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WFDF announces results of 2019 Board Elections

The World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) announced today the results of its 2019 elections, with the WFDF member associations voting on several open positions on the Board of Directors. Kate Bergeron (USA) was re-elected as Treasurer, Brian Gisel (CAN) re-elected as Ultimate Committee Chair, Lori Daniels (USA) elected as Freestyle Committee Chair, and Wolfgang Maehr (SGP) elected as SOTG Committee Chair. For the continents associations, Nicole Bulos (DOM) was elected President for Pan America and Fumio “Moro” Morooka (JPN) re-elected as President in representing Asia-Oceania. Shiellah Quintos was elected as chair of the Events Subcommittee the Ultimate Committee. All of the above will serve a two year term from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021. In addition, Liam Grant (IRL) was appointed by the board to serve out the remaining year of the term of the Chair of the Athletes' Commission.

“WFDF had a very productive 2019 and, starting with this new year, will again rely on an experienced Board in order to best meet all the upcoming challenges,” commented WFDF President Robert “Nob” Rauch. “WFDF is going to organise three major World Championships events in Ultimate and Guts in 2020 with our world championship national team events (WUGC, WMUC, WJUC) as well as Beach Ultimate for the Pan American Masters Games, where we will showcase Flying Disc with venues in Europe, Australia, and South America.”

“I would like to use this opportunity again to express full confidence in and gratitude for our team of staff and volunteers to be able to manage the workload. I would like to thank outgoing Board member Jesus Loreto for his tremendous support over many years, particularly as a founding President of the Pan American Flying Disc Federation (PAFDF). I also would like to thank Athletes Commission chair Ali Tincknell and SOTG Committee chair Travis Smith for their many contributions during their tenure.”

Elected members of the board

The following candidates were elected by the WFDF membership for the respective open Board positions:

**Treasurer: Kate Bergeron (USA), Executive Committee member**
Kate rejoined the Board as WFDF Treasurer in 2014, having held this position previously from 2008 through the end of 2012. She served as a WFDF board member since 2007 and has held numerous functions at the Ultimate Players Association (now USA Ultimate) including serving as its President from 2002 to 2004. Kate has worked as a coach for several Women’s Ultimate teams and recently won the Silver medal at 2014 World Ultimate Club Championships in the Women’s Masters division with Godiva. Kate is the Vice President, Hardware Engineering for Apple Inc. in Cupertino, CA. She has an Executive MBA and BS in Mechanical Engineering from MIT and an MS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Colorado.

**Chair, Ultimate Committee: Brian Gisel (CAN), Executive Committee member**
Brian has been a WFDF board member since 2009 and previously from 2002-2007, serving as the Ultimate Committee Chair from 2004-2007. He was Tournament Director of the 2008 World Ultimate and Guts Championships and the 1997 World Ultimate Club Championships and has run several Canadian National Championships. He was the Vancouver Ultimate League Board President from 2009-2012 and has also served on the Ultimate Canada board. Brian is currently the General Manager of BC Ultimate. He graduated from Simon Fraser University with a degree in Economics and Political Science.
Chair, Freestyle Committee: Lori Daniels (USA)
Lori has been involved with flying disc sports since 1981, as an athlete, promoter, and administrator. She earned the title as WFDF 2011 Women’s Overall Champion and has also won three WFDF Freestyle Championships, in addition to winning numerous US Open Overall titles, Freestyle Players Association (FPA) titles, and Double Disc Court championships, and other titles too numerous to recount. As an all-round disc sport competitor, she remains active with today with Freestyle, Disc Golf, and Ultimate. Lori has been the Tournament Director of a number of events over the years and recently served as MC for the Freestyle competition at the inaugural World Urban Games in Budapest in 2019. Lori has served as Executive Director of the FPA from 2010-2015 and is currently a member of the board, and she has served as a member of the WFDF Freestyle Committee since 2014. Lori is a full-time Associate Professor of Social Work and chair of the MSW program at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu. She earned her BS in Psychology at Mary Washington College in Virginia, her MA in Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, and her PhD in Social Welfare at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Chair, Spirit of the Game Committee (SOTG): Wolfgang Maehr (SIN)
Wolfgang has played Ultimate for the last 15 years in Europe (Sweden, Norway) and in Asia (India, Singapore) participating in a number of tournaments at all levels including three WFDF World Championships. He has also been involved in Singapore’s Beach Ultimate scene and previously was involved in the Indian Ultimate community for more than seven years working mostly on the systems and administration side of things. Wolfgang has been an active member of the SOTG Committee since 2018 with a particular focus on updating the scoring system and doing analytics on the data. An Austrian national, Wolfgang has been involved in digital product design since 2004 and is currently the Design/Product Lead at PebbleRoad in Singapore. He received his Diplom-Ingenieur (FH) in Information and Communication Engineering at Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences (AUT) and Linköping University (SWE) and Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction and Interaction Design at Chalmers University of Technology in (SWE).

