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UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION

93rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Orlando, Florida

Hilton Orlando, Florida
March 14, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Reported by Debra K. Resling, RMR, CRR

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<td>PRESIDENT GULATI: Please take your seats. We will start in 60 seconds.</td>
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<td>Thank you. Welcome to the National Council meeting of our annual general meeting.</td>
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<td>Obviously, welcome back to Orlando, here with the Federation or on your own. And certainly, many of us, welcome to Disneyworld, and I don't mean the National Council meeting.</td>
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<td>We will keep these remarks real short, and the meeting will be dictated by issues that we may have from the floor.</td>
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<td>The first order of business after welcoming you and thanking all of those that have been part of putting this together, whether that's our state associations or many of you, we should take a moment of silence for those that we have lost and have been part of the Federation and our various members over the last year, please.</td>
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<td>(Moment of silence.)</td>
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<td>PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you. Our vice-president, Mike Edwards will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.</td>
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<td>(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)</td>
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<td>PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Kepner, roll call and report of the Credentials Committee.</td>
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<td>We will very, very soon know the length of this meeting. Now to you, Bob.</td>
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<td>MR. KEPNER: I will offer my own welcome to the state of Florida. I always like to start out by giving my thanks and congratulations, and it's very appropriately placed, to the staff of U.S. Soccer. I said last year that they'd outdone themselves in preparing for last year's annual general meeting and the surrounding activities. They've outdone even last year's performance, so I again ask you to give them a round of applause for the job that they've done.</td>
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<td>(Applause.)</td>
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<td>MR. KEPNER: I have several functions when I come before you at this time. One is certainly to present the roll call. A second one is to present the Credentials Committee report. As part of the process, I like to always explain very briefly the system that we use and what the committee does in advance of this particular event.</td>
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<td>We know that we have various entities here, essentially five different groups. We have the Youth Council that is a component, the Adult Council as a component, the Professional Council as a component. We have other members, BOD, life members and such. And then we have the Athletes' Council as well.</td>
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<td>Those are the five essential elements, and historically, we need to balance out the voting effect of the youth, professional and adults, so one of the things that we do is establish who has registered for this particular event. The standard is registration, and so registration was terminated yesterday afternoon late.</td>
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<td>We tabulate and determine who has registered, and then figure out mathematically a way of balancing out the effect of those three councils. We add the effect of those three -- and I will be giving you the numbers shortly -- add to those, to that sum the effect of the other members that I have already stated, obtain another number, and that, in effect, becomes, essentially, 80 percent of the total vote on the National Council.</td>
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<td>The remaining group is the group of athletes, the Athletes' Council. That weight must have at least 20 percent of the total effect, so we go through a little mathematical process and figure that out. So that just gives an explanation as to the process.</td>
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<td>The next thing I will do is go through the roll call. I will go all the way through, check as I go. If there's an organization that fails to respond, I will take note of that, and when I finish the first reading of the roll call, I will go through and identify those -- and call out those organizations one more time. If those organizations fail to answer &quot;present&quot; or &quot;here,&quot; then one of the members of the Credentials Committee will go to that spot for that organization, pick up the name tag and the keypads, carry them over to the location over to the side. It doesn't deprive that organization or the delegates of their opportunity to</td>
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participate if they happen to show up. So if a neighboring organization, neighboring delegates, if they show up late, just tell those folks to go on over and pick up their keypads and their name tag or their name card.

I'm going to start out with the Adult Council. If the organization is here, please say "here." And say it loudly enough to make sure that an old man standing up here can hear it clearly. Say "here" or "present."

(The following represents the roll call being called by Bob Kepner; the answers by the respective parties.)

Q. Alabama?
A. Here.

Q. This is Adults. Alaska?
A. Here.

Q. Arizona?
A. Here.

Q. Arkansas?
A. Here.

Q. California North?
A. Here.

Q. Connecticut?

Q. Florida?
A. Here.

Q. Georgia?
A. Here.

Q. Hawaii?
A. Here.

Q. Idaho?
A. Here.

Q. Illinois?
A. Here.

Q. Indiana?
A. Here.

Q. Iowa?
A. Here.

Q. Kansas?
A. Here.

Q. Kentucky?
A. Here.

Q. Louisiana?
A. Here.

Q. Maryland?
A. Here.

Q. Massachusetts?
A. Here.

Q. Metro D.C./Virginia?
A. Here.

Q. Michigan?
A. Present.

Q. Minnesota?
A. Here.

Q. Mississippi?
A. Here.

Q. Missouri?
A. Here.

Q. Montana?
A. Here.

Q. Nebraska?
A. (No response.)

Q. Nevada?
A. Here.

Q. New Hampshire?
A. Here.

Q. New Jersey?
A. Here.

Q. New Mexico?
A. Here.

Q. New York East?
A. Here.

Q. New York West?

A. Here.

Q. North Carolina?
A. Here.

Q. Ohio North?
A. Here.

Q. Ohio South?
A. Here.

Q. Oklahoma?
A. Here.

Q. Oregon?
A. Here.

Q. Pennsylvania East?
A. Here.

Q. Pennsylvania West?
A. Here.

Q. Rhode Island?
A. Here.

Q. South Carolina?
A. Here.

Q. Tennessee?
A. Here.

Q. Texas North?
A. Here.

Q. Texas South?
A. Here.

A. Here.
Q. Utah?
A. Here.
Q. Vermont?
A. Here.
Q. Washington?
A. Here.
Q. West Virginia?
A. Here.
Q. Vermont?
A. Here.
Q. Wisconsin?
A. Here.
Q. AYSO Adult League?
A. Here.
Q. United Soccer Leagues?
A. Here.
I go to the Youth Council now.
State associations.

Q. Alabama?
A. (No response.)
Q. Alaska.
A. Here.
Q. Arkansas?
A. Here.
Q. California North?
A. Present.
Q. California South?
A. Here.
Q. Colorado?
A. Here.
Q. Connecticut?
A. Here.
Q. Delaware?
A. Here.
Q. Georgia?
A. Here.
Q. Hawaii?
A. Here.
Q. Idaho?
A. Here.
Q. Illinois?
A. Here.
Q. Indiana?
A. Here.
Q. Iowa?
A. Here.
Q. Kansas?
A. Here.
Q. Kentucky?
A. Here.
Q. Louisiana?
A. Here.
Q. Massachusetts?
A. Here.
Q. And somehow I skipped over Maryland. I apologize. Maryland?
A. Here.
Q. Michigan?
A. Here.
Q. Minnesota?
A. Here.
Q. Mississippi?
A. Here.
Q. Missouri?
A. Here.
Q. Montana?
A. Here.
Q. Nebraska?
A. (No response.)
Q. New Hampshire?
A. Here.
Q. New Jersey?
A. Here.
Q. New Mexico?
A. Here.
Q. New York East?
A. Here.
Q. New York West?
A. Here.
Q. New York East?
A. Here.
Q. North Carolina?
A. Here.
Q. North Dakota?
A. Here.
Q. North Texas?
A. Here.
Q. Ohio North?
A. Here.
Q. Ohio South?
A. Here.
Q. Oklahoma?
A. Here.
Q. Oregon?
A. Here.
Q. Pennsylvania East?
A. Here.
Q. Pennsylvania West?
A. Here.
Q. Rhode Island?
A. Here.
Q. South Carolina?
A. Here.
Q. South Dakota?
A. Here.
Q. South Texas?
A. Here.
Q. Tennessee?
A. Here.
Q. Utah?
A. Here.
Q. Vermont?
A. Here.
Q. Virginia?
A. Here.
Q. Washington?
A. Present.
Q. West Virginia?
A. Here.
Q. Wisconsin?
A. Here.

