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Candidate Profiles for Election of President, Deputy  
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**AGENDA ITEM 6.1**

**CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT**

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**NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Please find below the candidate profile for the position of President of the Badminton World Federation. The name is accompanied by those of the proposer and seconder(s), together with the profile of the candidate's qualifications and experience for election as President.

There is one candidate for this position - **Poul-Erik Engell Høyer**

***Clause 18.8.2 - Where there is only one candidate for a position, such candidate shall be elected by acclamation, without the need for a vote to take place.***

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Secretary General

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**Poul-Erik Engell Høyer**  
**Denmark**

**Proposer: Badminton Denmark**

**Secunder (s):**

1. Swiss Badminton
2. Badminton Association of Thailand
3. Nippon Badminton Association
4. Slovak Badminton Federation



**Born: 20 September 1965**

**Languages: Danish, English, German**

**a. Brief summary statement of your most relevant qualifications / experience**

*I'm a former badminton player, won the Olympic Gold medal, Men's Singles 1996 in Atlanta.*

*After my playing career, I've been involved both politically and administratively with sport over more than two decades.*

*I became the Athletes' Representative representing all athletes in Denmark at the board of the National Olympic Committee.*

- *Vice Chair of Badminton Denmark in 2007*
- *President of Badminton Europe 2010 until 2013*
- *President of Badminton World Federation 2013 ~*
- *IOC member since 2014;*

**b. Badminton and other sport experience / involvement**

- *President – Badminton World Federation since 2013*
- *IOC Member since 2014*
- *Board Member of World Masters Games*
- *Managing Director Boldklubben Skjold 2004 – 2007*
- *Managing Director Nordsjaelland Handbold Klub 2007 - 2010*

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**c. Other relevant business, commercial, or professional experience**

*Local politician in Gribskov Kommune 2009 - 2016*

**d. Vision for world badminton**

- *One of the best Entertainment sports in the world*
- *To have every child to play for life*
- *To be one of the best governed sports in the world.*

**e. Other information**

*None*

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**CANDIDATE FOR DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

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**NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

Please find below the candidate profile for the position of Deputy President of the Badminton World Federation. The name is accompanied by those of the proposer and seconder(s), together with the profile of the candidate's qualifications and experience for election as Deputy President.

There is only one candidate for this position – **KhunyingPatama Leeswadtrakul**

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**KhunyingPatama Leeswadtrakul**  
**Thailand**

**Proposer: Badminton Association of Thailand**

**Secunder (s):**

1. Iraqi Badminton Federation
2. Badminton England
3. Mongolian Badminton Association
4. Indonesia Badminton Association
5. Badminton Korea Association
6. Seychelles Badminton Association
7. Turkish Badminton Federation
8. Badminton Association of Malaysia
9. Badminton Federation of Macau
10. National Badminton Federation of Russia
11. Singapore Badminton Association
12. Badminton Canada
13. Nippon Badminton Association
14. Badminton Denmark
15. Badminton Australia
16. Hong Kong Badminton Association
17. Chinese Badminton Association
18. French Badminton Association
19. Badminton Federation of DR Congo
20. Swiss Badminton
21. Badminton Association of India
22. USA Badminton



**Born: 16 February 1965**

**Languages: Thai, English**

**a. Brief summary statement of your most relevant qualifications / experience**

- *Chair of Local Organizing Committee for the three successive badminton tournaments in Thailand in January 2021:*
  - *YONEX Thailand Open (Super 1000), 12th-17th January*
  - *TOYOTA Thailand Open (Super 1000), 19th-24th January*
  - *HSBC BWF World Tour Finals (Super 1000), 27th-31st January*
- *Staging the Thailand Open Masters Games 2020, 15th-20th September 2020*
- *Staging the Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection Badminton for Change 2018-2019, 4th-5th September 2019*

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- *Organizing Thailand Para-badminton International 2019, 16th-22nd September 2019, Bangkok, Thailand*
- *Hosting the first Special Olympics Asia Pacific Unified Badminton Championship 2019, 12th-16th November 2019, Bangkok, Thailand*
- *Organizing the BBG Princess Cup 2019, 8th-11th December 2019, Bangkok, Thailand*
- *Organizing Thomas & Uber Cup Finals, 20th-27th May 2018, Bangkok, Thailand*
- *Holding BWF Annual General Meeting, 19th May 2018, Bangkok, Thailand*
- *Hosting SportAccord with the theme "Sports Festival 2018 Bangkok", 18th April 2018, Bangkok Thailand*

#### **b. Badminton and other sport experience / involvement**

- *Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)*
- *Chair of the Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission, International Olympic Committee (IOC) since 2017*
- *Member of the Olympic Solidarity Commission, International Olympic Committee (IOC)*
- *Member of the Executive Board, Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)*
- *Member of the Advisory Board, Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)*
- *Chair of Culture Committee, Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)*
- *Member of the Executive Board of the National Olympic Committee of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King (NOCT)*
- *Deputy President of the Badminton World Federation (BWF)*
- *President of the Badminton Association of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King (BAT)*
- *Member of National Reform Committee on Culture, Sports, Labour and Human Resource Development of Thailand.*
- *Chair of National Reform Sub-Committee on Sports of Thailand.*



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**c. Other relevant business, commercial, or professional experience**

- *Chairperson of the Homeland Patriots Club*
- *Chair of Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra, Mahidol University*
- *Chairperson of Vocational Training Center for the Blind in Nakhonpathom*
- *Honorary chairperson and founder of Thailand Coral Association*
- *Chair of honorary advisors to the Catholic Association of Thailand*
- *Chair of the organizing committee of Eugenie Memorial Literacy Awards*
- *Member of the Foundation for the Blind in Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen*
- *Advisor to the Somdet Chaopraya Hospital Foundation under the Royal Patronage of H.R.H Princess Sirindhorn*
- *Member of Ramathibodi Foundation*
- *Advisor to the Zonta Club of Bangkok 8*
- *Advisor to the Business and Professional Women's Association of Thailand*
- *Administrative Member of Prince Mahidol Hall, Mahidol University*
- *Member of Queen Sirikit Health Center Club*