PanAmericas Continental Representative: Nicole Marie Bulos Barceló (DOM) for PAFDF
Nicole was one of the founding members of the Project Ultimate Femenino (UF!) in the Dominican Republic in 2010, which resulted in the formation of the first female Ultimate teams in the country, and she became the co-founder and captain the following year of one of the first women’s Dominican teams, Fusion. After playing for various teams, she is currently on her local team Shotgun and became the President of the Dominican national association (AUDN) in 2018. She has served as a WFDF Ultimate Committee member, was a volunteer at the WFDF 2018 WUCC in Cincinnati, and was the Assistant Tournament Technical Director for the WFDF PanAmerican Ultimate Championship in Sarasota, FL in 2019. Nicole received her Clinical Psychology degree from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Santo Domingo and her postgraduate degree in social cognitive therapy form Universidad de Barcelona in Spain, and she is a teacher at the Carol Morgan School in Santo Domingo.

Asia/Oceania Continental Representative: Fumio “Moro” Morooka (JPN) for AOFDF
Moro is a sports education professional who has been a Board Member of WFDF continuously since 1992. He has been the President of Japan Flying Disc Association since 2009. He was Tournament Director of the WFDF WUGC in 1992 and TOC President in 2012 of the World Ultimate and Guts Championships held in Japan. In addition to disc sports, Moro has been a Board Member of the Japan Olympic Academy (JOA) since 2007 and Executive Director of the Japan World Games Association (JWGA) since 2001. He previously served as Executive Director of the World Games 2001 Akita Organizing Committee, on the Executive Committee of the International World Games Association from 2014-2018, and was a Council Member of SportAccord from 2009 - 2011. Moro is Professor Emeritus of Department of Health and Physical Education at Sophia University in Tokyo, where he has served as its chair, and has authored numerous books and papers in the field of sports and recreation.
New member of the Board as Interim Replacement through 2020

Chair, Athletes Commission: Liam Grant (IRL)
Liam started playing Ultimate in 2009 at the National University of Ireland, Galway. He first represented Ireland at WCBU in 2011 and has played for his country at multiple European and World Championships since. Notably, he won a silver medal in the mixed division at EBUC 2013 and captained the mixed national team at WUGC 2016. He is also a four-time Irish national champion with his club team PELT. The Siege of Limerick is one of the biggest tournaments in Europe and Liam was a Tournament Director for the event for five years, along with organizing several national championship events. From Tom’s Tourney to the Asian Oceanic Ultimate Guts Championships, Liam has commented on countless major Ultimate events, and he remains one of the standout names in the broadcasting of the sport. He is also an established journalist, writing for the likes of Ultiworld and co-hosting the European Ultimate podcast, EuroZone. Liam is also a former Irish college surf champion and is trained as an Emergency Medical Technician. He has an honors degree in Earth & Ocean Science from the National University of Ireland, Galway and a long history of entrepreneurship.

