

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

World Netball President extended a warm welcome to delegates and observers from Member nations, the World Netball Board and honoured guests, and particularly to those who were attending for the first time.

2. ROLL CALL – INCLUDING PROXIES AND APOLOGIES

2.1 MEMBERS PRESENT

	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total
Full Members	10	11	9	7	5	42
Associate Members	4	0	0	0	0	4

2.1.2 FULL MEMBER ROLL CALL

Name	Country
Dr Myrna Ransome	Voting Delegate Antigua & Barbuda
Mrs Angela Joseph-Walcot	2nd Delegate Antigua & Barbuda
Mabel Roca	Voting Delegate Argentina
Grace Dondi	2nd Delegate Argentina
Wendy Archer	Voting Delegate Australia
Kelly Ryan	2nd Delegate Australia
Glenn Turnor	Observer Australia
Dr Carmeta Douglin	Voting Delegate Barbados
Mona Alleyne	2nd Delegate Barbados
Seipei Nninie Gaelesiwé	Voting Delegate Botswana
Thulaganyo Retshabile	2nd Delegate Botswana
Kgalalelo Bolthole-Moile	Observer Botswana
Jutelle Wright	Voting Delegate Cayman Islands
Djit Yarbro	2nd Delegate Cayman Islands
Tina Wei-Ting Chen	Voting Delegate Chinese Taipei
Yi-Hsuan Huang	2nd Delegate Chinese Taipei
Kuei-Fang Chin	Observer Chinese Taipei
Mii Maui	Voting Delegate Cook Islands
Mosis Kouso Sylvie Clemence	Voting Delegate Cote d'Ivoire
Tebele Mazotoha Mireille Linda	2nd Delegate Cote d'Ivoire
Joan Mills	Voting Delegate England
Fran Connolley	2nd Delegate England
RubyAnn Sorovaki	Voting Delegate Fiji
Vivian Koster	2nd Delegate Fiji
Myrtle Smith	Observer Fiji
Moirá Gomez	Voting Delegate Gibraltar
Suzette Galligan	2nd Delegate Gibraltar
Albert Tellez	Observer Gibraltar
Mr Andre Edwin	Voting Delegate Grenada
Krystle Edwards	Voting Delegate Hong Kong, China

Eva Lam	2nd Delegate Hong Kong, China
Hariom Kaushik	Voting Delegate India
Dr. Deepa Sharma	2nd Delegate India
Vijender Singh	Observer India
Judy Akinin	Voting Delegate Israel
Nomi Komar	2nd Delegate Israel
Tricia Robinson	Voting Delegate Jamaica
Simone Forbes	2 nd Delegate Jamaica
Jennifer Headlam	Observer Jamaica
Immaculate Wambui Kabutha	Voting Delegate Kenya
Millicent Busolo	2nd Delegate Kenya
Anne Bett	Observer Kenya
Alwiyah Talib	Voting Delegate Malaysia
Zainon Md Noh	2nd Delegate Malaysia
Abigail Shariff	Voting Delegate Malawi
Isaac Chimwala	2nd Delegate Malawi
Rebekka Goagoses	Voting Delegate Namibia
Connie M Samaria	2nd Delegate Namibia
Irvin Ndjavera	Observer Namibia
Allison Ferguson	Voting Delegate New Zealand
Jennie Wyllie	2nd Delegate New Zealand
David Cooper	Observer New Zealand
Karen Rollo	Voting Delegate Northern Ireland
Helen Stirling	2nd Delegate Northern Ireland
Mudassar Razak Arain	Voting Delegate Pakistan
Malik Mohammad Sameen Khan	2nd Delegate Pakistan
Rosemarie Lome	Voting Delegate Samoa
Penny Saaga	2nd Delegate Samoa
Lucy Faulkner	Voting Delegate Scotland
Cyrus Medora	Voting Delegate Singapore
Blanche de la Guerre	Voting Delegate South Africa
Mami Diale	2nd Delegate South Africa
Annelie Lucas	Observer South Africa
Victoria Lakshmi	Voting Delegate Sri Lanka
Padmini Horanage	2nd Delegate Sri Lanka
Rufina Paul	Voting Delegate St Lucia
Nisha Craigwell	2nd Delegate St Lucia
Gertrude Brewster	Observer St Lucia
Javon Edwards	Voting Delegate St Maarten
Mellica Boothe Timothy	2nd Delegate St Maarten
Octavia Gibson	Observer St Maarten
Natasha Baptiste	Voting Delegate St Vincent and The Grenadines
Omotola Ayoola	2nd Delegate St Vincent and The Grenadines
Debbie Brown	Voting Delegate Switzerland
Emma Connolly	2nd Delegate Switzerland

