

STATUTE

ARTICLE I.- NAME

The Pan American Sports Organization, hereinafter called PASO, is a regional international organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee (hereinafter called "IOC"), and the Association of National Olympic Committees (hereinafter called "ANOC"), juridically constituted, integrated and registered as a non-profit Civil Association. It was established the 8th of August, 1948, recognized by the International Olympic Committee and has as its principal objectives the celebration and conduct of the Pan American Games and the development and protection of Sports, as well as the Olympic Movement in the Americas through its member National Olympic Committees.

ARTICLE II.- FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

PASO is a non-political, non-sectarian and non-racial organization that does not permit any discrimination based on reasons of politics, ideologies, religion, language, sex, race, ethnicity or any other form of discrimination.

PASO is an organization which is guided by the following fundamental principles:

To spread throughout the Americas the Olympic ideals as defined by the Olympic Charter, in close collaboration with the IOC, ANOC, and the Olympic Associations of other continents.

To contribute to educate youth through sport in a spirit of better understanding, friendship, and respect for the environment, contributing thereby to the development of a better and more peaceful world.

To defend the right of the athletes to participate in all the competitions organized under the jurisdiction of PASO.

To apply different alternatives with updated concepts in an effort to search for additional means to improve the level of its Members' participation in regional, continental and Olympic Events, promoting at all times the participation of women in sport.

To promote cooperation amongst its Members through research, study of common interests, exchange of information and the defense of its principles.

ARTICLE III.- LAWFUL PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL ADDRESS

In the presence of Notary Public #50 of Mexico City, United States of Mexico, the PASO Constitution was formalized under the scripture number 72,304 of the Book 1384 duly registered in the Public Registry of Property and Commerce of Mexico City, under the folio 43019, record 3119 dated on February 20th, 1998, through which PASO remained juridically organized, integrated and registered as a Civil Association of Mexican Nationality and without any lucrative ends.

ARTICLE IV.- DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF PASO

The duties, functions and objectives of PASO shall be:

To further the development of the Olympic Movement in accordance with the Olympic Charter.

To strengthen and tighten the bonds of friendship and solidarity among the peoples of the continent, through the National Olympic Committees of the Americas.

To ensure the quadrennial celebration of the Pan American Games; and to regulate and to supervise their organization in accordance with this Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and the Olympic Charter.

To maintain close relations with the Pan American Sports Confederations or Pan American Organizations involved in the sport development of the Americas and to coordinate the technical aspects of their competitions during the Pan American Games, according to this Statute and the Regulations of the Pan American Games.

To cooperate with the Pan American Sports Confederations in all matters under their jurisdiction which relate to the organization of the Pan American Games.

To establish and maintain relations with the Organizing Committees of other Regional Games recognized by the IOC.

To establish and maintain cooperation relations with the International Sports Federations.

To coordinate the Olympic Solidarity Program of the IOC for the benefit of the National Olympic Committees of the Americas.

To execute a Pan American Olympic Solidarity Program for the benefit of the National Olympic Committees of the Americas.

To cooperate with the National Olympic Committees of the Americas for the promotion and organization of specialized courses and seminars, through the IOC and Pan American Olympic Solidarity Programs.

To provide advice to the National Olympic Committees of the Americas through qualified specialists in areas of marketing, construction of sports facilities, technical and administrative development, Sports legislation, Sports Medicine, as well as other program areas that may require the support and advice of PASO.

To maintain close relations with the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC).

To strongly encourage, by appropriate means, the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures, particularly in the executive bodies of national and international sports organizations, guaranteeing the strict application of the principle of equality of opportunities.

To ensure that the Pan American Games are held in conditions which demonstrate a responsible concern for environmental issues and to encourage the Members of PASO to take measures that reflect such concern in its activities and educate all those connected with Pan American Sport as to the importance of sustainable development.

To carry out any other steps deemed necessary to achieve its objectives.

ARTICLE V.- LANGUAGES, MOTTO, EMBLEM, FLAG AND PAN AMERICAN TORCH

The official languages of PASO shall be Spanish and English. In case of disagreement in the texts, the Spanish version shall prevail.

The Motto of PASO approved by the Vth General Assembly held in the City of Mexico on March 9th, 1954 is "AMÉRICA, ESPÍRITO, SPORT, FRATERNITÉ".

The Emblem of PASO approved by the Vth General Assembly held in the City of Mexico on March 9th, 1954 includes the Motto together with the Pan American Torch placed across five concentric rings in yellow, green, white, red and blue from the center in that order. The XXXV General Assembly held in the City of Mexico on October the 12th and 13th, 1998, modified the Emblem with the approval of the International Olympic Committee to superimpose to the Pan American Torch, the symbol of the five Olympic rings of the International Olympic Committee.

The Flag is rectangular in shape white in color and twice as long as it is wide. In the center there shall be the PASO Emblem.

The Pan American Torch shall be lit at a special ceremony in Mexico, and carried to the site of the Pan American Games.

All the rights to the Motto, Emblem, Flag and Pan American Torch belong exclusively to PASO.

ARTICLE VI.- MEMBERSHIP

The Members of PASO shall be:

The National Olympic Committees of the countries in the Americas hereinafter mentioned in numeral (7) of Article XIV of this Statute; and

Such National Olympic Committees of the countries of in the Americas as shall in the future be recognized by the IOC and which on recommendation of the Executive Committee, are approved by the PASO General Assembly.

ARTICLE VII.- RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS OF PASO

Each Member of PASO shall, in addition to what is stated in numeral (1) of Article XI of this Statute, have the following

rights:

To be represented by its President or a designate, its Secretary General and by an additional person, as its delegates to the General Assemblies of PASO. Each delegate shall be duly accredited and shall reside within the jurisdiction of such Member. One of the attending delegates shall be designated as the principal delegate and other as the alternate delegate.

To apply for the site of the Pan American Games in accordance with the provisions of Article XVIII of this Statute and the Regulations pertaining thereto.