Q. AYSO?
A. Here.
MR. KEPNER: I do want to mention as a side note that there were state organization that had not registered, so I did not read their names.
Now, we will proceed to the Professional Council, representing Major League Soccer.
Q. Jeff Agoos.
A. Year.
Q. Mike Burns?
A. Yes.
Q. Russell Sargeant?
A. Here.
Q. Neil Shaw?
A. (No response.)
Q. Jose Galvan?
A. (No response.)
Q. Jimmy Morris?
A. (No response.)
Q. Beverly Marcos?
A. Here.
Q. Neels VanWyk?
A. Here.

A. Here.
Q. Representing the United Soccer Leagues. Lee Cohen?
A. Here.
Q. Amanda Duffy?
A. Here.
Q. Chris Economides?
A. Here.
Q. Tim Holt?
A. Here.
Q. Matthew Weibe?
A. Here.
Q. Representing the Athletes Council.
Marcelo Balboa?
A. Here.
Q. Cindy Cone?
A. Here.
Q. Mark Dodd?
A. Here.
Q. Lorrie Fair?
A. Here.
Q. Danielle Fotopolos?
A. Here.
Q. Kelly Lindsey.
A. (No response.)
Q. Tiffany Sahaydak.

Q. Jeff Agoos.
A. Year.
Q. Mike Burns?
A. Yes.
Q. Russell Sargeant?
A. Here.
Q. Neil Shaw?
A. (No response.)
Q. Jose Galvan?
A. (No response.)
Q. Jimmy Morris?
A. (No response.)
Q. Beverly Marcos?
A. Here.
Q. Neels VanWyk?
A. Here.
Q. Representing the United Soccer Leagues. Lee Cohen?
A. Here.
Q. Amanda Duffy?
A. Here.
Q. Chris Economides?
A. Here.
Q. Tim Holt?
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Q. Matthew Weibe?
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Q. Representing the Athletes Council.
Marcelo Balboa?
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Q. Cindy Cone?
A. Here.
Q. Mark Dodd?
A. Here.
Q. Lorrie Fair?
A. Here.
Q. Danielle Fotopolos?
A. Here.
Q. Kelly Lindsey.
A. (No response.)
Q. Tiffany Sahaydak.

A. Here.
Q. Jeff Agoos.
A. Here.
Q. Mike Burns?
A. Yes.
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A. Here.
Q. Cindy Cone?
A. Here.
Q. Mark Dodd?
A. Here.
Q. Lorrie Fair?
A. Here.
Q. Danielle Fotopolos?
A. Here.
Q. Kelly Lindsey.
A. (No response.)
Q. Tiffany Sahaydak.

Q. Representing, in the national associations category, USASA, Valerie Blanchenay?
A. Here.
Q. AYSO, Jeff Stern?
A. Here.
Q. USYSA, Evelyn Gill?
A. Here.
Q. In the National Affiliates category, Super Y League?
A. Here.
Q. U.S. Club Soccer?
A. Here.
Q. Life members.
Gianfranco Borroni?
A. Here.
Q. Chris Christoffersen.
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<td>Q. Hank desBordes?</td>
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<td>Q. Peter Masotto.</td>
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<td>A. (No response.)</td>
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<td>Q. Harry Foster?</td>
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<td>Q. Darl Rose?</td>
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<td>Q. Howard Rubenstein?</td>
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<td>Q. Hank Steinbrecher?</td>
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<td>Q. Board of Directors.</td>
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<td>Carlos Cordeiro?</td>
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<td>A. Here.</td>
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<td>Q. Amanda Cromwell?</td>
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<td>Q. Mike Edwards?</td>
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<td>Q. Don Garber?</td>
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<td>Q. Sunil Gulati?</td>
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<td>Nebraskan? Not here.</td>
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<td>Now, as to the multipliers -- and you might be interested in writing</td>
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<td>these down.</td>
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<td>First of all, 267 delegates from the Youth Council. That's the largest</td>
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<td>group.</td>
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<td>That's what every one of the others have to be balanced out to.</td>
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<td>The Adult Council, 177.</td>
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<td>Now, the multiplier for Youth Council, obviously, 1.00. The Adult Council</td>
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<td>multiplier is 1.51. If you were to multiply 1.51 by the 177 delegates,</td>
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<td>you would reach the Number 267, so equally weighted.</td>
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<td>Professional Council, 13 delegates.</td>
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<td>The weighting, 20.54. If you were to multiply 20.54 by 13, you would</td>
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<td>reach the number 267.</td>
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<td>Added to that, there are 33 other life members; life members and</td>
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<td>national BOD, the other category.</td>
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<td>The total weighted vote of those three groups, 267, 267, 267, and 33</td>
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<td>adds up to 834.</td>
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<td>The Athlete delegates' weighted vote is 209. That number must be no</td>
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<td>less than 20 percent of the total composite votes.</td>
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<td>Total votes, 1043.</td>
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<td>If all delegates were to vote, a simple majority would require 522</td>
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<td>votes.</td>
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<td>All of us here assembled know the odds of that are remote, because not</td>
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<td>everybody ends up voting in every particular situation.</td>
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<td>So it's really -- when we end up with a simple majority or a two-thirds</td>
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<td>situation, it's based on the simple majority of that vote and the</td>
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<td>situation with the two-thirds as well. If all delegates vote, a two-</td>
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<td>thirds majority would require 696 votes.</td>
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<td>Now, there are some other matters with respect to the action of the</td>
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<td>Credentials.</td>
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Committee. One has to do with the membership of an organization and its voting here on the floor. Through an inadvertent oversight in the bylaws, it has come to our attention that the membership category of "disabled service organization" was not listed under the bylaw providing for voting in this assembly. A new member, U.S. Power Soccer, was admitted to membership in U.S. Soccer this year, in accordance with the proper method, and "Disabled Service Organization" is listed as one of the categories of membership. That's in Bylaw 301, as I recall. In Bylaw 302, which gives votes to individual delegates and to organizations, that particular classification was left out. The Credentials Committee regards this as an oversight, and a formal motion bylaw modification will be proposed for the next Annual General Meeting, but the Credentials Committee has included it in its report, giving a vote to the delegate from U.S. Power Soccer under that classification for this particular meeting.