Devota John Marwa	Voting Delegate Tanzania
Rose Nice Mkisi	2nd Delegate Tanzania
Saib Mansab	Observer Tanzania
Chng Li Li	Voting Delegate Thailand
Viola Ulakai	Voting Delegate Tonga
Salote Sisifa	2nd Delegate Tonga
Sherry-Ann Blackburn	Voting Delegate Trinidad and Tobago
Dennis Allen	2nd Delegate Trinidad and Tobago
Joel Young Strong	Observer Trinidad and Tobago
Brig Gen Flavia Byekwaso	Voting Delegate Uganda
Banya Francis	2nd Delegate Uganda
Rosette Kaala Mutyaba Namuli	Observer Uganda
Radica Wright	Voting Delegate USA
Jasmine Keithan Grayson	2nd Delegate USA
Don Small	Observer USA
Catherine Lewis	Voting Delegate Wales
Vicki Sutton	2nd Delegate Wales
Sara Moore	Observer Wales
Martha Lungu-Sichone	Voting Delegate Zambia
Pritchard Ngoma	2nd Delegate Zambia
Letitia Chipandu	Voting Delegate Zimbabwe
Rachel Tinorwirashe	2nd Delegate Zimbabwe
Barbra Rice	Observer Zimbabwe

2.1.3 ASSOCIATE MEMBER ROLL CALL

Name	Country
Bizimana Diomede	Observer Burundi
Jephte Ngandu Kabengele	Observer Democratic Republic of Congo
Esther Oluwatoyin Aluko	Observer Nigeria
Dorothy Isidore	Observer Seychelles

2.1.4 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ROLL CALL

Name	Regional Federation
Dr Bridget Adams	President Americas Netball
Khungekile Madise Matiya	Africa

2.1.5 PROXY VOTES WERE DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS (7 FULL MEMBERS)

Country	Proxy Given to
Canada	Javon Becantur Edwards, Saint Maarten
France	Catherine Lewis, Wales
Isle of Man	Catherine Lewis, Wales
Malta	Catherine Lewis, Wales
Papua New Guinea	Ruby Ann Sorovaki, Fiji
Republic of Ireland	Karen Rollo, Northern Ireland
United Arab Emirates	Catherine Lewis, Wales

2.1.6 WORLD NETBALL DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board Members	Name
President	Dame Liz Nicholl DBE
Vice President	Shirley Hooper
Finance Director	Ann Tod MNZM
Africa Director	Cecilia Molokwane
Americas Director	Marva Barnard OD
Asia Director	Gaby Hochbaum
Europe Director	Lyn Carpenter
Oceania Director	Wainikiti Bogidrau
Independent Director	Rob Mills

2.1.7 THE FOLLOWING PERSONS JOINED CONGRESS AS PRESENTERS OR OBSERVERS

Name	Position
Cheryl Danson	Chair of RAP
Anita Navin	Chair of CAP
Garratt Williamson	Chair of OAP
Jonathan Bredin	RAP
Michelle Phippard	RAP
Waimarama Taumaunu	RAP
Prof. Christa Janse van Rensburg	Chair of MAP
Liz Broomhead	Service Award Holder
Deborah Lynch	Service Award Holder
Muditambi Ravele	Service Award Holder
Jill McIntosh	Service Award Holder
Stacey Francis-Bayman	Athlete Director Elect
Suri Bartlett	Independent Finance Director Elect
Annette Beckett	Guest
Sue Taylor AM	Guest
Todd Miller	Guest
Casey Price	Head of Super Netball & Events, Australia
Caroline Barker	TV and Radio Presenter
Vanes Marie Du Toit	TV and Radio Presenter
Luke Ziegenhardt, Optivote	Voting System

