



MEMBERS

As of August 2013 the OPF membership included –

- Australia
- Fiji
- Marshall Islands
- Nauru
- New Zealand
- Niue
- New Caledonia
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa

Tahiti

Tonga

Kiribati (Provisional)

Tuvalu (Provisional)

Note that --

- e) From 2012 to 2013 Papua New Guinea has been reformed under the guidance of the PNG National Olympic Committee.
- ii New Caledonia has established a new Committee which has resumed effective communications with the OPF after internal difficulties up to 2012/3.
- iii Kiribati & Tuvalu remain as divisions of their NOCs and thus difficult to categorize within the IPF system.

ADMINISTRATION

Elections in December 2012 established the office-bearers of the IPF as --

President & IPF Board Member	Robert Wilks
Vice President	Julian Perry
Secretary	Pam Cutjar
Treasurer	Steve Lousich
Committee	Jason Wharton
Committee	Aitken Fruen
Recordkeeper	John Myers
Referees Director	Pam Cutjar
WebMaster	Wing Ho

COMPETITION

- **Oceania Raw Championships, Sydney Australia December 2012** – this event overcame some administrative difficulties to succeed with 145 lifters from 78 nations. 3 World Records were set, by lifters from Australia and Nauru, the latter being a first for that nation
- **Pacific Raw Invitational, Melbourne, March 2013** – this is a one-session international event, which has become a fixture and draws a significant live & streaming audience and this year, mainstream television. In 2013 two USA lifters took part, as well as lifters from

Niue, Nauru, Papua New Guinea and Samoa. Three World Records were set, bringing on unparalleled government recognition from the nations concerned, esp. Nauru and Samoa.

FUTURE EVENTS

- **December 2013 combined Oceania & Commonwealth Championships (Raw, Equipped & all age groups)** - will be held in Auckland New Zealand. Australia already has 150 lifters entered and New Zealand nearly 100 and this will be the largest event ever held in Oceania
- **March 2014 Pacific Raw Invitational** – will once again be held in Melbourne
- **December 2014 Oceania Championships** – will be held most likely in Melbourne; there is a proposal to combine this with the Asian Raw Championships
- **July 2015 Pacific Games** – will feature Powerlifting, in Port Moresby Papua New Guinea. This is the biggest sporting event in the Region and Powerlifting is privileged to be included.

ANTI-DOPING

Australia and New Zealand have for many years now had very strong, government supported testing programmes, with ICT, OCT, comprehensive Whereabouts systems and urine and blood testing.

In 2012 Australia had one positive, for methylhexanamine and New Zealand three positives, for cannabis and methylhexanamine.

Testing in the Island nations remains somewhat sporadic and competition-focused. Dialogue with the WADA RADO remains our most hopeful avenue for improving this situation.

Notable in Australia has been extensive law enforcement activity and associated publicity re criminal involvement in sports drugs. In all this Powerlifting Australia and the IPF have generally been acknowledged as organizations attempting to uphold anti-doping in sports.

DEVELOPMENT

Great distances between nations, difficulties with communications and limited resources in small nations are eternal problems in Oceania. However in 2012/13 –

7. Papua New Guinea sent a squad of 13 to Melbourne in March to complete our Level 1 Coaching accreditation and also national referee training
8. Australia continue to develop greatly in size via the growth of Raw lifting, with 2013 membership triple that of 2010; similar trends were evident in Nauru, Samoa and New Zealand.
9. Although actually in the Asian region, Singapore liaise with the Australian federation in acquiring equipment and conducting its first National Championships; Singapore will apply for formal IPF membership in 2013/14.