If there's no objection to that, that is the Credential Committee's report from that particular matter. If I hear no objection. Hearing no objection, that will be the conclusion -- the result of the Credentials Committee report on that matter. (Report accepted.) Now, there is another matter that came before the Credentials Committee. An Adult Council action was taken changing the basis for the distribution of delegates within the council ostensibly to have an effect here. It changed the basis for giving of votes to the membership. In USSF -- USSF bylaws, the principle of proportionality exists whereby votes are allocated based on player registration to state associations and other members of the Adult Council. The requested change, the basis for the vote, has been denied by the Credentials Committee. And so it will remain exactly as it always has been in recent years. I now ask for a motion to approve the Credentials Committee report.

Next order of business is the Annual General Meeting, but the Credentials Committee report on that matter. (Applause.) Welcome again. And before we make a very special presentation, I want to welcome all the delegates, especially our life members, but three people, in particular, staying on with us in various capacities, but really a record of service within the organization for a long time. And Brad Hays this weekend will be stepping down as chairman of the Foundation. He's been chairman and on the Foundation from Day One, obviously, been involved in the Federation, state president for quite a long time, so I would like to give a special recognition to Brad, who is in the back. Thank you.

(President GULATI:) And two newcomers to the meeting, but certainly not to the soccer family. As most of you know, and I will talk about it in a few minutes, we are bidding to host the World Cup in 2018 and 2022. Mrs. Derflinger is advised that she will have 63 years of marriage at that particular World Cup, and will still be "Mrs." I want to recognize David Downs, who is executive director of our World Cup bid effort. David, where are you?

David is -- crosses those two bridges -- as a successful business person who had been president of Univision Sports for a number of years, senior vice-president of ABC,
had a son that played, coaches youth soccer, plays, and you name it, so he is truly a member of the broad soccer family.

Three years ago when we passed -- when we changed our bylaws and the scope of the Board and the council, we added independent directors. And at that time in Las Vegas, there was some concern that we would be adding insiders, so to speak. And I think what I said in Las Vegas, the sort of people we were looking for were CEOs, ambassadors, university presidents I used as an example. Last year, we completed that process, and added a third of our independent directors.

It would be hard for us to add anyone of a higher stature, more impressive credentials than the last of three executive -- independent directors, so I really want to give a warm welcome to her first AGM, Dr. Donna Shalala, a member of the Clinton administration's cabinet, current president of the University of Miami, past chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, and a résumé that would take far too long to go through, so, Donna, welcome.

Also a huge sports and soccer fan. She's obviously run some major sports departments at those universities, and we got to spend a little time at the Olympics together, so it's a great pleasure to have you with us, Donna.

Last year, we wanted to also recognize a friend who was unable to join us in Hawaii, Bill Goaziou, for really a lifetime of service to the sport. And since Bill couldn't travel to Hawaii, we decided we would recognize him here, personally, in his home state and virtually his hometown. And that had been the intention. Unfortunately, as most of you know, Bill can't join us today. We lost him last year after a lengthy illness and battle for which he still came to games; the last time, I think, I saw him was at the Disney Show Case Classic.

A great friend to the organization, our treasurer for 12 years, and I believe the longest-serving officer in the history of the organization -- and that's a long history. An extraordinary guy, a guy that was great at 11:30 to have a drink with and chat about -- to talk about the game, believed in every aspect of the game, professional soccer, youth soccer, where he really had his roots, and was a great friend to many of you. And those that are new to the Federation annual meeting in the last year or two, if you would have gotten to know Bill, you would have liked him. He was a true friend of the sport and a true friend personally.

In Bill's honor, we have asked his wife, Janice, to come, and she is here, and we want to make a special presentation to Janice. And I would like to ask Larry Monaco and Mike McDaniels to join me, two dear friends as well of Bill's, for that presentation. Janice, if you can come up, and Mike and Larry, please.

(Please, standing ovations.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: Billy would appreciate that Janice's view is that the Goaziou family have used all their eligible words at AGM, so she's not going to speak. And those of you that knew Billy know what I'm talking about. Let me make a few remarks -- but before we start that, let me give you a few remarks on the screen, a few highlights from the last year and our various programs and especially our national team programs, so we'll go to a quick video.

(Video shown.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: Terrific.

Let me talk a little bit about some of the things that have happened over the last year and some of the things that we want to see happen over the next few years, and I will go through the comments about some of our successes pretty quickly, because they're quite visual in what we just saw and far better than any words I could use to describe them.

In terms of on the field, our national teams, men and women, had the best year ever, in terms of their records. Bob Bradley's record right now, as the national team coach over the last two and a half years, is the best in the history of the United States for anyone that's coached more than two games. Our women's teams obviously won the Under-20 World Cup and the Olympic gold medal. The men's team is in the final, and we will talk about some of these other programs in just a little bit.

Record-breaking year on the men's side. Back-to-back victories in Europe for the
first time. There is no one in the world that played England, Spain and Argentina in a 10-day period, not at the World Cup or anywhere else. We did that. As it turns out, as most of you know, we don't play in Cuba very often. We'll take a look at some pictures from Cuba there. We were successful there. Six consecutive shutouts from the men's team and a win a few weeks ago against Mexico, which is the highlight of any year in my household.

MLS with a 14th season. No longer is anyone asking whether MLS is going to make it or whether men's soccer will make it. A few pictures from Spain and England where our team played down the road back to back.

It's hard for me to call this the mecca of soccer, since we're bidding against England for the World Cup, but it's a nice little stadium. You would perhaps play a preliminary game there before you moved to one of the American stadiums for the real World Cup.

Argentina match, a giant stadium, a number of you were there, especially from Region 1.

77,000 people, a very warm day. The governor of New Jersey, the two U.S. senators from New Jersey joined us, and no Argentine goals joined us on the day, a zero-zero draw where Tim Howard was sensational in goal.

A multi-million-dollar profit, a great result against one of the best teams in the world, live television coverage. And we're a long way away from where we were 20 years ago. All in the same day. Sam's army, which some of you have seen, some of you have been under that flag, you won't admit it here, but that's okay also.

The Mexico match. February 11th, World Cup qualifier. Columbus, cold, wind, rain, exactly the conditions we had requested. Sold out in 75 minutes. This was not a soccer game. This was a commercial. We had 11 million people watch this game at one time or another. 11 million people. There is nothing we can do from a marketing perspective, from a television commercial perspective, from frankly, even a winning games perspective, than what this can achieve.

