

INTERNATIONAL BLIND GOLF ASSOCIATION

BIENNIAL MEETING 2023 - DECISIONS

1. Election of Directors

The results of the voting were as follows:

John Eakin – 10; Alejandro de Miguel – 9; Garrett Slattery – 8; Graham Coulton – 7; Patrick Morgan – 7; Barry McCluskey – 7.

John Eakin, Alejandro de Miguel and Garrett Slattery were thus confirmed as members of the Board of Directors, joining Karin Becker, Mario Tobia, Gerry Nelson and John White (representing Dr Handa).

2. The 2025 ISPS Handa Canadian Open and IBGA World Championships will take place from 2-9 August 2025, at The Greens at Renton Golf Club, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada.

3. Constitution clause 5.4 was amended to read as follows:

“Six (6) Directors shall be elected at the Biennial Meeting for a period of four (4) years, three (3) of whom shall retire at each Biennial Meeting. A Director may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, for a period exceeding eight (8) years.”

4. The following was approved regarding participation in IBGA-sponsored events:

(a) A registered player shall only be eligible to participate in an IBGA-sponsored event by virtue of their membership of the IBGA Member Association in their primary country of residence. Thus, a player whose primary country of residence is not the country of a National Association where he/she is a member shall not be eligible to participate in any IBGA-sponsored event.

(b) An exception to this is permitted in the case of an Associate Member or if an individual moves to a country which is not an IBGA Member, in which case the individual may participate in IBGA-activities based on their original membership (if membership of the original IBGA Member Association is retained).

5. The Board of Directors should establish a sub-committee to revise the Selection Policy and Conditions of Play of the Vision Cup ahead of the next event.

6. Membership Subscriptions shall remain at the current level.

7. The meeting agreed that a wider definition of sight loss should be considered for IBGA sight classification, in particular relating to a significant loss of visual field. The Board of Directors should initiate a trial, with players currently not eligible for IBGA classification being allowed to participate in some IBGA-sponsored (Open or Regional) events.

8. After a discussion regarding adherence to the Directors' code of conduct, it was agreed that Gerry Nelson may continue as a member of the IBGA Board of Directors.

9. The IBGA should collate all past Biennial Meeting decisions.