

IBU Press Release

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Subject: IBU Athletes Committee Election

Four athletes were elected to the IBU Athletes Committee by their fellow athletes during an election held last week at World Cup 7 in Pokljuka, Slovenia.

The new Athletes Committee will be made up of Ole Einar Björndalen (Norway), Lowell Bailey (USA), Darya Domracheva (Belarus) and Aita Gasparin (Switzerland). They will serve 4-year terms, replacing the current Committee that included Christoph Sumann (Austria), Björndalen, Olga Zaitseva (Russia) and Domracheva.

In last week's balloting, Domracheva was the top vote-getter with 82 votes, followed by 69 for Björndalen, 64 for Gasparin and 59 for Bailey. Domracheva won three Gold medals in the recently ended Sochi Olympic Winter Games. Björndalen with two Gold medals in Sochi became the most-decorated Winter Olympian of all time. Gasparin competed with her two sisters in the Olympic relay, while Bailey recorded a USA Olympic Biathlon best-ever performance with 8th place in the 20K individual.

The IBU Athletes Committee acts as a link between the active athletes and the IBU bodies as an advisor. The Athletes Committee is called upon to take care of the interests of active athletes.