So in front of 11 million people,

many of them Hispanic-Americans, the biggest audience was on Univision, live on Univision and ESPN, and that Univision audience, as David has continued to tell me, in his old job, would have been much bigger if we had played at a later time, because the West Coast, it was only 4:00 when we kicked off, and that's not exactly prime time on the West Coast, but 11 million people saw the U.S. team beat Mexico, play well doing it, an American-born and raised, bred, coach's son, ODP, Bradenton player, scored both goals.

Pretty great commercial for everything that people in this room and others have been involved in for a long time.

Quick visit to Cuba, since, at least for now, most of us can't go there, unless we're going with the U.S. team, and we were all hoping that Cuba might sneak into the second round so we could visit again. We had a number of fans -- I don't know if we have a picture of them in this picture -- that went, painted their faces, went -- since Dr. Shalala is not a member of the current government -- went, I believe, on an educational mission, cultural reasons, but didn't want to be photographed in their work.

And it is a different world, literally. And we thought we would show you a little bit of that. This is not a picture from The Godfather. It's Cuba today.

I think that's Dan Flynn in the back, actually, there. The taxi was too much, so he decided to hitch a ride. More of Cuba.

The women's team. I get goose bumps watching some of those videos. 33, 1 and 2 for the year. Gold medal obviously, after being -- I wasn't embarrassed by it, but I think some of our players were, by Brazil a year earlier. I'm never embarrassed of our teams. To come back and beat Brazil, the favorites, the team of Marta, certainly the overwhelming favorites in the game, to go to China without, what many would consider, our most dominant player -- I won't say best, most dominant, certainly our most dominant gold scorer, Abby Wambach, hurt a week before we were supposed to leave, a broken leg. To go there and beat Brazil after losing the opening game in the tournament, a year after the story from the Women's World Cup had been a controversy involving our goalkeeper, and our coach's decision to go there and win was
extraordinary, and really a highlight for the
year.

Pia Sundhage -- so the story went
from controversy on backup goalkeeper, or
goalkeeper, to a coach, a Swedish coach who
sings to the American players apparently. She
hasn't done it in front of us yet, but we're
trying.

Our national youth teams. Most of
these players playing on those two teams were
playing in ODP, in a couple of cases are still
playing in ODP, because they're 17s or 18s.

Unbeaten on the Under-20 side; you
saw the gold medal. Silver medal on the
Under-17 side in the inaugural tournament.

Heather O'Riley, on behalf of women's soccer
around the world, accepted a FIFA presidential
medal at the FIFA gala a couple of months ago
for our performances last year.

Terrific year. And we have
people -- and I don't mean this in a negative
way -- our own, members of our own staff, and so
on are disappointed that we didn't get the
Trifecta. That's the standard of our women's
team and our women's program. We are still the

world leaders in that. Brazil is extraordinary
at the senior national team level, but the last
two Olympic gold medal games have had U.S.
players on the highest of the three stands.

And some of you in the room know
some of these players because they play on your
teams.

Player development, refereeing coach
development continue to be really at the
forefront of everything we do. The Academy
program had its first finals this past year.

Many Academy programs into our -- in our youth
national teams.

A terrific new team, frankly, that
we found out about in many ways, LAFC, with an
interesting story and a self-funded program with
a benefactor.

Diversity, something I have talked
about from Day One, as being important, we're
finding more players in places and in
communities that we have, perhaps, not looked as
hard in before. We hired our first Hispanic
head coach for any of our age-group competition
teams, Wilmer Cabrera, played for the Colombia
national team in the World Cup.

preparing for our team to go to the World Cup,
for which we have not qualified yet, to look at
accommodations, security, transportation issues.

We have had a number of missions in
conjunction with the State Department all of the
world. We showed you some of those pictures
last year. Some that are planned, more that are
coming forward. And go back to this one, Glenn
Myernick, in that bottom left-hand picture, in
one of his last soccer activities in Africa,
when we lost Glenn two years ago.

Our referee program. Lots of
discussion to have on there. The emphasis,
perhaps, came after some discussions we've had
recently -- the slide in any case -- and we know
we've got lots more to do there, especially with
our broadest base of young referees, training
and so on. We will have some things to say and
discuss on that front.

The media. Cornerstone. It's the
way we get our message across. And that is in
any number of different ways, whether it's
television, Twitter -- and there was no doubt
somebody in the room, a referee probably,
twittering someone, saying, hey, they just

Our Web site is in Spanish. More
courses in Spanish and materials in Spanish.
And our changing Board composition, it's not a
coincidence that we added three extraordinarily
talented and gifted independent Board members,
but they also brought a little diversity to our
Board, and from my perspective and I think many
of yours' perspective, it needed, and, frankly,
that's something we're very proud of. And we've
got a lot more to do in this area. And

International relations, we're an
extraordinary affluent country, and there's many
places in the organization that we are world
leaders. It may not be that on the men's side
on the field, no one is going to be looking to
us, yet, but in many other areas, we are world
leaders. We've conducted a workshop for all the
CONCACAF countries -- Mexico included, Canada
included -- came to see how we manage our
national team program, administration, and so
on. Tom King, manager-director of our national
team program, is in South Africa, I think, Dan,
for the fifth time, maybe the sixth, in
showed this video, and the guy was offside on the goal. Did you see that? We checked. It was okay. We knew the referee in that game. More importantly, looking a little bit forward as to some of the things that we're going to try to do this year and beyond, in the areas that you see here, we've highlighted from Day One, our teams and successes on the field, coaches, referees, players, how do we get that message out on the media side, and how do we finance that, the commercial side. We have been fortunate in that aspect.

Men's national team coming up, big change year, World Cup qualification, nine games in World Cup qualifying. Three games at a minimum in the Gold Cup and Confederations Cup, so at least 16 official games, virtually anyone else in the world, and hopefully 20 or 21 or 22 official games. And we've got the Gold Cup on our own shores this year across the country in 13 venues, the likelihood that there's a World Cup game close to most of you, is pretty high, and that CONCACAF has decided to play in 13 venues in July.

The women's team. Big year, big development.

Continuation of what we've been doing. We will do more of it. It's an important program.

Referees and coaches, some of the things that we have been doing and that we'll be continuing, and obviously an emphasis on the referee discussions, but also on the coaching discussions that we've started to have with some of you and some of your DOCs last week, in the youth case, in San Jose.

And then there's this other little tournament we thought about hosting. We've announced that we're going to bid for the World Cup in 2018 and 2022. It would be hard to overemphasize what that can do for the sport.

It would be hard to not know what the '94 World Cup did for the sport and the '99 World Cup did for the sport, in 2003 on the women's side in a slightly different way because of the lead-up time.

We'll talk about that.

It's a chance in 1994, when we hosted this big event. Launched MLS, launched a number of soccer-specific stadiums. There was a growth in participation numbers immediately after the World Cup, which was concentrated in many cases in venues which had hosted World Cup games. There is a connection between what we do at youth level and the senior men's and or women's national team.

It's empirical, it's provable, testable, and everything else.

