



FISTF Board Meeting #1, 2025

Location	Local Time	Time Zone	UTC Offset
Sydney (Australia – New South Wales)	Friday, 14 February 2025 at 7:00:00 am	AEDT	UTC+11 hours
Paris (France – Paris)	Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 9:00:00 pm	CET	UTC+1 hour
Rome (Italy)	Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 9:00:00 pm	CET	UTC+1 hour
Washington DC (USA – District of Columbia)	Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 3:00:00 pm	EST	UTC-5 hours
Brasilia (Brazil – Distrito Federal)	Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 5:00:00 pm	BRT	UTC-3 hours
Athens (Greece)	Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 10:00:00 pm	EET	UTC+2 hours
Singapore (Singapore)	Friday, 14 February 2025 at 4:00:00 am	SGT	UTC+8 hours
Tokyo (Japan)	Friday, 14 February 2025 at 5:00:00 am	JST	UTC+9 hours

Present:

Steve Dettre – AUS (President)
Nic Tan – SGP (Finance Director)
Chris Angelinas – GRE (Sports Director)
Bob Varney – ENG (Development Director)
Daniel Matos – BRA (Sth American Representative)
Kenzo Koi – JPN (Asian Representative)
Roger Trouillard – FRA (Website Administration & IT)

Apologies:

Andrea Ciccarelli – ITA (Media & Communications Director)
Patrick Sheridan – USA (Nth American Representative)
Sébastien Scheen – BEL (Operational Secretary)

Late invitation:

Eliot Kennedy – AUS (General Secretary)

Meeting started online via Discord at 0700hrs Sydney time (14th), 2100hrs Paris time (13th)

Outcomes of recent Board elections and additional Board appointments



President Dettre moved to accept the voting results of the Congress, specifically the members of the Board:

- Steve Dettre – AUS (President)
- Nic Tan – SGP (Finance Director)
- Chris Angelinas – GRE (Sports Director)
- Bob Varney – ENG (Development Director)
- Andrea Ciccarelli – ITA (Media & Communications Director)

Dettre then put a motion to the board to co-opt Eliot Kennedy (AUS) as General Secretary, under article 12.9 of the FISTF Statutes. It is the intention to co-opt Kennedy for a two-year term until the 2026 World Cup.

Dettre said an informal approach had been received from Jose Felipe Horta (POR) – President of FISTF (2013-2014), General Secretary (2011-2012), Communications Director (2009-2010) (2011-2013) concerning the role of General Secretary, but the Board noted that no nomination had been received by Horta or APS before the Congress. It was felt that the work done by Kennedy since his initial co-opting in May 2023 warranted his continued presence in the role. Horta would be thanked for his interest and discuss possible other work with FISTF.

The Board members present unanimously voted to co-opt Kennedy.

He was then invited to join the Board meeting.

The Board members present then welcomed Kennedy onboard for the next two years.

The Board then discussed nominating Roger Trouillard as financial representative to open a bank account for FISTF in France. This was accepted unanimously.

Outcomes of voting on Congress Resolutions and next steps

Kennedy then discussed the summary of the voting on the Congress resolutions, specifically those that required further votes or presentations.

He noted that all MNAs voted on most of the resolutions and that, overall, there had been strong support for the Resolutions from MNAs.

Resolutions 1b and 2 (AMNAs and MNAs)

Kennedy outlined that while Resolution 1b, which proposed the creation of AMNAs and sets out their basic rights and obligations, had been approved, Resolution 2 – which sets out other requirements such as minimum player numbers – had not been approved. It was noted that Resolution 2 also contained proposals to increase the minimum



requirements for MNAs, and that this might have been the reason that Resolution 2 did not quite reach the two-thirds majority required to pass, rather than the details regarding AMNAs, though it was not possible to know for sure.

After much discussion, it was recommended that the Board prepares a revised, less demanding proposal regarding both AMNA and MNA membership criteria (set out in revised draft revisions to the Statutes and Handbook) which would then be put to members for a further vote.

It was still agreed that the essence and purpose of the resolutions was to get all national associations to be more active in trying to become better organised and putting more effort into trying to build their numbers.

Kennedy said he would provide a revised draft of a proposal that would be much simpler and less ambitious in relation to the player numbers for MNAs that were set out in Resolution 2.

Originally the MNAs were going to have to go from 10 to 20 members from 1 September this year, and then to 30 next year, 40 in 2027 and finally, to a minimum of 50 in 2028, and then AMNAs were going to be basically half or slightly less than half of that.