To requisition the summoning of the Extraordinary General Assembly with at least 30 days advance notice subject to the provisions of numeral 4 of Article X of this Statute subject to the provisions of numeral 4 of Article X of this Statute.

To apply to become the site of General Assemblies or Executive Committee Meetings.

To request advice from PASO which might be useful for the resolution of any issue in which PASO has jurisdiction.

To send reports to be discussed in the General Assemblies.

ARTICLE VIII.- DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF PASO

Each Member of PASO shall strictly comply with this Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and the dispositions dictated by the Executive Committee and the PASO General Assembly.

ARTICLE IX.- GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

PASO shall have, in accordance with the provisions and obligations contained in this Statute and the Regulations of the Pan American Games, the following Governing Bodies:

The General Assembly, as the Supreme Authority,

The Executive Committee, as the permanent delegated authority and,

The President of PASO, as Executive authority and legal representative of the Organization.

ARTICLE X.- GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF PASO

The General Assembly may be Ordinary or Extraordinary and shall be presided over by the President or in his absence by the Vice-Presidents in order of seniority or by a chairman elected by the General Assembly.

The Ordinary General Assemblies shall be held annually. The Ordinary General Assemblies shall be held at the site of the Pan American Games, within the two years previous to these Games and before their Opening Ceremony, on dates to be decided by the Executive Committee of PASO.

The Executive Committee shall decide on the date and place of the remaining Ordinary General Assemblies to be held, taking into consideration the invitation of any Member of PASO which may apply therefore.

Extraordinary General Assemblies shall be held in exceptional cases under circumstances which affect the sports interests of America and for reasons of grave general importance and shall be called:

By written requisition of more than two thirds of the Members of PASO (Article VII, numeral 4); or

By the Executive Committee on its own initiative (Article XVI, numeral 3); or

By the President of PASO (Article XVII, numeral 1 h).

In each case specifying the agenda, the date, the place and time of the Extraordinary General Assembly at which only matters specified on the Agenda will be determined.

The Member of PASO holding an Ordinary General Assembly or an Extraordinary General Assembly or the Organizing Committee in the event that the Ordinary General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly takes place in the

country that is the site of the next Pan American Games shall pay:

all the administrative expenses of the General Assembly including without limitation meeting rooms, commission meeting rooms, simultaneous interpretation, recording, secretarial staff, auxiliary personnel for the Assembly, publications in Spanish and English, local transportation and communications.

the cost of air transportation, in economy class, for two accredited delegates to and from the site city of the General Assembly.

accommodation in double room and board for each of the entitled delegates who represent the Members of PASO at the General Assembly.

accommodation in double room and board for each of the Members of the PASO Commissions who are required to be present at the General Assemblies.

Accommodation in double room and board for each of the Members of the PASO Executive Committee and for up to eight Members of the PASO Secretariat.

ARTICLE XI.- RIGHTS OF ATTENDANCE AND EXERCISE OF VOTE AT GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF PASO

Each Member of PASO shall have the right to attend and to cast one (1) vote at all General Assemblies of PASO through one of its duly accredited delegates. No delegate may represent more than one (1) Member of PASO. Those Members of PASO which have organized Pan American Games shall have the right to an additional vote for each edition of the Games they have hosted, to a maximum of five (5) additional votes, but only in respect to granting the site of the Pan American Games and electing the Members of the Executive Committee.

The Members and Honorary Members of the IOC for any country in the Americas, as well as the Honorary Members of PASO may participate, by invitation of the President, at General Assemblies and shall have the right to speak, but not to vote.

The members of the Executive Committee of PASO shall have the right to participate at the General Assemblies of PASO, but not to vote. They will have the right to vote, however, in cases where they attend as voting delegates on behalf of their National Olympic Committees.

The members of PASO Commissions, when acting in that capacity, shall have the right to participate, but not to vote, regarding the matters within the terms of reference of their Commissions.

Special guests in attendance at General Assemblies of PASO may be granted the right to speak by the Chairman of the Assembly, but not to vote.

ARTICLE XII.- QUORUM AT GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF PASO

At all General Assemblies of PASO fifty (50) percent plus one (1) of the Members of PASO shall form a quorum and the General Assemblies shall be considered legally constituted.

In order for a matter to be discussed, it shall be proposed and seconded by at least by two (2) Members of PASO who have the right to vote. Resolutions may be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, except as may otherwise be expressly provided in this Statute. The Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly shall bind all Members of PASO to comply notwithstanding they might not have participated therein.

The President of the Assembly shall have the right to cast a vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE XIII.- POWERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF PASO

There shall be one Ordinary General Assembly held each year which shall be empowered:

To make resolutions in accordance with the purposes and aims of PASO.

To elect Honorary Members of PASO recommended by the Executive Committee. The Honorary Members shall have the right to attend the meetings of the PASO Executive Committee, where they will have the right to participate but not to vote.

To admit new Members of PASO upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

To impose sanctions upon the Members of PASO who are in breach of this Statute, by issuing warnings, admonitions, fines or suspensions of rights, specifying the terms and duration in each case as may be recommended by the Executive Committee.

To amend, without retroactive effect, the Statute of PASO subject to the requirements of Article XXV.

To approve or reject reports presented to its consideration. Such reports shall be sent by the Secretary General, the Executive Secretary or the person appointed by the President of PASO to the Members of PASO, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Ordinary General Assembly at which they are to be discussed.

To impose upon any Member of PASO which has accepted the responsibility of holding the Pan American Games such sanctions as are recommended by the Executive Committee and as are deemed appropriate, which may be of a financial nature, to indemnify PASO for damages caused in the event that the Organizing Committee for the Pan American Games does not comply with the provisions of this Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games, any written agreement referred to in Article XVIII (4 j), any other written agreements between PASO and the Organizing Committee.

