

# World Rowing Council as of 01/01/2026

# President – Jean-Christophe Rolland (FRA)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- IOC Member (2017 - )
- WADA Foundation Board Member
- Paris 2024 Organising Committee Board Member
- Three-time Olympic Rower, Olympic Gold medallist, World Champion
- MSc Electrical and Physical Engineering Managing Director



In office since: 2014

Current mandate: 2026 - 2029

# Vice President – Annamarie Phelps (GBR)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Olympian, World Champion, three-time silver medallist
- Chair, Governance Working Group, World Rowing
- Vice Chair, British Olympic Association
- Executive Committee Member, European Olympic Committees
- Council of Europe, Bureau Member EPAS (Consultative Committee for Sport)
- Co-Chair, Global Executive Committee, IWG Women & Sport



In office since: 2026

Current mandate: 2026 - 2029

# Treasurer – Gerritjan Eggenkamp (NED)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Olympic Silver medallist; two-times Olympian; participated 5 times in World Championships
- Masters in Applied Computer Science; and Management
- Currently Partner at Avedon Capital Partners (private equity)



In office since: 2019

Current mandate: 2026 - 2029

# Executive Director – Vincent Gaillard (SUI)

- World Rowing Executive Director & Secretary General
- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Board Director at the Centre for Sport & Human Rights
- Co-founder of Sport & Sustainability International



Appointed in 2022

# Chair Athletes Commission Frida Svensson (SWE)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Board Member of Swedish Rowing Federation
- 3 times Olympian; World Champion 2010 W1x; participated in 9 World Championships
- Member of Swedish National Team for 17 years



In office as Chair of the Athletes commission since: 2020

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

In office as Executive Committee member since: 2021

Current mandate: 2022 - 2026

# Chair Events Commission

## Eva Szanto (HUN)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- European Rowing Board Member
- Rower; World Rowing International Umpire
- Sport Manager; Event Organiser
- Masters in English & Russian Philology



In office as Chair of the Events commission since: 2019

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

In office as Executive Committee member since: 2020

Current mandate: 2026 - 2029

# Chair Equipment & Technology Commission world rowing®

## Mathias Binder (SUI)

- One time Olympian; World Rowing Champion 1997 in LM2- participated in 6 World Rowing Championships
- Member of Swiss National Team for 15 years
- BSc mechanical Engineering & EMBA
- Head of Engineering with Andritz Soutec AG



In office as Chair of the Equipment & Technology since: 2022

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

In office as Executive Committee member since: 2025

Current mandate: 2026 - 2029

# Co-opted Council Member Lenka Dienstbach-Wech (GER)

- World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Formerly Chair, Athletes Commission
- Three-time Olympic Rower; World Champion
- Rower; two-time World Champion Coastal Rower
- National Team member for 13 Years
- IOC Medical Commission Member
- Medical Doctor

Appointed in: 2020

Current mandate: until 2026

In office as Executive Committee member since 2026

Current mandate: 2026 – 2029



# Chair Coastal Rowing Commission Guin Batten (GBR)

- Former World Rowing Executive Committee Member
- Former Chair, Rowing for All Commission
- Olympic Silver Medallist Rower
- World Championship level rower (classic and coastal);  
two-times Coastal Rowing World Champion
- Henley Management Committee
- Masters Degree
- Sport Administrator

In office since: 2011

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027



# Chair Competitive Rowing Commission Henk-Jan Zwolle (NED)

- Chair, Coaching Development Cross Commission
- Olympian Bronze and Gold medalist rower,
- Nine-time World Championship Rower (2x silver, 1x gold)
- Coach and Team Manager
- Two times World Rowing Championships organiser
- Master of Exercise Physiology
- Entrepreneur in health and sports



In office as Chair of the Competitive rowing commission since: 2025

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

# Chair Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (GEDI) Commission - Jacomine Ravensbergen (NED)

- Formerly Chair Women's Rowing Commission
- Rower, Coach, World Rowing International Umpire, Manager, Event Organiser
- Former Medical Doctor
- Ph.D degree holder
- Vice President, Avans University of Applied Sciences
- Supervisory Board and Audit Committee Member Health Institutions



In office since: 2015

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

# Chair Indoor Rowing Commission

## Filip Ljubicic (SRB)

- Chair, Indoor Rowing Commission
- Rower, representing GBR in Coupe de la Jeunesse (2006)
- Current Deputy Chairman of Thames Regional Rowing Council
- BA in Business & Eastern European Studies
- Entrepreneur, developed services & products in sport, education & health