**d. Vision for world badminton**

*My vision is:*

- 1. B-ONE: B-Badminton, O-Organized, N-New Normal and E-Entertainment & Excitement.*
- 2. B-ONE: To be No. 1 of all sports*
- 3. B-ONE: MA united as ONE*

*We need to work together as ONE to achieve collective excellence with proper planning and managing of the events under the "new normal" circumstances while ensuring fun and excitement for all involved.*

*To make badminton a sport for all regardless of their gender, age, nationalities, races, physical and mental abilities through:*

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- *Making sport of badminton equally accessible to all people across the world in a fair and sustainable way,*
- *Promoting sport of badminton to become a more popular sport, globally,*
- *Providing support to MA of countries with limited resources,*
- *Increasing participation of MA and engagement with fans in BWF events,*
- *Strengthening MA network in order to exchange and learn from each other's best practices,*
- *Enhancing BWF representation at major international sports bodies and forums,*
- *Encouraging innovation related to sport of badminton with emphasis on sustainable development,*
- *Raising the standard of all badminton-related personnel*
- *Increasing PR activities to promote sport of badminton, raise awareness and make the sport more attractive to everyone.*

**e. Other information**

None

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**CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT PARA BADMINTON**

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**NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT PARA BADMINTON**

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There is only one candidate for this position – **Paul Kurzo**

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**Paul Kurzo**  
**Switzerland**

**Proposer: Swiss Badminton**

**Secunder (s):**

1. Lebanese Badminton Federation
2. Badminton Association of Zimbabwe
3. Uganda Badminton Association
4. Austrian Badminton Association
5. Badminton Association of Thailand
6. Guyana Badminton Association
7. Badminton Canada
8. Iran Badminton Federation
9. Cuba Badminton Federation
10. Indonesian Badminton Association
11. Badminton Sweden
12. Badminton Association of Malaysia
13. National Badminton Federation of Russia
14. Nippon Badminton Association
15. Ivory Coast Badminton Federation
16. Badminton Australia
17. Badminton New Zealand



**Born: 22 September 1963**

**Languages: German, English, French**

**a. Brief summary statement of your most relevant qualifications / experience**

- o *1992: Started and developed Wheelchair Badminton with physiotherapists during my recovery from a Paraglider accident in the rehabilitation centre.*
- o *1992 – 2006: International Para Badminton player (in wheelchair)*
- o *1996: Founded the Swiss Wheelchair Badminton section under the Swiss Paraplegic Association*
- o *1996 – 2006: Head of Wheelchair Badminton (Chair)*
- o *1999: Wrote together with B. Fryer / Switzerland the first "official/usable" Constitution for IBAD (International Badminton Association for Disabled people)*
- o *2000: Updated together with B.Fryer / Switzerland and P.Optiz / Germany the Rules and Regulations of IBAD*
- o *2000: Wrote a ranking system for IBAD*

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- *2007: Updated the ranking system with G.Kluetzke / Germany*
- *2007 – 2008: Vice President of PBWF (Para Badminton World Federation) – new name of IBAD*
- *2008 – 2011: President of PBWF*
- *2010: Started integration of PBWF in BWF with Torsten Berg / Denmark*
- *Since 2011: BWF Vice President for Para Badminton (after integration of PBWF in BWF)*
- *2014: Put in Para Badminton together with the BWF Para Badminton Commission and BWF office as a new sport in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics*
- *2020: Co-organizer of the first "combined" BWF World Championships 2020 in Basel / Switzerland and was responsible for the Para Events.*

#### **b. Badminton and other sport experience / involvement**

- *Started playing badminton at the age of 8*
- *Within 17 years, I made it to Coach Level 1 (Switzerland has a program called "Youth and Sports")*
- *10 – 12 years' experience in developing training sessions for the youth players*
- *Played regularly in the 4<sup>th</sup> highest league in Switzerland (some matches in the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest league)*
- *Have many times organized one of the traditional and oldest national tournament in Switzerland*
- *Was an international Para Badminton player (in wheelchair) from 1992 – 2006*
- *Was organizer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Swiss Para Badminton International 1998*
- *Was organizer of the Swiss Para Badminton Championships from 1996 till 2017*
- *Involved in the organization of many international tournaments, Continental and World Championships for Para Badminton*
- *Was part of the Swiss bid team for the "combined" BWF World Championships 2020 in Basel and responsible for the Para Events.*

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**c. Other relevant business, commercial, or professional experience**

- 1989 – 1992: Programmer
- 1992 – 2001: Database Engineer
- 2002 – 2006: IT Project Manager
- 2007 – now: IT Test and Project Manager

**d. Vision for world badminton**

*My biggest wish was to bring Para Badminton into the Paralympic Games programme. We have now achieved this and I hope to make our debut in the summer, twelve months later than planned.*

*My next goal is for Para Badminton to become one of the best Paralympic sports and for Badminton to be anchored in the top tier, of all Para sports, so that Badminton has a secure future in the Paralympics.*

*In addition, I would like to make Para Badminton a flagship sport in the IPC regarding: Integration of disabled athletes, coaches, officials (classifiers, TD's, Referees, Umpires etc) into an international federation (BWF) and leadership by BWF with transparency, innovation and other development of Para Badminton sport. Of course, this also applies to the "normal" badminton area.*

**e. Other information**

*If you need more information or have any suggestions for improvements in Para Badminton, please contact me. I am at your disposal.*