At the Ordinary General Assembly which shall meet two (2) years before the Pan American Games, the Members of PASO shall in addition to what is referred to in Article XIII (1) hereof designate the site of the corresponding Pan American Games to be held six (6) years later.

At the Ordinary General Assembly which shall meet in the year following the Pan American Games, the Members of PASO shall in addition to what is referred to in Article XIII (1) hereof, elect the members of the Executive Committee of PASO to hold office for the next four (4) years.

The Extraordinary General Assemblies shall be held exclusively according to the provisions of Article X (4) of this Statute.

ARTICLE XIV.- ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Executive Committee of PASO shall consist of the President of PASO, who is its legal representative, three (3) Vice-Presidents in numerical order, the Secretary General, the Treasurer, nine (9) Members comprised of three (3) per group (Article XIV, Numeral 8), and the President of the Athletes Commission who must have competed at a Pan American Games or an Olympic Games in a sport on the program of the Olympic Games, and who must have been elected President of the PASO Athletes Commission at a Pan American Games, according to the regulations in that regard established by the PASO Executive Committee. All Executive Committee members shall have a right to vote. No Member of PASO may have more than one (1) representative among the three (3) Vice-Presidents and the nine (9) Members of the Executive Committee elected from and by the three (3) groups.

Article XIV, Numeral 1, is subject to the provision that at least two (2) of the members of the Executive Committee of PASO must be women, and among the three (3) Vice-Presidents and nine (9) Members elected from the three (3) groups at least six (6) of them must represent countries with a population of less than four (4) million people as per the most recent population figures published by The World Bank as of the date of the election of the Executive Committee members.

Except for the President who may be from any of the groups (numeral 8) and the Secretary General and the Treasurer who shall be proposed by the President and ratified by the General Assembly and the President of the Athletes Commission, all members of the Executive Committee shall be elected one by one, office by office and by the votes of the Members of PASO present at the General Assembly, as hereinafter provided.

Nominations for the position of President of PASO shall be submitted in writing by the Members of PASO to the Secretariat of the Organization at least 90 days prior to the election. The Secretary General and/or the Executive Secretary shall circulate the names of such nominees to the Members in writing, the day after the deadline, to all the Members of PASO.

Nominations for the position of Vice-President of PASO shall be submitted in writing by the Members of PASO to the Secretariat of the Organization, at least 60 days prior to the elections. The Secretary General and/or the Executive Secretary shall circulate in writing the names of such nominees to all the Members of PASO the day after the deadline.

All candidates for the positions of Vice-Presidents and Members of the Executive Committee of PASO, except the President of the Athletes Commission, must be members of the Executive Committee of their own National Olympic Committee and must be proposed in writing by their own National Olympic Committee.

The elected members of the Executive Committee of PASO shall hold office for a period of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election provided that they meet the other conditions for the candidates as stated herein.

With respect to the election of the President, the Vice-President and the members of the Executive Committee of PASO and taking into consideration that there are forty-two (42) PASO Members and that of the Members each Member has the right to one (1) vote except that Members which have organized the Pan American Games have an additional vote for each edition of the Games they have hosted to a maximum of five (5) additional votes according to Numeral 1 of Article XI mentioned in this Statute; three groups with fourteen (14) Members each are established in a balanced way and with a preferential geographical inclination. Such groups are numbered one, two and three and they are listed as set forth below:

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
BAHAMAS	ANTIGUA	NETHERLANDS
BELIZE	BARBADOS	ANTILLES
BERMUDAS	CAYMAN	ARGENTINA
CANADA	ISLANDS	ARUBA
COSTA RICA	CUBA	BOLIVIA
EL	DOMINICA	BRAZIL
SALVADOR	GRENADA	COLOMBIA
UNITED	VIRGIN	CHILE
STATES	ISLANDS	
	BRITISH	
GUATEMALA	VIRGIN	ECUADOR
	ISLANDS	
HAITI	JAMAICA	GUYANA
HONDURAS	PUERTO	PARAGUAY
NICARAGUA	RICO	PERU
PANAMA	ST. LUCIA	SRINAM
	ST. KITTS Y	
	NEVIS	
	ST. VINCENT	TRINIDAD AND
MEXICO	& THE	TOBAGO
	GRENADINES	
DOMINICAN	VENEZUELA	URUGUAY
REPUBLIC		

When the General Assembly approves a new member, it will be placed in one of the three groups by casting lots.

With the purpose of providing an adequate and equitable representation of the three (3) groups hereinbefore mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the election of the Executive Committee members shall be carried out in the following manner:

The President of PASO shall be elected, regardless of the group that he belongs to and according to a general election of the Members of PASO participating at the General Assembly. The successful candidate must receive at least 50% plus one of the votes cast by the Members of PASO. If there are more than two candidates for the position of President and none of them receive the required number of votes on the first ballot, only the two candidates who received the highest number of votes shall be considered in a second ballot and the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast on the second ballot shall be declared elected. In case of a tie, there will be as many ballots as necessary, until one of the candidates is elected.

Afterwards, the election of the first, second and third Vice-Presidents, will take place. The Members of PASO of each group, through exclusive voting of the Members of PASO from that group, will propose only one candidate for the position of Vice-President, without considering the numerical order of the Vice-Presidencies. The candidate proposed for the position of Vice-President of each group must receive at least 50% plus one of the votes cast by the Members of PASO from that group. If there are more than two candidates for the position of Vice-President from that group only the two candidates who received the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be considered in a second ballot and the candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. In case of a tie, there will be as many ballots as necessary, until one of the candidates is elected.

Once the Vice-Presidents from each group have been declared elected in the manner described herein, all of the Members of PASO at the General Assembly will vote to determine who will become the First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents. If there is a tie vote between the Vice-Presidents, there shall be a run off election between the Vice-Presidents who are involved in the tie until it is broken.