In office since: 2022

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

# Chair Masters Rowing Commission

## Ron Chen (USA)

- Long serving Masters Commission member
- International Umpire; Jury Member, 1996 Atlanta Olympics
- Law Professor and former Dean of his Law School



In office since: 2019

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

# Chair Para Rowing Commission Rebecca Thomas Orr (CAN)

- World Rowing International Level 2 Technical Classifier
- Member of Classification Advisory Panel
- Rower, coach
- BA Honours in Business Administration
- Diploma in Sport & Event Promotion
- Account Manager, Event Organizer



In office since: 2021

Current mandate: 2023 – 2026

# Chair Sports Medicine Commission

## Mike Wilkinson (CAN)



- Clinical Sports Medicine Physician
- Associate Professor University of British Columbia
- Chief Medical Officer and Head of Health and Wellness  
Canadian High Performance Sport
- Board Member Canadian Academy of Sports Medicine
- Team Physician and CMO Rowing Canada x 25 years

In office as Chair of the Sports Medicine Commission since 2026  
Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

# Chair Umpiring commission Angela Alonso Fernandez

- Rower, World Rowing International Umpire since 2002, Event organiser
- Member of the Umpiring Commission since 2019
- Former Vice President, Spanish Rowing Federation
- MSc in Geospatial Engineering and Business Management



In office as Chair of the Umpiring commission since: 2025

Current mandate: 2025 – 2026

# Chair Youth Rowing Commission

## Axel Mueller (GER)

- World Championships Junior, U23 & senior lightweight rower
- Int. Coach, Team Manager of several National Teams
- Long serving Youth Rowing Commission member
- Sports Manager; Coaches Education; Consultant
- Certified classical rowing & swimming Coach
- MSc sciences of physical activity and sports



In office since: 2024

Current mandate: 2024 – 2027

# Continental Representative for Africa - Mehdi Garidi (ALG)

- World Rowing Youth Commission Member
- Technical Director Nat'l Rowing Team, UAE Sailing & Rowing Federation; Coach; Competition Manager
- Masters in Chemistry; Sport Science



Appointed in: 2020

Current mandate: until 2024

# Continental Representative for the Americas - Victoria Aguirregomezcorta (ARG)

- World Rowing Events Commission Member
- Rower
- Organiser
- Educator



Appointed in: 2019

Current mandate: until 2026

# Continental Representative for Asia Fay Ho (HKG)

- Former Chair Para Rowing Commission
- Olympic athlete - Canoeing (1984) and Rowing (1992) and World Championship rower
- Vice President Asian Rowing Federation
- Deputy Secretary General HKG NOC
- Degree in Recreation and Sports Management



Appointed in: 2020

Current mandate: until 2026

# Continental Representative for Europe - Dusan Machacek (CZE)

- European Rowing Board Member
- 2014-21 CZE Rowing president
- Two-time Olympian, World Champs medallist
- CEO of National Olympic Centre of Water Sports - Racice, CZE
- International Event Organiser
- Economist, MBA in healthcare
- Czech Olympic Committee Medical Commission manager

Appointed in: 2022

Current mandate: until 2026



# Continental Representative for Oceania - Sarah Cook (AUS)

- Two-time Olympic Rower, 2008 & 2012
- Australian representative in Rowing, 2004-2012; and in Sailing, 2013-2015
- World Rowing Broadcast Commentator
- Steward of Henley Royal Regatta
- Bachelor Degree in Human Biology; Graduate Diploma in Education
- Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Chief Operating Officer, Rowing Australia



Appointed in: 2022

Current mandate: until 2026

# Co-opted Council Member Masakuni Hosobuchi (JPN)

- Rower, Natl Team Coach, Natl Team Manager
- Member, Japanese NOC; Chef de Mission NOC
- President, Sanwa Building Company
- Successful Businessman
- Vice President Asian Rowing Federation



Appointed in: 2017

Current mandate: until 2026

# Co-opted Council Member Nobuhisa Ishizuka (USA)

- Chair Emeritus, United States Rowing Association
- Trustee, US Olympic & Paralympic Foundation
- Trustee, National Rowing Foundation
- Rower, Certified Rowing Coach
- International Lawyer
- Director and Lecturer, Columbia Law School



Appointed in: 2025

Current mandate: until 2026