2.1.8 WORLD NETBALL STAFF AND CONSULTANTS IN ATTENDANCE

Name	Country
Clare Briegal	CEO
Angela Sanderson	Head of Finance & Governance
Joan Smit	Regional Development Manager for Africa
Christina Barrow	International Officiating Manager
Emily Whiteside	Digital Marketing Manager
Sophie Reynolds	Digital Marketing Executive

Cathy Hurman	Executive PA to CEO and Board
Monica Golding	Foundation Project Manager

2.1.7 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following countries:

Full Members			
Anguilla	Brunei	Cameroon	Central Africa Republic
Dominica	Guinea	Liberia	Phillipines
St Kitts & Nevis			
Associate Members			
Bahrain	Bangladesh	Denmark	Dominican Republic
Japan	Nepal	Norfolk Island	Solomon Islands
South Korea	Sweden	Timor Leste	Tokelau
Venezuela			
Suspended Members			
Bermuda	Eswatini	Lesotho	Maldives

2.2 QUORUM

A quorum was present and confirmed. The total number of Full Members in attendance including proxy votes was 49.

3. HONOURING THE DEPARTED

Congress honoured the departed with a moment's silence. The honoured departed are noted in Appendix 1.

4. VOTING PROCEDURE & THE INDEPENDENT SCRUTINEER

Optivote, who were contracted by World Netball to provide the voting system, acted as the independent scrutineer. Luke Ziegenhardt, a representative from Optivote explained the voting procedure and invited voting delegates of the Full Member Countries to undertake a practice of the voting system.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CONGRESS 29th JANUARY 2022

A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Members. Comments had been received: mainly grammar and spelling and relevant amendments made.

An Ordinary Resolution of the Members means a resolution that is passed by a simple majority i.e. more than 50% of those voting.

Ordinary Resolution: Do Members accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Congress held on Saturday 29th January 2022 as a true record of the meeting?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 34 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 70% of the available vote.**

6. MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising from the 2021 Congress which are not otherwise covered elsewhere on the agenda may be raised at this point in the agenda.

Summary of Actions taken attached.

7. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

A copy of this address is attached at Appendix 2.

8. BOARD REPORT

The CEO presented the activities of World Netball with reference to the 2021 and 2022 Annual Reports.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented an overview of the finances of the Federation referencing the 2021 and 2022 Annual Financial Statements.

The Finance Director informed Congress of the process for appointing the Auditors and advised that Beever and Struthers, Chartered Accountants had been appointed for 2023.

10. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES

The Rules Advisory Panel presented the principles underpinning its proposed rules changes.

A discussion was had regarding two of the proposed rules amendments (Short pass and toss up). agreed that the rules be passed with the exception of 8.5 Toss Up and 9.5.1 Short-Pass.

A Special Resolution of the Members means a resolution that is passed by at least 75% of those voting.

Special Resolution: Do Members accept the rule changes proposed by RAP?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 25 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was not approved as only 57% of the available vote.**

Netball New Zealand proposed an amended resolution, seconded by Netball Australia.

Special Resolution: Do Members accept the rule changes proposed by RAP except for rules 8.5 and 9.1.a?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 37 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 76% of the available vote.**

It was agreed that a meeting would be convened at 19.30 that day to discuss the wording of the two excepted rules. If agreement can be reached, then a resolution to accept the two excluded rules would be brought to Congress the following day.

11. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE WAS GIVEN

St Lucia took the floor to raise the issue of the development of a WN Technical Development Manual.

President introduced Dr Anita Navin Chair of CAP and Garrett Williamson Chair of OAP to discuss the work ongoing in this area.

Zimbabwe took the floor to raise the issue of increasing of the international squad size to 15 players.