Returning Members of the Board

President: Robert “Nob” Rauch (USA), Executive Committee member
Robert “Nob” Rauch was an competitive Ultimate player from 1976 to 1994 and has been involved in positions of leadership in disc sports since 1987. He was the National Director/Executive Director of the Ultimate Players Association (the UPA, now USA Ultimate or USAU) from 1988 to 1990, was chairman of the UPA’s Executive Committee in 1991-1992, and is currently a member of the USAU Investment Committee and Hall of Fame Committee. Nob has served as President of the World Flying Disc Federation from 1992 to 1994 and from 2011 to the present. He was also Chair of the Ultimate Committee from 1988 to 1992. As an athlete playing on Ultimate teams in Chicago, Boston, and New York, Nob won six US National Championships and five World Championships, and he was elected to the Ultimate Hall of Fame in 2006. He also was a contributing author for the book “Ultimate: The First Five Decades” for Volume 1 published in December 2005 and Volume 2 in May 2019. He has a nearly 40 year career in finance and is currently a partner and portfolio manager of Gramercy Financial Group, a US$ 5 billion investment firm specializing in corporate and sovereign debt investments in global emerging markets. Nob received his bachelor’s degree in political economy from Williams College and master’s degree in finance and international business from the Kellogg School of Northwestern University. He is married to former Ultimate player Katie Shields Rauch and has three children.

Secretary: Thomas Griesbaum (GER), Executive Committee member
Thomas has been involved with disc sports since 1981, beginning with Freestyle, Disc Golf and field events and later with Ultimate. He served as a WFDF board member from 2001-2006 and rejoined as Secretary in 2011. He has been President of the European Flying Disc Federation since 1990 and was a co-founder of Deutscher Frisbeesport-Verband for which he served as President from 1989-2000. Thomas organized the first Ultimate exhibition in the World Games in 1989 and served as WFDF’s Technical Delegate at the 2005 World Games. Thomas is currently a staff member of the Faculty of Informatics at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology and holds a Dipl.-Ing. degree.
Chair, Disc Golf: Charlie Mead (GBR)
Charlie Mead has rich experience as a player, administrator, and tournament organizer of all disc sports since 1980. He has held World Overall titles, and European and British Titles in Disc Golf in Open, Master, Grand Master and Senior Grand Master Divisions, and he was awarded the Steady Ed Headrick Trophy for representing and developing Disc Golf in 2013. Still active, for 2016 he was elected Captain of the GB Team for the European Disc Golf Championships in Oulu, Finland. He was also a member of the Great Britain National Ultimate Team from 1982-1991 in the Open and Masters’ Divisions. Charlie was the first UK Flying Disc President (1981), first European Flying Disc Federation President (1982), first WFDF President (1985- 1989), Chair of the WFDF Ultimate Committee and Board member (1994-2002), and he is currently International Coordinator for the British Disc Golf Association (BDGA). Charlie was the Tournament Director for the WFDF Overall Championships in Colchester in 1989, the TD for WFDF World Ultimate Championships in 1986, 1994, 1995, and 1999, and Technical TD for WFDF’s events in 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, and 2002. Outside of his disc career, Charlie is currently an independent consultant providing localized community-based psychological support to children in need. He received a BA (Hons) from Keele University, and M. Ed degrees in both Child Psychology and Educational Psychology from Birmingham University. Charlie lives with partner his Maggi on their farm in Devon, UK.

Chair, Beach Ultimate Committee: David Raflo (USA)
David Raflo has been playing Ultimate since 1992 and organizing since 1995. With the Ultimate Players Association/USA Ultimate, David served in numerous volunteer roles from 1995 through 2011 including Regional Coordinator, National Open Director, National Masters Director, Secretary of Board of Directors, Coaching Instructor, Observer, Volunteer Coordinator for various events, and Competition Director for about 20 more. David began working full-time for USA Ultimate as Events Manager in 2012 and has overseen numerous championship events, including USAU’s Beach events since 2016. He was also the principal author of the Tournament Director’s Manual and Showcase Game Manual for USAU. David began volunteering with WFDF in 2007 and, over the years, has served at various times on the Spirit of the Game, Ultimate Rules, Events, and Beach Ultimate Committees. David has also served as WFDF Tournament Technical Director of the WFDF 2018 World Junior Ultimate Championships and at WFDF’s 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019 Pan American Ultimate Championships. David co-authored the chapter about local leagues in “Ultimate: The First Four Decades” and, in 2018 -- the 50th anniversary of the development of Ultimate --he put on museum-style exhibits of Ultimate’s history at WFDF’s World Ultimate Club Championships, USA Ultimate’s National Championships, and at Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey, the birthplace of the sport. David earned a B.A. in History from the University of Virginia and currently lives in Colorado Springs, CO, USA.