Immediately after, there will be the election of the three members of the Executive Committee of PASO from Group One. Only the Members of PASO from Group One are eligible to vote. If there are only three candidates proposed, they will be automatically elected. If there are more than three candidates proposed an election shall take place in which the candidates must receive at least 50% plus one of the votes cast by the Members of PASO from Group One in order to be declared elected. In the same manner, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be removed from the next ballot and in this manner and in due course, three candidates shall be elected as members of the Executive Committee of

PASO from Group One.

The election of the three Members of the Executive Committee of PASO from Group Two will take place under the same procedure.

The election of the three members of the Executive Committee of PASO from Group Three will then take place under the same procedure.

The ratification of the Secretary General and Treasurer proposed by the President will then be voted on by the Members of PASO at the General Assembly.

ARTICLE XV.- MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PASO

The Executive Committee of PASO shall meet at least twice a year. In each quadrennial a minimum of two meetings of the Executive Committee of PASO shall be held at the site of the next Pan American Games.

The Member of PASO holding an Executive Committee meeting or the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games, in the event that the Executive Committee meeting takes place in the country that is the site of the next Pan American Games, shall pay all the administrative expenses of the Executive Committee meeting as detailed in Article X (5) (a) as well as:

the cost of air transportation in business class for each member of the Executive Committee to and from the Executive Committee meeting;

accommodation in double room and board for each of the members of the PASO Executive Committee and for up to eight members of the PASO Secretariat;

accommodation in double room and board for each of the members of the PASO Commissions who are required to be at the Executive Committee meetings.

The President shall issue the summons for each of the Executive Committee meetings giving fifteen (15) days advance notice, fixing the place, date and time thereof. In cases of grave emergency, the President may issue the summons without advance notice.

The presence of fifty (50) percent plus one (1) of the voting members of the Executive Committee of PASO shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XVI.- THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PASO

The powers and duties of the Executive Committee of PASO shall be:

To guarantee and protect the celebration and continuity of the Pan American Games.

To execute and enforce the Resolutions of the General Assemblies.

To summon the Extraordinary General Assemblies upon at least fifteen (15) days advance notice [Article X (4) (a)].

To designate and dissolve Special Commissions informing the next General Assembly about the reasons of their formation or dissolution as well as the results of their efforts.

To help the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games or any other Member of PASO which requests assistance.

To appoint from amongst its members a delegate or delegates who shall represent the Executive Committee of PASO in dealing with those specific matters, within or outside the area of his domicile in accordance with instructions given to him by the Executive Committee of PASO, including a requirement that he render a full report upon completion of this mission.

To inspect at least one year before the beginning of the Pan American Games, or at any other time that might seem necessary, the sports facilities, which must comply with the technical conditions foreseen by the rules of each sport, as well as to review the organization of the Pan American Games with full and exclusive authority to grant approval thereto, according to the provisions of the Regulations of the Pan American Games.

To approve the dates of the Pan American Games when the host city is chosen, to approve the sport program for the

Games at least three years prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Pan American Games and communicate this information to its Members, the International Olympic Committee and to the Pan American Sports Confederations or similar sports organizations and to the International Federations.

To recommend to the General Assembly that it admonish or reprimand the Organizing Committee for the Pan American Games and the Host NOC in the event that they do not comply with the provisions of this Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games, or any other written agreements between PASO and the Organizing Committee and/or take any action that it deems desirable including the suspension or transfer of the Pan American Games, in order to protect the interests of PASO.

To collaborate with the Members of PASO, the Pan American Sports Confederations or similar sports organizations and the International Federations in all matters which may affect the sports interest of PASO.

To comply with and enforce the resolutions, provisions and agreements of the IOC that have application to PASO and its jurisdiction.

To accept or reject, provisionally, the admission request of new Members of PASO, until the confirmation of the General Assembly of PASO.

To regulate this Statute and interpret the same, submitting such interpretation for ratification by the following General Assembly of PASO.

To approve and amend without retroactive effect, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and report these amendments to the next General Assembly of PASO.

To review the finances of PASO and to ensure that the budgets which have been approved by the General Assembly are being followed.

To grant the Pan American Olympic Award, the Sports Merit Medal "Mario Vázquez Raña" and the rest of the Awards and Recognitions considered adequate within the PASO ideals and, always informing the General Assembly of PASO about them.

To consider, study and decide on all matters that may be submitted to it by the Members of PASO, the Pan American Sports Confederations or similar sports organizations, International Federations or the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games. In addition, the Executive Committee shall intervene in all matters that relate to the interpretation and application of this Statute and the Regulations of the Pan American Games and its decision, with respect to these matters, shall be unappealable and binding upon all parties.

To carry out the objectives and purposes stated in this Statute and to enforce the provisions of the Regulations of the Pan American Games.

To promote a better theoretical and practical understanding among the Members of PASO of methods of teaching and preparation in sports, as well as to sponsor other studies with application to sport and to hold congresses within the discipline of Sports Medicine and other Sports Applied Sciences.

To grant such financial help as deemed possible to the Members of PASO, as well as other Regional Sports Organizations that develop activities to benefit the development and promotion of sports within the continent.

To approve the program of the Opening, Closing and Awards Ceremonies as prepared by each Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games, within the provisions of the Regulations of the Pan American Games.

In accordance with Article XXIII, numeral (3) of this Statute, to negotiate all contracts related to the production and distribution of the television, internet and the radio rights relative to the Pan American Games.

To bring to the attention of the Members of PASO, and to the corresponding commissions for study, consideration and recommendation, all proposals or motions which involve modifications to the Statute, so that the Members of PASO shall receive the same, together with the report of the corresponding commission and the opinion of the Executive Committee, at least sixty (60) days before the Opening of the General Assembly which is to study and resolve them.

To exercise its right to vote regarding any matter submitted to consideration, by electronic means or by telephone.

To monitor the organization of the Pan American Games to ensure that they are held in conditions which demonstrate a responsible concern for environmental issues.

ARTICLE XVII.- POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PASO

The powers and duties of the President shall be:

To preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Assemblies of PASO and to submit to each General Assembly a detailed report of activities accomplished.