We've got another chance over the next two years, and everything we're going to do in our bid, and David is on board with this, and so is our Board of Directors, we're going to spend some significant money bidding for the World Cup. But we don't want to be just bidding for the World Cup. We want to have a program over the next two years that promotes everything we do, and David and others will be reaching out to the entire soccer family to embrace what we can do and see how we can further -- whether it's at a professional level or at a youth level and everything in between.

And if we actually get this -- and we are not going in with anything but a complete confidence, not a complacency, but a confidence that we will host the World Cup in 2018 or 2022.
mission. And we've been through this before. And we will deliver a phenomenal document. We have had a big change in the White House which, for this particular project, it's a huge plus. We won't get into any politics here, but there is no doubt that the image of the country has changed dramatically in the last six months. That's a plus for us. There's probably some other reasons that it changed, may be good or bad, we could disagree about that, but on this front, it's a positive. And it's the United States. We don't have to spend one dollar having people draw up architectural plans about what a stadium would look like. We have them all built. We don't need to convince anyone in the world that we have enough highways, hotel rooms, telephones, communications abilities, satellites, or ways to get between Los Angeles and New York by that time, in four hours -- going into the jet stream, 3:45 coming back.

All we got to do is convince them that we care about the game, that we're a member of the FIFA family, and that we will get it done right. They know we can put on a World Cup.

They know we'll bring in more money. Our attendance record from 1994 still holds with successive World Cups having more games: 20 percent higher than any previous or successive World Cup. They know all of that.

We've got to show them that we care about the game, because when they go to London or Madrid, or Mexico City, it's on the front page, on the back page, every page in between, on the news, scandal, good news, bad news. And for us to get on the front page, we've got to win the World Cup or be on the front cover of Time, Newsweek, and People, in the same magazine, win the World Cup at home on the women's side.

We think we will get that done.

Who decides? I wish it were the six people on the left, those are all national team players, but unfortunately, they don't get a vote. It's those folks. 24 people. Nowhere near as big. Let's get them, there you go. I like that.

We need 13 of those. We want to get 24 of those, but that's the mission: Put together a world-class bid and get 13 of those...
fouls to say yes. And some of them are federation presidents of countries who are bidding. We may not get their vote on the first ballot, if they want to continue to be president, I guess.

That's what it's about. And in honor of the past president of the United States, I came up with my own word some years ago; connectivity.

It's the connection between everything we do. It's the 8-year-old player that doesn't understand that he has got any connection to whether it's Abby Wambach or Landon Donovan. Some of them do. The kids that are playing Little League understand that they've got some connection to, hopefully, Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, as a player, but no connection on any other front. That's our continued issue.

And there is a connection, as I said, from a playing perspective, big increases in youth participation follow almost straight line the big years of the North American Soccer League.

When we see increases of women's and girls' participation and registration numbers after the Women's World Cup, that's not a coincidence. Look at this sort of data; that's not a coincidence. That's what I do in my real life is look at this sort of data. That's not a coincidence. When we see increases in referees, when we get referees at the World Cup -- that's harder, because it's a very small sample.

But all that stuff is connected. And so we think hosting the World Cup, and in the future hosting the Women's World Cup, or maybe hosting the Under-20 World Cup, all of those things are big parts of what we want to do, and we think this particular event at this time can really help us take the next steps.

We have come an extraordinary distance over the last, pick a couple of years. Mr. Rapaglia, my friend from New York, told me that this is his 30th, 30th annual meeting. He missed one in Maryland, he said -- apparently, the New York guys don't like to go out if it snows a little bit, so he couldn't get there.

How many people do we have in the room that have been to 30 annual meetings? If you could just stand up for a second.

Let's see how many of those folks we've got.

30 annual meetings.

Thank you.

(Pause.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you.

How many people in the room do we have at their first annual meeting? Would you please stand?

I guess that means for the rest of you that have been here more than once, but not 30, the only way you get recognized is by hanging in at least 30, so, hang in there. We will get you -- or either we'll change it to 25.

I want to thank all of you for everything you have done to make some of those pictures possible, some of those comments possible, and challenge you to help us make more possible, whether it's the World Cup, increasing numbers, better referees. Not more money in the bank; that's not a goal, just a means to our other goals to make the connections for the kids that play to the stars on those videos, to the councilperson in your town that decides who gets the fields, whether it's this sport or that sport or whatever service.

We got to continue to get more into the fabric. And all of you do that around the clock. Virtually everyone in the room is volunteers. And it's okay to be an executive director and get paid for it. So I want to thank you for that, and thank all of you that have been part of getting us to where we are, and helping us get to where we want to be.

With that, we will move on to the rest of the agenda.

Next on your agenda are committee reports; those are all contained in your book.

And I don't think we need to go through any of those, so the vice-president's report down to the Rules Committee report, I guess, are accepted. They're in your book, if you want to read them or if you have not already read them.

I also want to recognize that Bob Kepner mentioned that we've admitted Power Soccer. Is Dominick Russo here? Let me welcome you, Dominick. Dominick, welcome. Thank you for joining the family.
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We do it as a test sometimes, to see if you are reading the bylaws, we got your name in there or not. I'm not sure if you picked it up, but I'm glad we figured it out.

On to new business. Under Item 8, the first item under new business is the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2010. If I could ask Mr. Eldridge, our budget committee chair, to come to the floor. And he's doing that, and we will address the budget. David Eldridge.

MR. ELDRIDGE: Thank you, Sunil. First, I would like to apologize for not being with you in Hawaii last year. I have a very good excuse. Although the young lady that was married wasn't my daughter, I would consider her my daughter, and I would not have missed her wedding regardless of where the meeting was. But I understand everything went well, so that's good.

Today I would ask to put the budget on the floor. I'd ask for a motion to approve the budget.

MR. BLACK: So move.

MR. ELDRIDGE: Second?

The youth qualifying tournament is for our youth national teams, so that's for one of the -- potential to host one. We don't know if we can or not, due to CONCACAF selection process, but that's the expenses for hosting the tournament, hosting the teams, and putting on the event.

The Development Academy, the first year was a partial year, so that's why you still have a small number, because for FY08, we were only operational for a few months. The 3.5 number is a full year of operation, so that includes everything to do with the Development Academy from personnel to showcases to finals week, et cetera.

MR. FARO: My question is, is can the Board of Directors really consider for those states, like Michigan, who are having a tough time with player registration fees, that you might consider some type of program that would relieve that pressure.

MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer.

MR. ELDRIDGE: I also ask that if you wish to address the budget, you come forward and give us your name, so we can put it in the records.

PRESIDENT GULATI: I'm going to recognize Richard Groff as a guest, I guess, given the decision of the Credentials Committee. You can't make a motion, but I'm certainly recognizing him to speak.

MR. GROFF: Sunil, it was eight years ago that we increased the player registration fees, and at the time, U.S. Soccer really needed the money. Today we have 49 million in the bank, which is great, and you need to be congratulated, and the budget committee did a great job.

