

Declaration of Candidature

I, (insert name) BENT ARUND RANSTADL am submitting my candidature for the following positions with the World Curling Federation.

President (4) year term X
2 x Director (4) year term _____
1 x Director (2) year term _____

Please tick one or more positions as required.

I am a member of THE NORWEGIAN (country) Member Association.

I am not a member of the executive of my Member Association.

OR

~~I am a member of the executive of my Member Association and understand that if elected I would be required to resign from this position.~~

(please cross out the one that does not apply)

I am not an employee of my Member Association

I identify as Male X Female _____ Other _____

Signature of the Candidate

Bent Arund Ranstadv

Date 12/06/2022

CV Outline – Candidate

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Born 30.11.1967
Family Wife (Marianne) and two children
(Bendik 26 and Bettina 21)



EDUCATION

Master of Science, Norwegian Institute of Technology, 1990

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Norconsult AS (2014-present). Consultancy services within engineering, environmental services and economics. Position: Project Director for Planning and Transportation. Specializations within public transport and mobility planning, spread sheet models as an analytic tool and strategic analysis, most frequently as project leader but also as professional specialist. Clients comprises both public authorities and private sector. For the recent two years I have been assigned by the Norwegian Roads Administration as project manager for the planning process of a new 6 km highway on the outskirts of Oslo (“The E18 West Corridor Ramstadsletta–Nesbru”). This is commonly considered as the most exciting transportation and urban development project currently in Norway. The total investment is estimated to 1,3 billion USD. I’m leading an interdisciplinary consultancy team of around 150 people. Economic, social and environmentally sustainable solutions as well as innovation, digitalization, interaction and engagement with the surroundings are key success factors in the project.

COWI AS (1994-2014 incl. subsidiaries). Same business sector as Norconsult. Various leader positions and a wide variety of projects within the transport sector. One “red thread” in this company was cross border cooperation within the international company of COWI in order to establish winning teams and to enhance value creation for clients.

LOOC (Lillehammer Olympic Organizing Committee) (1992-1994). Responsible for planning and execution of transport operations for the Olympic Family in the Olympic Villages, the Accreditations Centres and IOC hotels during the Olympic Winter Games in 1994.

BOARD EXPERIENCE

Board Appointments or Directorships – Work Related

2009-2012 Board Member A/S Curlingbaner (a co ownership of the Snarøya Curling rink between the Norwegian Curling Association and three curling clubs in the Oslo area)

2008-2009	Board Member Isbjørn Arena AS (co ownership between the Norwegian Ice hockey, Skating and Curling Associations)
1999-2004	Deputy Board Member Hjellnes COWI AS
1996-1999	Board Member Hjellnes COWI AS

Board Appointments - Volunteer

2014-present	WCF Vice President Europe. Chair of the European Zonal Commission and the Governance Commission (since 2016). Board liaison for the Curling World Cup (2017-2019). Board liaison for the WCF Athlete Commission (until 2016).
2012-2014	WCF Vice President. Responsible for Marketing within the WCF Board. Also Chair of the European Zonal Commission and the WCF Athlete Commission in its early days.
2012-2016	Member of the Main Committee for the Youth Olympic Games 2016 in Lillehammer
2011-2014	Member of the first WCF Governance Commission.
2009-2012	President of the Norwegian Curling Association, including national and international representation of the association (ECF and WCF representative).
2008-2009	Vice President of the Norwegian Curling Association.

SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

Top 3 skills related to WCF Board Skill Matrix:

- Project Management
- High Performance Team member
- Stakeholder Relations

CURLING EXPERIENCE

Curling record (as player)

Type	Played	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Games	Wins	Losses
OG	2	1	0	0	20	14	6
WCC	8	0	1	2	85	49	36
WJCC	1	0	0	0	10	5	5
WSCC	2	0	0	0	14	9	5
ECC	6	1	1	1	50	32	18
	19	2	2	3	179	109	70

National Championships (titles only): 5 Men's, 1 Mixed, 1 Single's, 2 Seniors and 1 Juniors.

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

Language	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Norwegian	Mother tongue		
English	Very good	Excellent	Excellent
German	Fair	Good	Fair

My pledge: ONE WCF

Dear curling friends!

I've lived and breathed curling throughout my entire life. I firmly believe in the Spirit of Curling and what it represents, not just on the ice, but in life itself.

