



IPC GOVERNING BOARD BIOGRAPHY

- **Name:** Andrew Parsons
- **IPC position:** President
- **Elected:** 2009 as Member at Large; 2013 as Vice President; 2017, 2021 and 2025 as President
- **Nationality:** Brazilian
- **Languages spoken:** English, Portuguese, Spanish
- **Social media channels:** [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#)



Andrew Parsons is serving his third and final term as President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) having originally been elected to the role in September 2017.

During his time as IPC President, Parsons has strengthened the IPC's relationship with the IOC and secured a long-term partnership with them through to 2032. He successfully led the Paralympic Movement through the pandemic and has overseen the successful delivery of the PyeongChang 2018, Tokyo 2020, Beijing 2022 and Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games were the "most spectacular" in history attracting a record number of National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) and athletes. The Games also set new benchmarks in terms of sport performance, broadcasting and impact, with both the French government and City of Paris investing heavily into initiatives that will advance the lives of persons with disabilities.

As President, Parsons has changed the strategic direction of the IPC to not just focus on strengthening member organisations and delivering exceptional Paralympic Games, but to showcase the impact the Paralympic Movement's activities have on driving social inclusion. This resulted in the launch of the IPC's first Impact Strategy in 2025.

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As part of the IPC's Impact efforts, Parsons has ensured a significant increase into Para sport development initiatives that benefit IPC members. This was after he secured a four-year grant agreement with the Toyota Mobility Foundation to deliver the Sport for Mobility programme.

Before becoming IPC President, he served as IPC Vice President (2013-2017) and IPC Governing Member (2009-2013).

He was also the President of the Americas Paralympic Committee from 2005-2009.

The Brazilian has been active in Paralympic sports in his home country for many years and started his Paralympic career as an intern for the Brazilian Paralympic Committee. He progressed through the ranks and became Secretary General of the National Paralympic Committee in 2001. He was the Chef de Mission of the Brazilian team at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games. Between 2009 and 2017, he was President of the Brazilian Paralympic Committee and left the organisation as one of the top performing NPCs in the Paralympic Movement.

He is an IOC Member and represents the IPC on the IOC Revenues and Commercial Partnerships Commissions, and IOC Future Host Commission for the Games of the Olympiad. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Olympic Channel.

He is a Commander of the Order of Rio Branco, the highest distinction given by the President of the Republic of Brazil, and lives in Brasilia, Brazil.

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