But in the adult division, we do have states now, because of the financial hardships in this country, that are having a difficult time. And what I would ask is that the Board of Directors really consider for those states, like Michigan, who are having a tough.
1. curious how many staff members are in the national office.
2. MR. FLYNN: Do you want to handle it, Jay?
3. MR. BERHALTER: For the national -- you are talking about A-1, national office?
4. What are you referring to? How many employees we have, total?
5. MR. FARO: Correct.
6. MR. BERHALTER: Right now, we have 94 employees.
7. MR. FARO: Okay. Thank you.
8. MR. ELDRIDGE: Yes, ma'am.
10. And I would like to add to what Region 1 special guest Richard just said. In Michigan we are facing very difficult times. Many of our players cannot return because they don't even have jobs to pay the fees. USASA yesterday voted to put back into their budget a grants committee specifically for assisting those states and organizations who are realizing decreased membership because of the economy. While the U.S. Soccer -- you look for connectivity and you do player development, you cannot develop players, if we cannot recruit them, if we can't give them a place to play, so I'm also asking you to take into consideration some kind of a plan for the unemployed player to allow them to continue.
11. MR. ELDRIDGE: Okay. That's out of the realm of my committee, but I'm sure that the Board of Directors will be more than happy to look at that. Sunil is already making notes. Anyone else have a question? Yes, Mavis.
12. MRS. DERFLINGER: Can you hear me?
13. While I sympathize with Michigan's plight, and I don't know that the little money that comes to the Federation from the youth players will make any difference to what they can afford, what I see these days that the players can't afford is the coaches, the children that are eight years old that have paid for the administration fees at the league and state level. And they're not going to change. And 50 cents to the Federation, it's not going to help with that, I'm sorry.
14. MR. ELDRIDGE: Yes, sir.
15. MR. MARIAHAZY: Peter Mariahazy, Wisconsin Youth.
16. Page Number 3 of the budget, just curious about projections under interest and investment income. Actual fiscal year of '08, was 2.1 million. Projected '09 is less than a million, but the projection for fiscal year '10 is 2.4 million, which seems a bit unreasonable to me.
17. Can you help me understand how that number was derived, and if there's any opportunity to adjust that to a more realistic projection?
18. MR. ELDRIDGE: No, but Jay can certainly tell you.
19. MR. MARIAHAZY: Jay, if you could.
20. MR. BERHALTER: I think your comment is fair. That's probably a little bit high.
21. MR. MARIAHAZY: Is there an opportunity to adjust, and what would be the proper method to do that so that we have a more realistic budget. We're already talking about a 7 million deficit budget. This number probably should be closer to about maybe a million in interest income as opposed to 2.4? What's the process for making that adjustment?
22. MR. ELDRIDGE: Well, the process would be for you to make a motion to change that from the floor. But we're looking at an estimate here. We don't know, as you don't know, what's going to happen with the economy in the next six months, either.
23. MR. MARIAHAZY: No, I understand that.
24. MR. ELDRIDGE: Could --
25. MR. MARIAHAZY: But -- I'm sorry. I have a responsibility to my membership just as we do, and I think a realistic projection, we need to present to them what we really think is going to happen, and I understand it's a budget, not a crystal ball.
26. PRESIDENT GULATI: Peter, that's a valid comment. So obviously there's two things. Either we could -- if we're going to keep a target of 7 million on deficit, we'd have to cut programming or expenses, or increase the deficit, and we'll look at that. As you know, there are reserves to deal with that.
27. And the other thing, I would say, is
every year, since Dan has been general secretary, we have beaten the budget by at least seven figures, so I think we've got that covered, but it's an absolutely valid point.

MR. MARIAHAZY: Then I would like to make a motion to adjust that line to one million dollars of interest income.

MR. ELDRIDGE: Hear a second to that motion?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

MR. ELDRIDGE: Name, please.

MS. POLLEY: Peggy Polley.

MR. ELDRIDGE: Peggy, thank you.

Yes, sir.

MR. SUTTER: Question, David.

MR. ELDRIDGE: Yes, sir.

MR. SUTTER: In the registration for U.S. --

MR. ELDRIDGE: We have a motion.

MR. SUTTER: I'm sorry. I was premature.

MR. ELDRIDGE: We have a motion on the floor to adjust the income from investments to a total of one million dollars. All in favor say aye? Opposed? Okay. We will do that.

(Motion passed.)

Mr. ELDRIDGE: John.

MR. SUTTER: John Sutter, North Texas.

A question under registration, for U.S. Club Soccer, it shows in the budget, 135, projected 137 for a fiscal year '09, and the fiscal year '10 budget is 135, but in the report, it's 220, that will come up later in membership, and I was wondering about that disparity there.

MR. ELDRIDGE: It is 220.

MR. SUTTER: But you budgeted for 135.

MR. BERHALTER: When this budget was constructed, that was the projection that we were dealing with. The actual number year to date is actually over 220.

MR. SUTTER: Maybe you want to adjust that number subsequently to that.

MR. BERHALTER: So that would be an adjustment -- a favorable adjustment.

MR. BLACK: The '08 actual right here shows 197.

MR. BERHALTER: We're in '09 right here. We're finishing '09.

MR. SUTTER: But the fiscal year '09, you say, is how much?

MR. BERHALTER: I'm talking about '09. For '09 right now, we're at 220-something.

MR. SUTTER: And so you are going to adjust, then, the budget at some point in time for that?

MR. BERHALTER: Yes.

MR. SUTTER: Thank you.

MR. ELDRIDGE: Seeing that no one else is at the microphone, I would like to -- I'm not legally able to do this.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Any other comments?

All those in favor of accepting the budget as amended, please say aye? Any opposed?

(Motion passed.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you. Thank you, David, for the work, for many years and continuing work.

And to your colleagues on the budget committee.

Okay. We then move to number of membership applications we have, some of which are changes, some of which are new members, or changes of status, and we'll go through those one by one. And if there are any objections, comments, or concerns, please least us know.

First is the SAY membership category change. Tim, do we need to accept these? We need motions to accept these category changes on all of these.

Do we have a motion to accept this category change?

MR. EDWARDS: So move.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Edwards, seconded?

MR. MC CORMICK: Second.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. McCormick.

Any questions, comments, concerns? Any objections to the category change? We will do that one by unanimous consent.

(Motion passed.)

Next is U.S. Club Soccer membership category change. We have a motion to accept that?

MR. EDWARDS: So move.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Edwards.

MR. MC CORMICK: Second.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Seconded, Mr. McCormick.

Comment, questions, concerns?

MR. MONACO: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Monaco.

MR. SUTTER: Larry Monaco.

I move that this membership category change be referred back to the Board of Directors for further consideration.

MR. MC DANIEL: Second.