Chair, Overall Committee: Rob McLeod (CAN)
"Frisbee Rob" McLeod is a full time motivational speaker and frisbee ambassador with six Guinness World Records, 14 WFDF World Records, and 12 World Championships in the sport of Flying Disc. Rob has competed in all of the disc sports recognized by the WFDF and is still an active player in most of them, having been playing frisbee for 19 years. Over the past 5 years Rob has been to more than 350 schools, ran more than 5,000 workshops, and taught frisbee to more than 125,000 kids, all in his efforts to introduce frisbee to as many people as possible and bring together the various disc sport organizations throughout all the communities in order to bring their efforts together and maximize the resources and human power to grow the sport of Flying Disc. Rob holds a Diploma in Electrical Engineering from Dalhousie University and a BComm in Entrepreneurship and Innovation from the University of Calgary.
Chair, Guts Committee: Steve Taylor (USA)
Steve has been the President of USA Guts since 2007. As an athlete, he has played Guts since 1981 and his team won the 2010 US National Championship. He was a member of Team USA at WUGC 2004 and WUGC 2008 and participated in the All Japan Guts Tournament in Tokyo in 2007 and 2009. Steve is the owner and partner of LUX Interactive, which provides web based software solutions to a variety of clients, including concentrations in airlines, not-for-profit organizations, and e-commerce clients. He received his Bachelors degree from Wayne State University.

Africa Continental Representative: Alex “Queenie” Matovu (UGA) for AAFDF
Alex “Queenie” Matovu started playing ultimate in 1995 in Kampala as a teenager. In 1999 he started the Kampala Ultimate Frisbee Club just after organizing a first ever tournament in November 1999. From 2001-2005 he ran a series of tournaments attracting several Embassies and schools and ran tournaments on the same ground. In 2006 he started the Seven Hills Classics Ultimate tournament which later became one of the biggest Ultimate Tournaments in Africa attracting 5-7 countries within the region of East Africa. In 2015 Alex led team Uganda to the WCBU2015, with the same year Uganda hosting the first All Africa Ultimate Club Championship and hosting a WFDF East Africa Ultimate Clinic. In 2016 Matovu discussed to form the All Africa Flying Disc Federation (AAFDF) which was officially launched at the 2017 All Africa Ultimate Club Champion in Nairobi. Alex has been President since 2017 till today for All-African Flying Disc Federation. Outside of the Ultimate scene, he is a Director of Activate Uganda, a sports events management company, has run several businesses in Uganda, and worked for the US State Department as a contractor. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Makerere University.

European Continental Representative: Amandine Constant (FRA) for EFDF
Amandine is the Secretary General of the French Federation of Flying Disc (FFFD) and holds the position of Secretary-General of the European Flying Disc Federation (EFDF). She has been playing Ultimate in France since 2006, and won the SOTG award at WCBU 2011 in Italy with the French Women’s Team. Amandine also has been actively part of different national and international projects as are the France U17 Girls and U20 Men Team Manager, a Grenoble University Team coach, Cofounder of Ultimate Federation of Mali and President of Grenoble Flying Disc Club for 4 years. She has organized numerous Ultimate tournaments including being the Tournament Director for the very successful WCBU 2017 in Royan, France. Amandine currently manages assembly operations for the Set-Top-Box and Digital Division for STMicroelectronics and she received her degree as an engineer with Polytech Grenoble.