To sign necessary official or private documents.

To authorize the expenses of PASO.

To monitor the enforcement of the provisions of the Statute and Regulations of the Pan American Games.

To represent PASO with full power before any authority, without limitation in defense of its interests, with the capacity to delegate such responsibilities to whomever he deems appropriate.

To promote the sport and institutional reputation of PASO.

To send, or order to be sent, the summons for each meeting of the Executive Committee and the General Assemblies of PASO and make the invitations to special guests as he deems appropriate.

To call Extraordinary General Assemblies or Meetings of the Executive Committee of PASO by his own initiative on a date that he chooses having regard to the circumstances.

Submit matters for consideration and decision of the Executive Committee of PASO.

To regulate the internal functioning of PASO, to designate and distribute the personnel as deemed necessary, assigning them their corresponding duties, to appoint, suspend or create positions and set the salaries to the employees of PASO.

To make such interim appointments as might be necessary in case a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee of PASO provided, however, that in so doing, the equal representation of the three groups is protected in case the vacancy occurs amongst the Vice-Presidents or the Members of the Executive Committee of PASO. Such interim appointments shall be valid until the following General Assembly when the interim appointment may be ratified or someone else is duly elected to fill the vacancy.

To adopt on his own initiative as many measures as necessary to solve any emergency matters that may arise, with obligation to inform on those actions during the next meeting of the Executive Committee and/or the General Assembly of PASO, according to which they correspond.

To supervise himself, or through designated persons, the books and accounting records of the Organizing Committee of the Games regarding those aspects which affect the interests and economic participation of PASO.

To approve referrals from the Executive Committee of PASO of all those contracts that involve sales of licensing rights with respect to the property of PASO.

To delegate responsibilities to any member of the Executive Committee of PASO, so that he can deal with specific matters, within or without the area of his domicile, in accordance with instructions given to him.

To designate those persons who will have the right to award the Medals and the Diplomas in the corresponding Pan American Games.

The duties of the Vice-Presidents shall be:

The First Vice-President shall have the duties of assistant to the President and shall substitute for the President, if the necessity arises.

The Second Vice-President shall have the duties of assistant to the President and shall substitute for the first Vice-President if the necessity arises.

The Third Vice-President shall have the duties of assistant to the President and shall substitute for the second Vice-

President if the necessity arises.

The duties of the Secretary General shall be:

To inform the President immediately on all the correspondence and matters received by the PASO Office.

To obtain from the President or in his absence from the corresponding Vice-President, the resolutions taken on all matters in respect of the activities of PASO.

To attend all the meetings of the Executive Committee of PASO, as well as of the General Assemblies of PASO.

To notify its Members and the Organizations affiliated with PASO within a reasonable time of any provisions issued and decisions made by PASO that are relevant to their operations.

To prepare in advance the documentation relative to the matters which shall be dealt with at meetings of the Executive Committee of PASO as well as the General Assemblies of PASO, presenting the agenda in advance thereof.

To keep a record of the resolutions taken and organize the administrative work of the PASO Office.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

To keep the accounting books and present audited Financial Statements in each of the Executive Committee Meetings and at the General Assemblies of PASO, as well as to prepare an annual budget for the approval of the General Assembly.

To present the Treasurer's report, which shall cover the period from January 1st through December 31st, annually, and which shall be presented to the Executive Committee and all the Members of PASO within the first four (4) months of the following year, all of this with the approval of the President.

The duties of the Zone Members shall be:

To fulfill the PASO Statute and Regulations of the Pan American Games and to attend the Meetings of the Executive Committee and the PASO General Assemblies.

To fulfill the tasks and responsibilities appointed by the President.

In the event that a member of the Executive Committee of PASO should die or resign or be absent from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee of PASO without justification, he shall cease to hold office and shall be substituted for according to this Statute.

All substitutions referred to in this Article shall be provisional until the subsequent General Assembly of PASO designates or elects the person who shall fill the vacancy which created the substitution for the unexpired period of the applicable term.

All members of the Executive Committee of PASO shall be under obligation to inform and collaborate with the President of PASO on the resolution of any particular problems presented in the zone of the Group from which they were elected.

ARTICLE XVIII.- THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES

The Pan American Games shall be celebrated every four (4) years in the year proceeding the Summer Olympic Games unless otherwise determined by the General Assembly of PASO and shall be organized in accordance with this Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and the Olympic Charter.

The Pan American Games are competitions between athletes in individual or team events and not between countries. They bring together the athletes designated for such purpose by their respective NOCs, whose entries have been accepted by PASO and who through their sports performances compete under the technical direction of the Pan American Sports Confederations and the International Federations.

The authority of last resort on any question concerning the Pan American Games rests with PASO.

Members of PASO may apply to PASO for the honor of hosting the Pan American Games. Applications shall be submitted in the following form and terms:

No later than the 31st of January of the year in which the Ordinary General Assembly to select the site of the Pan American Games takes place, interested Members of PASO shall deliver to the President of PASO:

Letter from the National Olympic Committee approving the candidature of the city applying for the organization of the Pan American Games.

Letter from the highest government authority of the applying City undertaking to respect the PASO Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and the conditions prescribed in the guide for candidate cities.

Letter signed by the highest authority of the Regional Government, the State or Province in which the City applying for the Games is located, wherein respect to the PASO Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and any agreement entered by PASO with the Organizing Committee is guaranteed.

Letter signed by the highest governmental authority of the applying country in which the Government guarantees to PASO that it will respect the PASO Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and any agreement entered into by PASO with the Organizing Committee, and making a firm guarantee to grant access to the country for athletes, sport leaders, officials, judges, representatives of the media and other participants during the Pan American Games duly accredited by their respective National Olympic Committees.

On the 1st of February of the same year, the President of PASO shall inform by electronic means or by telephone all the Members of PASO, about the Letters of Intent that have been received. If any of these letters is withdrawn, the President shall promptly notify the Members of PASO accordingly by the same means.

