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WHY I AM STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

As one of its co-founders, I am very proud of the enormous progress that World Boxing has made since the first meeting in 2022 when a small group of boxing leaders came together to discuss the possibility of creating a new International Federation (IF).

To progress in less than four years from having no members or Olympic status, to being an IF with more than 180 affiliated National Federations that is provisionally recognised by the IOC, with the sport restored to the Olympic programme for LA28, is a fantastic achievement.

I am honoured to have been part of the founding group and the Executive Board that has helped to deliver this.

However, there is still more to do. World Boxing is yet to secure full IOC recognition and we must not assume this is a foregone conclusion.

To secure full recognition and deliver a successful competition at LA28 will require hard work and dedication and I believe I possess the professional capabilities and personal qualities to help World Boxing navigate the sporting, commercial and regulatory issues it will face in seeking to achieve this.

As the Chief Executive of GB Boxing for over 16 years, I have experience of leading a successful organisation which topped the boxing medal table at London 2012 and won the most medals at Tokyo 2020.

As a co-founder and Vice President of World Boxing, I think that my actions over the last four years, and the principled stand I have taken in driving positive change in international boxing, demonstrate a significant level of commitment and a genuine aspiration to create a better future for the sport.

My first term as a Vice President has shown that I can work productively in the international environment where I have established a wide range of positive working relationships - within boxing and the wider Olympic Movement - that I will continue to nurture in the service of World Boxing.

All of this is underpinned by a deep love of boxing, strong values and a commitment to creating an IF that puts the interests of boxers first.

I believe that my track record of service and commitment make me an ideal candidate to be re-elected as a Vice President and I would relish the opportunity to serve a second term and continue our work to deliver a bright future for World Boxing, its members and, most importantly, for the boxers.

MY PRIORITIES

Boxers First

I am committed to ensuring athletes are at the heart of decision making and that we always put the interests of boxers first.

Securing full Olympic recognition

I am committed to securing full IOC recognition and ensuring that World Boxing enjoys positive relationships with all stakeholders and is an active and valued member of the Olympic Movement.

Sporting integrity

The better boxer on-the-day should always have their hand raised and I want to see World Boxing explore new technologies that will bring more objectivity to scoring and deliver greater sporting integrity.

Transparency and strong governance

World Boxing was founded on the principles of integrity, honesty and excellence and I am committed to upholding the highest standards of governance and transparency.

Global development

Olympic boxing is a global sport, and I support the creation of grassroots programmes to develop the sport and a competition calendar that embraces all continents.



Matt with Great Britain's Seoul 1988 Olympics boxing medallist, Richie Woodhall, who now coaches at GB Boxing.



Matt with the first Refugee Olympic Medallist, Cindy Ngamba, who was supported by GB Boxing throughout her journey.

MY COMMITMENT TO MEMBERS

If I am fortunate enough to secure enough votes to serve a second term as a Vice President, I make these commitments to every World Boxing member National Federation:

Hard work and service

Being a Vice President means working hard in the service of the sport. I will continue to do this and every judgement or decision I make will always be in the best interests of World Boxing and the sport of boxing.

Collective responsibility

I am a team player who will always put the success of the organisation first. I recognise there will sometimes be differences of opinion, however I will be collegiate in my approach and when a final decision has been made, I will support it and take collective responsibility.

Leadership with integrity

I have a successful track record as a boxing leader and have always acted with integrity and professionalism. I am committed to the highest standards of governance and will seek to ensure that World Boxing operates in a way our members can be proud of.

Integrity. Experience. Commitment.