PRESIDENT GULATI: We have a second from Mr. McDaniel.

So, it's not -- it's my belief that this is not necessary to report back to the Board.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. Any other comments?

Mr. Flamhaft.


I don't see how it works.

Is it on now?

PRESIDENT GULATI: Now you're good.

MR. FLAMHAFT: I'm confused.

Apparantly, within the Board of Directors, there's a schism as to whether or not it was appropriately brought before the Board of Directors, as Larry says, and Kevin says that it's available, so I'm confused.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Well, I don't think -- just on the two comments, I don't think there's a schism. The Board actually voted on this. Larry, yesterday, said he had not reviewed the bylaws and hadn't been presented the bylaws. The Board yesterday approved this -- and either of these two can correct me -- so I don't think there's any inconsistency between the two sets of comments. The Board did vote on it yesterday, did accept the change.

Larry, at that time, I think voted no, and also said not because he had any objection -- or maybe abstained -- voted no, sorry -- but not based on any objection to the membership, just that he had not reviewed and had available the bylaws.

Any other comments?


This is dated -- the date on this is January of 2008. Have we been considering this for over a year now? Is that the correct date?

PRESIDENT GULATI: It's a typo.

MR. Des BORDES: It should have been this January?

PRESIDENT GULATI: It's January '09. Thank you.
Any other comments?

MR. MALAMUT: Larry's motion is first.

PRESIDENT GULATI: So the first motion is the motion to refer this back to the Board. Larry, is that right? Do you want to restate that? Refer it back to the Board and come back to the next annual meeting, I take it.

MR. MONACO: Right. And during the meantime, you could get provisional membership and all the rest, right?

PRESIDENT GULATI: Right. Okay. So you want to do all that in one, refer and do provisional?

MR. MONACO: No, I just want to refer.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. So the motion is to -- one more comment from Mr. Sutter.

MR. SUTTER: John Sutter, North Texas.

I am still confused over the numbers, because 2009, that Jay said we were in, and they registered 220, the report that we have shows 2008 reaching 220 as of December 28. Are you saying that from January and February in 2009, they registered 220,000 players, because I think that's what you told me --

MR. BERHALTER: Our fiscal year is different.

MR. SUTTER: The fiscal year is?

MR. BERHALTER: The fiscal year is from April to March.

MR. SUTTER: April to March. So within April to March, they've registered 229 in 2009.

MR. BERHALTER: I'm just saying -- what we've recorded this year for fiscal year 2009, we're in the 220 range. I don't know the exact number, but 220-something. That's not related necessarily to the calendar year, because it could be different --

MR. SUTTER: No, I understand.

PRESIDENT GULATI: -- but for the fiscal -- but those numbers for the fiscal is correct.

MR. SUTTER: We have the monthly, though, for a big chunk of that fiscal year that you are referring to. And so if we were to take those numbers and look for the difference between what are registered for those months and the point we are in time right now is a pretty big jump to get to 220. I'm just confused over the -- I remain confused over the numbers. I'm sorry.

I have no doubt the calendar year they registered the 220 that they stated. But then you said that in fiscal year 2009, they were almost to 220.

MR. BERHALTER: But what's your question?

MR. SUTTER: I'm just trying to understand -- and maybe the numbers for the missing months would make it clear. Would those happen to be available? Because that membership is a big part of the membership category, and that's why I would like the confusion addressed.

PRESIDENT GULATI: No, that's fair.

Tim?

MR. PINTO: John, I'm going to take a shot at this.

Fiscal year '09 for U.S. Soccer runs from April 1 of 2008 through the end of March 2009. So Jay is tracking the numbers of what we're being paid for by U.S. Club Soccer. He's talking from the money side. He's saying that we have been paid by U.S. Club Soccer in that 12 months, which is almost done, we have already been paid for more than 220,000 players.

The report you have in your book was prepared by U.S. Club Soccer and is the number of players they registered from January 1 of '08 to December 31 of '08, so there's three months that are different. January, February, March of '08 is included in this report from U.S. Club Soccer and is not included in the number that Jay is talking about.

MR. SUTTER: Right. Is their fiscal year from January 31 to December 31st?

MR. PINTO: I don't know what their fiscal year is. The report that they submitted is their calendar-year numbers, which is the numbers that we would use in trying to figure out, for instance, voting power at the AGM.

When we -- when the Rules Committee received this information from U.S. Club Soccer, one of their questions was, can you please check with your accounting department as to whether their numbers that they're reporting to you about how many they registered in 2008 calendar...
year jives with what U.S. Soccer was paid in the fiscal year of '08. And our accounting department did provide those numbers to our Rules Committee, and they jived.

MR. SUTTER: Okay. If their registration years run counter to the fiscal year, run counter to the calendar year that you are talking about, then how do you check to make sure that in a registration year, U.S. Club Soccer is going to be registering 220,000; because if you look at the previous years and what are in the financial statements as well, we're still centering in around 135, 160, back to 135 again. That's a far cry from 220.

And I didn't think the qualification was in a 12-month period of January to December, you had to register 220,000. I would have thought it would be, in a normal registration year for the organization, they had to register 220; is that not correct? Where have they done that? From year to year, your numbers, which are the financial, are showing that they're less than 220.

Yes, for the calendar year, January to December, they put together 220, but that's neither their financial year, your financial year, nor their registration year. Where are the 220,000 registrants in a registration year for them?

MR. PINTO: I don't know how to answer that question.

MR. SUTTER: Which is why I think we should refer it back to the committee --

MR. PINTO: Except the relevant number for figuring out voting power of AGMs is -- we go with the calendar year and we certify it at the end of the calendar year.

MR. SUTTER: But that's a far cry from voting number strength than registration. Registration is the qualification for membership.

MR. PINTO: There's no reference in the definition of the national association to fiscal year, registration year, or calendar year. It simply says you need to be an organization with at least a thousand players in each of 26 states, and at least 200,000 players, so this is just a question that -- your answer is legitimate. I'm not saying there's a right answer, but --
coming from, what I believe are the heavily
weighted votes, then we'll do it by clicker
here, and Mr. Kepner will come back and explain
to you how the clickers work -- or the keypads.
PRESIDENT GULATI: All those in
favor of referring to the Board for
reconsideration and bringing it back to the
council next year, say aye -- raise your hands,
please.

