be read during the Congress so please read them beforehand. However, any questions relating to these reports can be asked during this time.

- 10) [IRF Strategic Plan for 2019 to 2022](#) – going over the main objectives.
- 11) Adjournment of Part 1 of Congress (13 May)
- 12) Reconvening of Part 2 of Congress (15 May)
- 13) Discussions and resolutions on proposals submitted by IRF Member Organizations, Executive Officers, and Committee Heads.
 - a) Bylaw Proposals – [Proposed updates](#). Approved by BOD, submitted by the Secretary General
 - b) Membership fee – proposed changes (see below). Approved by BOD, submitted by Secretary General
 - c) Proposal to Accept Rafael Gallo as a Honourary President (see below). Approved by BOD, submitted by President
- 14) Adjournment of Congress.
- 15) Breakout Workshop:
 - a) “Challenges for the IRF - the future of international rafting sport governance”

Proposal b) - change of IRF Membership Fees

Approved by the BOD, submitted by Secretary General, Sue Liell-Cock

Proposed changes to the IRF Membership fees for a number of reasons:

- 1) Current fees were set in 2014 when the Youth, Junior and Masters divisions were very new and we were wanting to encourage their participation;
- 2) The IRF has grown considerably since 2014 with no increase in fees;
- 3) A slight increase will bring in a little more money which will help in financing our objectives;
- 4) Open teams are paying significantly more than other age categories;
- 5) Masters teams can typically afford more;
- 6) Often Youth and Junior teams can source sponsors more easily than Open and Masters;
- 7) The long term aim should be that the fee is the same for all teams because they are all an equal amount of work, and we'd like to be able to offer the Youth and Juniors even more as far as coaching and mentoring.

This proposal is in two parts: a) per team, and b) per Established Member. Each proposal part can be accepted without the other.

Fees - as they are *Now*, the *Proposed* fees, and the *Change* between the two:

| | Now | | Proposed | | Change | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|--------|-----|
| | WRC | ERC | WRC | ERC | WRC | ERC |
| Open | 230 | 130 | 200 | 140 | -30 | 10 |
| Masters | 130 | 70 | 200 | 140 | 70 | 70 |
| U23 | 130 | 70 | 160 | 100 | 30 | 30 |
| U19 | 130 | 70 | 160 | 100 | 30 | 30 |
| | | | | | | |
| Established Member | Maximum = \$750 | | Maximum = \$800 | | 50 | |

Proposal c) - accept Rafael Gallo as an Honourary President

Bylaw states: "Honourary Presidents shall primarily serve as an IRF Ambassador under the direction of the President, and may continue in this role for as long as they remain active in the IRF."

The BOD provisionally bestowed this title on Rafael Gallo in May 2018. It is now up to Congress to ratify or deny this.

Reasons for proposal:

- As a past President who was also extremely instrumental in getting the IRF started, he is deserving of this title.
- He led the team that ran the first ever carbon neutral sporting world championship event, the IRF's 2011 WRC.
- For a long time now he has been promoting the IRF within the Adventure Travel Trade Association.
- He has been working closely with the UN and other groups to train up the Ex-FARC guerillas in Colombia to become river guides, and to get them over to this WRC.
- Although he is no longer on the BOD he still works as an Ambassador for the IRF and assists the BOD when his experience or contacts are needed.