Not later than the 30th of April of the same year following the submission of the Letter of Intent, the Member of PASO interested in being formally considered as a candidate for the organization of the Pan American Games shall complete its application by making a deposit of fifty thousand U.S. dollars (U.S. \$50,000.00) to PASO, and supplying the information requested in the Regulations for the Pan American Games and the Questionnaire for the Candidate Cities applying to host the Pan American Games.

On the 1st day of May of the same year, the President of PASO shall notify all Members of PASO of the Letters of Intent received. In the event that any of these letters are withdrawn the President shall notify immediately all Members of PASO in the same manner.

The Pan American Games shall be awarded openly and without regard to the Group indicated in Article XV they belong to. It shall be secret ballot and shall need 50% plus one of the affirmative votes of the Members of PASO present with the right to vote. In the case of several candidates, and if none receives the required number of votes at the first ballot, the candidate city with the least number of votes will be eliminated. In the event that two candidate cities tie with the least number of votes, a special election will take place between those two candidate cities and the loser of the special election will be eliminated from the next ballot and the city with the higher number of votes will be presented for voting on the next ballot. In the same manner, the voting shall proceed until a city has secured 50% plus one of the affirmative votes of the Members of PASO present at the General Assembly with right to vote. In the case of a tie between the last two candidates, then further special elections will be held until the tie is broken.

The deposits made to request the site shall be returned to candidates who were not successful.

Upon being awarded the right to host the Pan American Games, the successful City shall make an additional payment of two hundred and fifty thousand U.S. dollars (U.S. \$250,000.00) to PASO and shall commit to PASO that it will organize the General Assemblies of PASO and Executive Committee Meetings which shall take place at the site of the Pan American Games in accordance with the provisions of this Statute and it shall be responsible to pay those expenses outlined in Article X (5) and Article XV (2) with respect to the hosting of those General Assemblies and Executive Committee Meetings.

The Member of PASO which has been granted the right to organize the Games, but which does not carry out its commitments, shall forfeit any and all deposits and payments made by it to PASO, unless in the opinion of the General Assembly good and justifiable reasons exist to return the deposits to the host Member of PASO.

Upon selecting the site for the Pan American Games, PASO shall enter into a written Agreement with the successful city, with the Government of the country and with the National Olympic Committee of the country which shall specify in detail the obligations incumbent upon them. The National Olympic Committee and the city are jointly and severally liable for all commitments entered into individually or collectively concerning the organization and staging of the Pan American Games. The Agreement shall be signed immediately upon the selection of the City as the host for the Pan American Games.

The Pan American Games shall be organized in accordance with this Statute and the Regulations of the Pan American Games, in coordination with the Continental Sport Federations and/or the International Federations.

The Sports Program for the Pan American Games shall be adjusted according to the decision of the IOC for the next

Summer Olympic Games. The PASO Executive Committee may take any exceptional measure regarding the Program of the Games in order to benefit the Members of PASO.

ARTICLE XIX.- OBLIGATIONS OF THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE HOSTING THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES

The National Olympic Committee, reporting to PASO, is the highest authority ensuring that the Host City complies with the obligations laid down by the Statute of PASO, as well as those deriving from the Contract signed to that end.

The Host National Olympic Committee shall appoint an Organizing Committee taking into account the various local factors which may contribute to the success of the Games including having on its membership, representatives of the Host City. The President of the National Olympic Committee shall not be the President of the Organizing Committee. The appointment of the Organizing Committee shall be carried out and announced by the National Olympic Committee to the President of PASO within ninety (90) days following the date on which the site of the Games was granted.

The Host National Olympic Committee, as the Representative of PASO, is responsible for overseeing the work of the Organizing Committee and the progress made in the organization and preparations for the Games, as well as informing periodically to the PASO Executive Committee.

The National Olympic Committee shall inform the President of PASO of the organizational and financial situation of the Pan American Games, with special emphasis on those aspects regarding the Pan American Village and the works being carried out on the sports facilities.

The Host National Olympic Committee shall participate in the execution of the marketing programs for the Games, exclusively within its own territory, and oversee the agreement made in this regard between the Organizing Committee and PASO.

The Host National Olympic Committee shall, together with the National Federations involved, contribute to the design of the Project of the Official Program of the Games.

The Host National Olympic Committee shall, together with the Organizing Committee, encourage the full cooperation with the International Federations and/or Pan American Confederations to ensure compliance with the technical requirements for each sport.

The Host National Olympic Committee shall be represented at the highest level of authority of the Organizing Committee by its President and by at least one other Representative.

The Host National Olympic Committee, the Organizing Committee and Host City shall ensure that no other important meeting or event, national or international, takes place in the host city itself, or its neighborhood or in the other competition sites, during the Pan American Games or during the preceding or following week, without the consent of the PASO Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XX.- PAN AMERICAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee, which must have legal status, will take the responsibility to organize the Games. It shall function by virtue of the powers delegated to it by the National Olympic Committee of the Host Country and by PASO, guaranteeing the fulfillment of the responsibilities conferred to it by this Statute.

In cases of conflict, controversies or disparity between the Organizing Committee and the National Olympic Committee, they shall be submitted to the President of PASO for final decision which shall be binding upon all parties.

The Organizing Committee shall have its headquarters at the site city of the Games.

