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2007 PAHF Congress and Board Meetings

The Pan American Hockey Federation held its Congress and Board meetings July 24-26, 2007 during the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Committee meetings were also held on July 23 prior to the Board meetings.

The following are the key highlights from the meetings.

1. New National Association Members

The Pan American Hockey Federation accepted new member countries Guatemala, Costa Rico, El Salvador and Ecuador. The PAHF is working toward getting new members in order to increase the number of member nations in the Pan American region and hopes to have several more nations as new members at the next Congress in 2009.

2. Change of Statutes and Elections

The Congress voted to change the statutes of the PAHF so that there will be three Vice Presidents instead of just one. The vice presidents are elected by the Board of Directors

The following were elected to the Board of Directors:

– Dr. Sue Neill – Hon. Secretary General

Board Members:

- Monica Cumberbatch - Barbados
- Maureen Craig Rousseau – Trinidad and Tobago
- Daniel Marcellini - Argentina
- Maureen Rasmussen – Chile
- Aaron Sher – USA
- Victor Tomlinson - Jamaica

The Board then elected the following vice presidents:

- Aaron Sher – North
- Maureen Craig Rousseau – Central
- Daniel Marcellini – South

Other members of the Board are:

- Tony Von Ondarza, President, Venezuela
- Chris Waters, Hon. Treasurer, USA
- Bev Johnson, USA
- Rene Granat, Venezuela
- Eduardo Guelfand, Argentina

3. Awards

Rosa de Massa from Argentina retired from the PAHF of Directors after a long period of distinguished service. The Board elected her an Honorary Life Member of the PAHF – its highest honor.

Other awards were presented to:

- Order of Merit – Carlos Hernandez

Presidents Award:

- Richard Kentwell
- Bogdan Matuszewski
- Yan Huckendubler

4. Pan American Games

THE PAHF Board congratulated the Brazilian Hockey Federation on its hosting of the hockey at the Pan American Games. The Canadian men and the Argentinean women, as the winners of the respective tournaments, have qualified for the 2008 Olympic Games.

5. Upcoming tournaments

The PAHF Board announced the location of the Pan American Cups and other tournaments for the next period.

- Pan American Cup 2009 men – Santiago Chile
- Pan American Cup 2009 women – Hamilton, Bermuda

- Pan American Junior Championships 2008 men –Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
- Pan American Junior Championships 2008 women – Mexico City, Mexico

- South American Championships – Montevideo, Uruguay
- Pan American indoor Cup 2008 – Argentina

For more information, please visit the Pan American Hockey Federation web site at www.panamhockey.org

The Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) is recognized by the FIH as the governing continental federation for all field hockey in the Pan American region. There are 26 member Nations of the PAHF. For more information please contact info@panamhockey.org