My international experience as an athlete ranges from World Junior to World Seniors Curling Championships, including several Worlds and Europeans. The pinnacle of my curling career is, of course, the Gold Medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City together with the legendary Team Trulsen.

The Olympic Gold represented a life changing experience as an athlete, but it has also shaped my tenure as a WCF Vice President for the last 10 years. In 2013 I was tasked by the Board to establish the first WCF Athlete Commission, a Commission I chaired the first year. I firmly believe in the importance of a strong athlete voice in the WCF. My Olympic endeavor and subsequent organization work will be the greatest assets I will bring to the table if I should have the honor of being elected as the new president for the WCF.

Without a strong team you will never be a successful curling player. My clear ambition, should I be elected your new President, is to focus on building strong teams – with all the Member Associations, within the WCF Board and team building with key external stakeholders. Together we are stronger. As your President, I will set a clear direction, I will mobilize – and I will deliver by nurturing strong teams to develop and flourish.

Within international sports nothing can be taken for granted. We must navigate in an ever-shifting landscape. WCF must be agile, strong, and flexible in order to adapt and make the changes which will be required of us. We need to respect traditions, but at the same time be open-minded for new and innovative ideas. Our organization must be in the driving seat of meeting the challenges of the future, rather than being the object of forced change. However, any change shall always be rooted in core values such as good governance, transparency, democracy, integrity, diversity, inclusiveness, and fair play. All which is well rooted in the Spirit of Curling.

One needed change I believe in, is to allow more teams to compete in WCF championships – simply to be relevant for a constantly increasing World Curling Family and to adapt to the situation with even more high performing teams and nations all around the world. I also firmly believe in increased consistency between our various events. Especially, I find it unreasonable to see juniors finishing 8th or even 7th in the Junior World Championships being relegated. The juniors are the future of our sport and should be protected as well as being inspired for future endeavors.

The current President, our dear friend Kate, has done a tremendous job in strengthening the position of the WCF towards key stakeholders in the sports world. This has been of vital importance for where the sport of curling is today, especially regarding our position as an Olympic and Paralympic sport. I will continue to further enhance and strengthen these relations. To have a continuous and proactive dialogue with the IOC will be one of my main priorities, shall I be elected President.

My dear curling friends. Through dedicated teamwork, willingness to change and through a firm dedication to our core values, I believe that WCF has the brightest of futures. It would be a great honor to serve as your new President. Together we shall preserve ONE WCF.

With my best personal regards,



Bent Ånund Ramsfjell



To whom it may concern

Oslo 12th June 2022

Letter of endorsement – Bent Ånund Ramsfjell

Bent Ånund Ramsfjell has served ten years as Vice President in World Curling Federation.

Before that, he served one year as Vice President and three years as President for the Norwegian Curling Federation (NCF).

During his time as the President in NCF he contributed significantly to a notable increase in members as well increase in new dedicated curling rinks and curling clubs.

His long and dedicated work for curling both at national and international level gives him a unique political perspective and experience.

In addition, he brings long term experience as a curling athlete at top international level during many years.

The Norwegian Curling Federation hereby give Bent Ånund Ramsfjell our full and wholehearted support as candidate for the Presidency of the World Curling Federation.

Dagfinn Loen
President
Norwegian Curling Association

To whom it may concern

Oslo, 13th of June, 2022

Letter of endorsement – Bent Ånund Ramsfjell

The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports is pleased to confirm our full support to the nomination of Mr. Bent Ånund Ramsfjell for the position as President of the World Curling Federation.

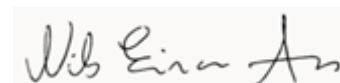
Mr. Ramsfjell is one of the most respected Norwegian winter sport athletes of all times, with the gold medal from the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games 2002 as his most prolific achievement. Moreover, Mr Ramsfjell is also a highly trusted and capable sports administrator. His contribution to the impressive development of curling in Norway has indeed been substantial.

We truly believe that Mr. Ramsfjell, with his extensive experience as both a high performance athlete and sports administrator – on the national and international scene – will be a tremendous asset for the World Curling Federation as President. And we wish Mr. Ramsfjell all the best in his future endeavours.

Best regards,



Berit Kjøll
President



Nils Einar Aas
Secretary General