It was agreed that we push those numbers back a year and require that MNAs only get to a minimum of 20 players, and they don't have to get to 50 or anything like that, or more than 20, but at least we would have doubled the minimum number. This would also allow AMNAs to be required to have a minimum of 5 players as at 1 September 2025 and 10 players by 1 September 2026, with MNA-Ps remaining at a minimum requirement of 5 players.

It was also agreed that we would insist on the players counting towards the minimum numbers required being active, as defined in the new, broad definition set out in the Official Handbook, which relies on the national associations to classify players as active or not.

The requirement for MNAs to stage FISTF events was also discussed. Discussion from Dettre, Kennedy, Matos, Varney and Tan agreed that we would not create a punitive approach to MNAs not staging events and instead have a process of encouraging them to stage events. Therefore, it was agreed that the proposed requirement to host a minimum number of events per season would be dropped from the proposal.

Resolution 1c (rights of MNAs not registered with national authorities)

It is recommended that the resolution from France now be put to members to vote on.



Kennedy outlined the issue.

The basic proposal to the congress was that we amend the statutes so that there was wording in there consistent with the handbook whereby, unless there is some legal reason they can't, MNAs are strongly encouraged to register as a club or association or as an officially recognised body within their jurisdiction, and not to make it an absolute requirement, which is what was in the statutes before that.

During the Congress, Eric Naszalyi from France argued that there should be consequences for not registering, because MNAs like France and others have gone to the expense and effort of setting themselves up properly and being registered. His additional proposal was that associations who choose not to register with their national authorities will be recognised as MNAs but will not be entitled to the full rights of MNAs which are registered as a club or association. Unregistered MNAs will only be able to enter one player per individual category at the World Cup.

So that was the proposal that Naszalyi put forward and in the revised resolutions it was stated that would be voted on separately, because it only made sense to vote on that if the first part of the proposal, making registration strongly encouraged but optional, succeeded. So now it's incumbent on us to put that the French proposal up to members to see if they support it. This was agreed.

It was also agreed that the amended Statutes, minus the reworked election procedures, would be published on the FISTF website as well as the minutes of the Congress on the French Prefecture, as soon as possible. Kennedy and Dettre would also work on the wording of the new election procedures for the statutes and present to the board and then be added to the Statutes, which would be re-published in the next few months.

Resolution 3e1 (maximum number of foreign players on a team)

It is recommended that a further vote by MNAs now take place on whether they support the option proposed by Chris Angelinas, which gained the most votes of the two options but not a 66.67% majority. This was agreed.

Resolutions 1f and 6 (Board elections)

Resolutions 1f and 6 are about board voting procedure and the proposed ticket approach. Unlike the other amendments to the statutes, we had not drafted them in advance. It's quite a lot of work. So Dettre and Kennedy will need to do that and then circulate them to the board for comment and then to the membership for comment. We'll have to republish the statutes once that's done, and then, very quickly, amendments to the Handbook.



Kennedy said there was another recommendation in our paper, which relates to work on the handbook, generally, including any other minor changes or other things we need to do as soon as possible so that we can hopefully publish it at least a few months before the season begins in September, rather than close to the start. Kennedy said he was happy to coordinate that again and but particularly working with Chris and others to see what needs to be done.

Resolution 4 (whole of sport conference)

The Board also discussed the whole sport conference and the next steps to make that a reality. Dettre proposed FISTF create a small working group to put together the framework for the conference and where it would be held. He proposed that it be a combination of in person and virtual, and he recommended that someone like ESA's Alan Lee, and someone from FISCT, be co-chairs. This was agreed.

Other issues

Roger Trouillard stated that the Minutes of the Congress and the amended Statutes would need to be published on the website of the prefecture, and letter from the FISTF President would be needed by Trouillard for his nomination as the financial representative.

Trouillard also proposed to the Board to validate the principle to upgrade the hosting of the FISTF.com web server, because for the moment, we only have 10 mailboxes, which are quite full and he thinks it's time to upgrade and to double, in fact, the quota, the capacity of the hosting server for us. Trouillard also advised the price will probably be double what we currently pay, but still under 200 euros per year.

This was agreed by the Board as “mission critical”.

Trouillard said he would begin the process, because this will be a pretty complex upgrade, because we change the in the host, the host. In fact, when we upgrade to the new size, we change the IT architecture behind. So we will have a dedicated server while today we share a big server with others. This is not a simple click to migrate, and Trouillard said he will need to have some days to check that all is okay. He said it will take time, maybe in a few weeks or month. He will then alert the board when it is ready.

Daniel Matos provided an update on the situation in South America, and together with Bob Varney they would pursue assistance. Dettre also mentioned other growing national associations and said he would discuss with Varney.

The meeting finished at 08:08hrs AEDT (22:08hrs Paris time)



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