Notwithstanding the numerous responsibilities of an Organizing Committee, it shall have amongst others the following obligations:

to plan and carry out simultaneously with the Games a program of cultural activities and exchange of information on subjects of general interest to the National Olympic Committees of the Americas;

to plan, promote and host Pan American Sports Congresses and the Pan American Congress on Sports Medicine in dates to be fixed by agreement with the PASO Executive Committee;

to plan the Opening, Closing and Awards Ceremonies of the Games and the design of the Medals and Diplomas submitting the said plans to the PASO Executive Committee for its approval a minimum of six months prior to the opening of the Pan

American Games;

to provide appropriate competition and training venues for each sport and the Pan American Village for the athletes and officials, as well as other facilities required for the Games, all of which shall be fully completed at least ninety (90) days prior to the inauguration date of the Games;

to prepare and organize the Sports Program to be approved by the Executive Committee of PASO on the recommendation of its Technical Commission, acting in harmony and consultation with the Host National Olympic Committee, the Continental Sports Federations and the International Federations;

to hold test events in each of the sports included in the program of the Games during the first six months of the year preceding the Opening Ceremony of the Games;

to organize pre-Games competition in all facilities and to utilize all systems including timing results, score boards and technical services for the media required for the Games;

to provide representatives of the news media duly accredited by their respective National Olympic Committees or by the Organizing Committee with the facilities and services that are necessary for the fulfillment of their functions.

ARTICLE XXI.- FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee shall make the following payments to PASO:

Pay PASO Ten (10%) Percent of the face value of all tickets sold at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Pan American Games.

Out of the sports competition of the Pan American Games, the Organizing Committee shall pay PASO Ten (10%) Percent of the face value of all tickets sold for the competitions of each sport. PASO, after receiving such amount will distribute it amongst the Pan American Sports Confederations according to the total amount of tickets sold for the events under the jurisdiction of the respective Pan American Sports Confederations.

In case that the tickets are given away as a courtesy or promotion by the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games either for the Opening Ceremonies, the Closing Ceremonies or the Sports Competitions, Ten (10%) Percent of the equivalent value of the tickets shall be paid to PASO unless written arrangements are made with the President of PASO to the contrary.

Pay the cost of air transportation in tourist class as well as the cost of food and lodging during the duration of the Pan American Games for the President or his designate and the Secretary General of each Member of PASO that takes part at the Pan American Games, the Members of the Executive Committee of PASO, the Members of the PASO Commissions required at the Games and up to eight (8) Members of the PASO Secretariat.

Pay the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00 U.S.) U.S. dollars to PASO to guarantee the publication and presentation of the Pan American Games Memoirs. When the memoirs are approved by the PASO Executive Committee, the deposit shall be returned to the Organizing Committee.

The payments to be made by the Organizing Committee to PASO pursuant to the provisions of Article XXI (1) (a), (b) and (c) hereof shall be paid within 15 days after the completion of the Closing Ceremonies and the payments pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be paid 45 days before the Opening Ceremonies of the Pan American Games.

In addition to the foregoing , the Organizing Committee shall:

fully pay for the local expenses (food, lodging and transportation) of all athletes, officials and other personnel of the National Olympic Committees in attendance lodged at the Pan American Village;

in those exceptional cases in which the PASO Executive Committee authorizes the Organizing Committee to house athletes and/or officials outside the Pan American Village, the local expenses (food, lodging and transportation) for those athletes and/or official s shall be fully paid by the Organizing Committee;

to pay the cost of participation of eleven (11) athletes and one (1) official from each Member of PASO including without limitation, economy airfare, food and housing at the Pan American Village;

in like manner, if there are sub-sites in the Pan American Games, the Organizing Committee shall pay the economy airfare, food and housing for a sub-chief of each National Olympic Committee delegation at each site for those National Olympic

Committees that take part in the sports held at that sub-site;

to provide airfare, meals and accommodation and other appropriate local transportation for working visits of members of the Executive Committee of PASO, the PASO Technical Commission, and other PASO Commissions in their official visits to assist the Organizing Committee to plan for the Games;

to pay the cost of air transportation in economy class, as well as accommodation in double rooms and lodging during their stay, of the International Judges and Referees appointed to officiate in the sport during the Pan American Games;

notwithstanding obligations of the Organizing Committee to PASO concerning Marketing, Licensing, Broadcasting Rights and Commercialization as referred to in the Statute, the Organizing Committee shall enter into a Formal Agreement with PASO which details all commercial matters pertaining to PASO's right and properties prior to commencing any commercial revenue generating activities;

to provide international quality broadcasting of least ten (10) hours duration per day during the Games at no cost to PASO; such an Agreement between the Organizing Committee and the TV Producer must be completed at least two years before the Pan American Games, with the approval of the Executive Committee of PASO.

ARTICLE XXII.- RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF PASO AT THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES

The Members of PASO shall constitute, organize and lead their respective sports delegations at the Pan American Games. They decide upon the entry of athletes proposed by their respective national federations. Such selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country. The Members of PASO must ensure that the entries proposed by the national federations comply in all respects with the provisions of the PASO Statute and the Regulations of the Pan American Games.

The Members of PASO shall provide for the equipment, transportation and accommodation of the members of their delegations. They contract for the latter's benefit adequate insurance covering the risk of death, disability, illness, medical and pharmaceutical expenses and third party liability. They are responsible for the behavior of the members of their delegations.

The Members of PASO have the sole and exclusive authority to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn, and the equipment to be used, by the members of their delegations on the occasion of the Pan American Games and in connection with all sports competitions and ceremonies related thereto. This exclusive authority does not extend to specialized equipment used by athletes of their delegations during the actual sports competitions. For the purposes of this rule, specialized equipment shall be limited to such equipment acknowledged by the Member of PASO concerned as having a material effect on the performance of athletes, due to the specialized characteristics of the equipment. Any publicity in respect of any such specialized equipment must be submitted to the Member of PASO concerned for approval if there is any reference, express or implied, to the Pan American Games.

A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Pan American Games or in world or regional championships recognized by the relevant Pan American Sports Confederation, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 5 below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

A competitor who has represented one country in the Pan American Games or in world or regional championships recognized by the relevant Pan American Sports Confederation and/or the corresponding International Federation; and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the Pan American Games to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the NOCs and the Pan American Sports Confederations concerned, by the Executive Committee of PASO, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.

Only the Members of PASO may enter competitors in the Pan American Games. The right of final acceptance of entries rests with the Executive Committee of PASO.