President explained that options continue to be discussed at Board level but would appreciate Congress's view. President proposed a straw poll as follows:

Vote: Do you believe that World Netball should invest resources to investigate the increase of international squad size to 15 players?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 26 (53%) voted in favour of World Netball investing its resources to investigate this issue.

12. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Applications for Full Membership of World Netball have been received from Netball Guadeloupe and British Virgin Islands Netball Association. World Netball Secretariat confirmed that Netball Guadeloupe and British Virgin Islands Netball Association have fulfilled all the compliance requirements associated with Full Member Applications. Both Guadeloupe and British Virgin Islands are situated in the Southern Caribbean Sea and are Members of Americas Netball.

A Special Resolution of the Members means a resolution that is passed by at least 75% of those voting.

Special Resolution: Do Members accept Netball Guadeloupe as a Full Member?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 45 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 92% of the available vote.**

Special Resolution: Do Members accept British Virgin Islands Netball as a Full Member?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 46 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 94% of the available vote.**

Applications for Full Membership of World Netball had been received from Netball Burundi and Solomon Islands Netball. World Netball Secretariat confirms that Netball Burundi and Solomon Islands Netball have fulfilled all the compliance requirements associated with Full Member Applications.

Special Resolution: Do Members accept Netball Burundi as a Full Member (currently Associate)?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 46 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 94% of the available vote.**

Special Resolution: Do Members accept Solomon Islands Netball as a Full Member (currently Associate)?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted 46 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 94% of the available vote.**

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Congress was informed that the President's initial four-year term has come to an end and that an Election for World Netball President is required.

Dame Elizabeth (Liz) Nicholl was the only candidate nominated for President by the due date. Nominated by Wales and seconded by Hong Kong. Congress was requested to formally resolve to approve the appointment of Liz Nicholl for a further four-year term of office as President.

An Ordinary Resolution of the Members means a resolution that is passed by a simple majority i.e. more than 50% of those voting.

Ordinary Resolution: That Congress elects Dame Elizabeth Nicholl as World Netball President for a second term?

Proposer: Wales

Second: Hong Kong

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 45 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 92% of the available vote.**

Liz acknowledged the vote and thanked the Delegates for their support.

Congress was informed that following Regional Directors have been elected by their Regional Federations to serve on the World Netball Board for a four-year term commencing 7th August:

- Americas – Dr Bridget Adams (Marva Barnard OD has reached her maximum term on the Board so was stepping down).
- Asia – Victoria Lakshmi (replacing Gaby Hochbaum who decided to step down from her role).
- Europe – Lyn Carpenter.
- Oceania – Wainikiti (Kiti) Bogidrau.

Africa Netball will be holding their AGM and elections later in 2023.

14. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Congress was reminded that Ann Tod would be retiring as finance director with effect 7th August 2023 and that during 2022, members had overwhelmingly voted that following the

end of her tenure, the elected Finance Director role be converted to an Independent Finance Director Role which would be recruited by Nominations Committee and appointed by Congress.

Members were also reminded that in a groundbreaking move Congress had voted to establish the role of Athlete Director, which whilst in the future would be a role elected by Athletes, in the first instance this would be recruited by Nominations Committee and appointed by Congress.

Following a comprehensive recruitment process Suri Bartlett was proposed by the World Netball Board for the role of Independent Finance Director. Congress was requested to formally resolve to approve the appointment of Suri for a four-year term of office as Independent Finance Director.

Suri Bartlett spoke for a few minutes to introduce himself to members.

An Ordinary Resolution of the Members means a resolution that is passed by a simple majority i.e. more than 50% of those voting.

Ordinary Resolution: That Congress appoints Suri Bartlett as the Independent Finance Director for an initial four-year term?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 45 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 92% of the available vote.**

In a separate but equally rigorous process Stacey Francis-Bayman was proposed by the World Netball Board for the role of Athlete Director. Congress was requested to formally resolve to approve the appointment of Stacey for a four-year term of office as Athlete Director.

Stacey Francis-Bayman spoke for a few minutes to introduce herself to members.

Ordinary Resolution: That Congress appoints of Stacey Francis-Bayman as the Athlete Director for an initial four-year term?