Chair, Medical Commission: Jamie Nuwer (USA)
Jamie has served as the Medical Anti-Doping Committee Chairwoman of WFDF since 2011 and as the Medical Committee Chairwoman for USA Ultimate from 2010-2014. She has been the coaching Ultimate since 2003 and has coached the Stanford Women's Ultimate Frisbee team since 2010. She coached several of the USA U20 and U24 junior national teams in 2012-2016. She has done research on college Ultimate injuries and developed the first Sports Medicine Section of the USA Ultimate Coaching Manual for Coaching. She currently works at her own private practice in Palo Alto, CA doing sports medicine and regenerative medicine. Jamie received her MD from UCLA and a BS in Biology from Stanford University.
**Director at Large appointed by the Board: Caroline Malone (HKG)**
Caroline “Caz” Malone is currently the Chair of the WFDF Women in Sport Commission. She was previously WFDF’s Deputy Chair of the Sport for All and Development Commission, AFDF Deputy Secretary General and President of the Ultimate Players Association of Qatar (UPAQ) while living in the country. Caz has been an international Ultimate player for Open, Mixed and Women’s teams across three continents, and played for the debut national teams in World Ultimate Championships of the UAE in 2011 and Qatar in 2015. She has 15 years global journalism experience, a BSc in Economics and Philosophy with joint honours from the London School of Economics and a masters degree in Journalism from the University of Hong Kong.

**Director at Large appointed by the Board: Yoonee Jeong (SIN)**
Yoonee first caught the Ultimate fever in 2004 and served as the first female President of Korea Ultimate Players Association (KUPA) from 2008 to 2010. She continued to play Ultimate through marriage, work and three kids, and most recently was part of Singapore Women’s Team at the WBCU 2017 and Women’s Masters Team at the WMUCC 2018. She was a Game Advisor for the U24 2018 and WUCC 2018. Yoonee works as a Director of Public and Regulatory Affairs for Telenor Group. Previously, she worked for international organizations such as the UN and World Bank as a technology public policy professional. Yoonee received her masters degree in International Development Policy from Duke University and her bachelors degree from Ateneo de Manila University.

**Election Result Details**
The 2019 Election was conducted on-line via a voting form using the Single Transferable Vote methodology. There were 53 regular members in good standing with a total of 148 votes. To meet the requisite majorities, a total of 75 votes were required for election with no less than 28 member associations voting.

Over the course of the voting period which extended from November 15 to December 15, 2019, 39 members with a total of 108 votes cast their ballots. All candidates have received the quorum needed for passage. The following candidates were elected for the respective positions after running unopposed:

- Treasurer: Kate BERGERON (USA), Executive Committee position
- Chair, Freestyle: Lori DANIELS (USA)
- Chair, SOTG Committee: Wolfgang MAEHR (SGP)

The following candidates were elected for the respective positions in a contested vote:

- Chair, Ultimate Committee: Brian GISEL (CAN)
- Chair, Ultimate Events Sub-Committee and Ultimate Committee member: Shiellah QUINTOS (CAN)

The following candidates were elected by their respective continental associations:

- Continental Representative Pan America (PAFDF): Nicole BULOS (DOM)
- Continental Representative Asia-Oceania (AOFDF): Fumio MOROOKA (JPN)

The following votes were tallied per each candidate:

- WFDF Board of Directors Members:
  - Treasurer: Kate BERGERON (104 yes, 4 abstentions)
  - Ultimate Committee Chair: Brian GISEL (77 STV votes) eliminated: Ellen SHACKLES (23 STV Votes)
Freestyle Committee Chair: Lori DANIELS (87 yes, 21 abstentions)

SOTG Committee Chair: Wolfgang MAEHR (103 yes, 5 abstentions)

Ultimate Committee, Events Subcommittee chair: Shielah QUINTOS (52 STV votes)  
eliminated: Ellen SHACKLES (48 STV Votes)

About WFDF:

The World Flying Disc Federation is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of Flying Disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts and Individual Events. WFDF is a federation of member associations that represent flying disc sports and their athletes in more than 85 countries. WFDF is an international federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and the International University Sports Federation (FISU), a member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the Association of IOC Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF), the International World Games Association (IWGA) and the International Masters Games Association (IMGA). It is also a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Agency Code. WFDF is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Colorado, USA.

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