A Member of PASO shall only exercise such rights upon the recommendations for entries given by their national federations. If the Member of PASO approves thereof, it shall transmit such entries to the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee must acknowledge their receipt. Each Member of PASO must investigate the validity of the entries proposed by the national federations and ensure that no one has been excluded for racial, religious or political reasons or by reason of other forms of discrimination.

As a condition precedent to participation in the Pan American Games, every competitor shall comply with all provisions contained in the PASO Statute and the Regulations of the Pan American Games and the technical regulations of each sport. Such competitor must be duly qualified by such Pan American Sports Confederation. The Member of PASO which enters a

competitor ensures under its own responsibility that such competitor is fully aware of and complies with the PASO Statute, the Regulations of the Pan American Games and the World Anti-doping Code.

Should there be no national federation for a particular sport in a country which has a recognized NOC, the latter may enter competitors individually in such sport in the Pan American Games subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of PASO considering the position of the Pan American Sports Confederation governing such sport.

In case of a conflict between a National Federation, the National Olympic Committee and an International Federation, the Executive Committee of PASO, by proposal of its Technical Commission, may decide upon the entry of the athletes in the Pan American Games with all the obligations and prerogatives, assuring with this the protection and guarantee of the athletes' rights.

Each Member of PASO shall pay PASO a registration fee of fifty dollars (U.S. \$50.00) for each athlete and official entered to compete at the Pan American Games. This payment shall be made at the time that the delegation's nominal entry is filed.

ARTICLE XXIII.- PASO MARKETING RIGHTS

The Pan American Games are the exclusive property of PASO which owns all rights and data relating thereto, in particular and without limitation, all rights relating to the organization, exploitation, broadcasting, recording representation, reproduction, access and dissemination in any form and by any means or medium whatsoever, whether now existing or developed in the future. PASO shall determine the conditions of access to and the conditions of any use of data relating to the Pan American Games and to the competitions and sports performances of the Pan American Games. All benefits derived from the celebration of the Pan American Games shall be used for the development of the Olympic movement and sport in the Americas.

PASO shall retain exclusive property in all Television, Internet and Radio Rights of the Pan American Games and shall negotiate the licensing of those rights on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the PASO Executive Committee including without limitation the sale of those rights and transferring of the same to third parties. Advertising time may be subsequently sold as part of a sponsorship package or on any other basis that may be deemed appropriate in the sole discretion of the PASO Executive Committee.

The PASO Executive Committee may allow by written approval, the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games and/or the Host National Olympic Committee to develop an emblem for the Games which shall be registered in the name of the Host National Olympic Committee with the appropriate copyright and trademark rights pertinent to the country and or territory in which the Pan American Games are celebrated to exploit Marketing and Licensing opportunities associated with the celebration of the Pan American Games.

The PASO Executive Committee shall approve the design of the Organizing Committee's emblem provided that there is no risk of confusing such emblem with PASO's emblem, the emblem of any of the Members of PASO or any other emblem created by the Organizing Committee or by the Host National Olympic Committee in relation to the celebration of the Pan American Games and provided further that the conditions set out in numeral (2) of this Article have been fully complied with.

In addition to the provisions contained in numerals 1 and 2 above, the Organizing Committee must meet the following conditions:

The emblem must be designed in such a way that it is clearly identifiable as being connected with the organization of the Pan American Games.

The distinctive element of the emblem cannot be limited to the sole name or abbreviation of such name of the country or the Host city of the Pan American Games.

The distinctive element of the emblem cannot contain mottoes, designations or other generic expressions which give the impression of being universal or international in nature.

The Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games may use the approved emblem to exploit its domestic marketing program and all sponsorship categories other than those designated as International Sponsorship categories as hereinafter defined. All contracts for the sale of sponsorship rights and the domestic marketing programs shall be approved in advance and in writing by PASO in order to preserve the exclusivities of the International Sponsors. The Organizing Committee shall pay PASO 5% of the revenues of the domestic marketing program after deduction of all expenses.

The PASO President will be responsible of, subject to the provisions of paragraph 9 hereof, negotiating and signing all contracts relating to sponsorship of the Pan American Games.

All revenues whether in cash or in kind generated from the licensing of Television, Internet and Radio rights and the sale of Marketing rights in the International Sponsorship Categories shall be paid directly to PASO, which shall deduct therefrom all expenses and taxes related to the licensing and sale of these rights, and then pay to the Organizing Committee of the Pan American Games 50% of the final balance. The Organizing Committee and/or the Host National Olympic Committee shall be legally responsible to pay from its share of their corresponding 50% revenues, all taxes that are payable in the jurisdiction of the country in which the revenues are generated arising from the licensing and sale of these rights.

The PASO Executive Committee shall have the exclusive right to transfer, sell and/or cede, totally or partially, any of PASO's rights regarding the marketing of the Pan American Games established in this Statute.

ARTICLE XXIV.- ARBITRATION

Any dispute relating to the Pan American Games shall in the first instance be submitted to the Executive Committee of PASO for resolution. If the Executive Committee of PASO is unable to achieve a resolution that satisfies the parties, the controversy may be submitted by the parties to the Court of Arbitration of Sport, in accordance with the Code of Sport Related Arbitration.

ARTICLE XXV.- AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTE

In order to amend the Statute:

Notice of the proposed amendment must be circulated 60 days in advance of the General Assembly on which the amendment is to be considered, in accordance with Article XVI (23);

A minimum of 32 Members of PASO, duly accredited, must be present at the General Assembly;

At least two thirds of the voting delegates present at the General Assembly must be in favor of the proposed amendment.

All the amendments shall be implemented immediately.

ARTICLE XXVI.- TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

This Statute was amended by the XLVIII Ordinary General Assembly of PASO held in the City of Merida, Mexico, on May the 6th and 7th, 2010.

Consistent with the resolution taken, the previous Statute is abrogated.

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President

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