An Ordinary Resolution of the Members means a resolution that is passed by a simple majority i.e. more than 50% of those voting.

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 46 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 94% of the available vote.**

Suri and Stacy acknowledged the vote and thanked the Delegates for their support.

15. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

Congress was informed that Catherine Lewis' initial four-year term as Member representative on the World Netball Nominations Committee has come to an end and that an Election for a Member representative was required. Catherine was the only candidate nominated for the role by the due date. Congress was requested to formally resolve to

approve the appointment of Catherine for a further four-year term of office as Member representative on the World Netball Nominations Committee.

An Ordinary Resolution of the Members means a resolution that is passed by a simple majority i.e., more than 50% of those voting.

Ordinary Resolution: That Congress elects Catherine Lewis for a further four-year term as Member representative on the World Netball Nominations Committee?

Proposer: England

Seconder: Switzerland

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 46 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 94% of the available vote.**

Catherine Lewis acknowledged the vote and thanked the Delegates for their support.

16. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS – RESULTS

The CEO announced the results of the elections and appointment votes.

17. PRESENTATION OF WN SERVICE AWARDS

The President announced the recipients of the World Netball Service Awards for 2023. These were:

- Annette Beckett, Barbados: citation read by Marva Barnard
- Leigh Gibbs, New Zealand: citation read by Shirley Hooper (Jennie Wylie CEO Netball New Zealand collected on her behalf)
- Octavia Gibson, Barbados: citation read by Gaby Hochbaum
- Todd Miller, New Zealand: citation read by Wainikiti Bogidrau
- Joan Mills, England: citation read by Lyn Carpenter
- Gordon Padley, England: citation read by Ann Tod (Joan Mills, President England Netball collected on his behalf)
- Sue Taylor, Australia: citation read by Liz Nicholl

A copy of each citation is attached at Annex 4.

The President brought Day One of Congress to a close.

18. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The President opened day two of Congress and welcomed all Delegates, Observers, Service Award holders and guests.

10. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES (part 2)

Following a well-attended meeting the evening before, the Rules Advisory Panel presented amended changes for 8.5 Toss Up and 9.5.1 Short-Pass. Furthermore, it was agreed that the amended short pass rule would be subject to a 12 month trial period.

A Special Resolution of the Members means a resolution that is passed by at least 75% of those voting.

Special Resolution: Do Members accept the amended rule changes 8.5 Toss Up and 9.5.1 Short-Pass proposed by RAP?

Available vote: of the 49 Members in attendance who voted, 42 voted in favour of the resolution, therefore **this resolution was approved by 86% of the available vote.**

19. NETBALL WORLD CUP 2023

Cecilia Molokwane, Director NWC2023 Organising Committee shared an update of NWC2023 and invited all Congress attendees to a dinner that evening at the CTICC Ballroom.

20. NETBALL WORLD YOUTH CUP 2025

A presentation from NWYC2025 was shown this is attached as Appendix 5.

21. NETBALL WORLD CUP 2027

A presentation from NWC2027 was shown this is attached as Appendix 6.

22. BIDDING PROCESS FOR NWYC2029 AND NWC2031

The CEO provided an outline and timetable for the bidding process for NWYC2029 and NWC2031. The process for bidding would be issued in the near future.

23. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS – THE UNSTOPPABLE RISE OF WOMEN’S SPORT

A video from the Hon. Kirsty Leigh Coventry Seward, Minister of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation in Zimbabwe, discussing her experience of the unstoppable rise of women’s sport, was shared with Congress.

A round table discussion on the topic then took place between

- Caroline Barker, British sports journalist, and broadcaster;
- Vanes Maria Du Toit, South African broadcaster and;
- Stacey Francis-Bayman, retired England Rosel and Athlete Director for World Netball.

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members were informed of the timetable for World Netball's Congress Workshops.

25. PROPOSED DATE AND LOCATION OF CONGRESS 2023

It was confirmed Congress 2025 would be held on 17-18 September 2025 in Gibraltar.

The President thanked all Members for attending and the meeting of Congress ended.