Those opposed?
Okay. We're going to need to do an
electronic ballot here. Trust me, I know where
the weights are. We're just going to have to do
that. It's not clear. You are going to have to
believe me on this, gang.
Mr. Kepner, you will walk us through
this. If we could have your focus for a minute.
If I could have your attention, I will explain
the procedure we use. Please get your keypad,
and Mr. Kepner will walk you through this.
MR. KEPNER: First of all, the
particular item for consideration will be
displayed on the screens.
Beginning at that time, you can
begin voting. The way that you use the keypad,
is you press your decision.
If it's a simple 2 item, you would
press 1 or 2, press 1 or 2. If it's simply a
yes or a no, yes would be the 1; 2 would be the
no.
PRESIDENT GULATI: The question
here, is your national team on the women's side
a gold medalist, push 1, if you believe they
are --
MR. KEPNER: Oh -- actually, that's
not the question.
PRESIDENT GULATI: You have got your
own question.
MR. KEPNER: Oh, we have a question.
PRESIDENT GULATI: So you are
calling the question. You've got your own. All
right.
MR. KEPNER: It is a critical
question of significant import, particularly
given the venue right now.
(The question on the screen was:
Who would win in a PK shootout between these two
characters: 1) Mickey; 2) Donald.)
MR. KEPNER: Not to be replaced by
some other second-class consideration.
So the voting period goes on. When
there are five seconds left before the end of
the voting period, I will begin counting down:
Five, four, three, two, one, stop.
Up until the word "stop," you can
change your vote. At the time that you place
your initial vote and press the keypad, a red
light will come on. That indicates that your
entry has been registered. If you change your
mind before I say "stop," you can press it
again. That's the system.
Are we ready? And then the results
will be displayed.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. Some
people correctly noted that Mickey Mouse was
wearing cleats and Donald Duck was not, which
is, in fact, the difference here. That was the
real test.
MR. KEPNER: Clearly, the results
show that Donald Duck is not the soccer player
that he's quacked up to be.
PRESIDENT GULATI: I'd like to, with
that, thank Mr. Kepner for his many years of
service to the organization.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT GULATI: Sorry, we will
miss you in New Orleans, Bob.
Okay. We have a motion on the floor
to refer the membership status change of U.S.
Club Soccer back to the Board, and then to be
reconsidered by this group a year from now in
New Orleans. So when we're ready to start the
clock, someone can wave to me. Is the voting
open yet?
MR. KEPNER: Start.
PRESIDENT GULATI: A "yes" vote is
to send it back for reconsideration. A "no"
vote is to -- well, you get the picture. "Yes"
is to send it back. And voting is --
MR. KEPNER: A simple majority,
correct?
PRESIDENT GULATI: And it's on?
MR. KEPNER: Yes.
Five, four, three, two. One. Stop.
PRESIDENT GULATI: So it is referred
back to the Board.
(Motion passes.)
PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. So it's
referred back to the Board. That should end any
issues about whether we can do only voice votes.

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If you get the picture on votes, it was rather close.

The parliamentarian has pointed out to me, under our rules, that there is no need for provisional membership. We can't, in fact, do that, so there won't be a need to reconsider, so the status of that change doesn't change, as I understand it.

MR. MALAMUT: They lose their provisional membership as of today, and they will be reconsidered.

PRESIDENT GULATI: They lose their provisional membership in this category, in the category change as of today, and they will be reconsidered a year from now.

Thank you. Larry and the parliamentarian will agree, and I will quickly move on, having seen that happen in my lifetime.

Any comments. All those in favor, aye? Any opposed.

(Motion passed).

PRESIDENT GULATI: Welcome back, Women's Professional Soccer, and welcome back to the U.S., Mary.

We have five additional membership applications and/or status changes. Mr. Edwards is proposing a "park hopper" amendment, and that we do all five of those simultaneously. If there are any objections to taking any -- to taking all five at the same time, I will certainly take one by one.

Are there any objections to taking the next five in tandem?

MR. PAYNE: Sunil?

PRESIDENT GULATI: Yes.

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PRESIDENT GULATI: No, no, no.

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back to the country where it belongs, which is the United States.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our games. We have an excellent product out on the field. If any of you saw the 2008 final, the Olympic final, our opening match alone will feature ten of the players that played in that match. It is the best women's soccer team on the planet. We invite all of you to come out and see it. If you have never seen Marta play up close -- I know you have seen Abby play up close -- you really need to see it. It's unbelievable.

So thank you very much. We're very happy to be back and a member of the U.S. soccer family. Thank you to all of you for your support. Thank you, Mr. President.

(Applause.)

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On the first two, we would take together, and
the last three.

Mr. Flamhaft.

MR. FLAMHAFT: Would it be
appropriate to have the -- perhaps yourself,
remind us of the caveats and conditions of
provisional membership at this time?

PRESIDENT GULATI: It wouldn't be in
the spirit of the "park hopper" amendment, but
we could always do that.

Do people feel like we need to do
that? So it might be appropriate, but I think
we're going to dispense with that, Steve.

So let's take the first two,
National Indoor Soccer League and Xtreme Soccer
League, the motion here that Mr. Edward has made
is that we grant provisional membership and
refer it to the Board, so it can happen in
the -- before the next 12 months, full
membership. Any comments on that? Any
objections to that? Done unanimously.

(Motion passed.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: The next three,
USL Super League -- Super 20, USL Premier
Development, and USL W-League, is to grant them
full membership after provisional in the past?
Any objections or comments on those three?
Done unanimously, thank you.
(Motion passed.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: We are done with
that section.
We're on to Item J, on the back page
of your agenda, life membership applications.

We had three nominations. We have a
new process that was approved, a bylaw and a
policy change. We'll address the bylaw in a
little bit, but addressing the three member --
the three life member applications, I have been
advised by two of the nominators, they would
like to withdraw the nominations. That would be
in the case -- so that leaves us with one to
consider.

That one is Mr. Larry Harmon. The
committee that looked at this has unanimously
endorsed that application. The Board yesterday
unanimously endorsed that application. And so I
would enter into -- I guess we need a motion
here.

Mr. Edwards --
MR. EDWARDS: So move.

We haven't done it yet. So I guess that means
the latter. We have far too many members for me
to actually say in public that you were
obviously and fully asleep.

Proposed bylaw amendments on the
second page.

MR. EDWARDS: No, here's what he's
talking about.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. Sorry.

Thank you. I'm sorry. We are going to take
up -- sorry. You are wide awake. We are going
to take that up a little bit later. Thank you.

So, yes, thank you.

All right. Item -- we're still on
Item 9 -- well, we'll take that now, I guess,
instead of before we move to the bylaws.

We have an application or a
confirmation, I guess, Tim.

MR. MALAMUT: What page are we on?
PRESIDENT GULATI: It's not on the
agenda; that's the point. We are going to take
it under an omnibus of all actions, but we could
take it here, so it's an application for
membership from California Youth Soccer.

I got it. It's not on the agenda, I
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1 got it. That's exactly right. I got it.
2 We've got an application for
3 California Youth Soccer. Kevin Payne has moved
4 to approve.
5 MR. PAYNE: Move.
6 MR. MC CORMICK: Seconded.
7 PRESIDENT GULATI: This is -- the
8 youth organization would now become a joint
9 organization. All of you know the history of
10 this. The Board approved it unanimously
11 yesterday on final confirmation. Any comments?
12 Any objections?
13 MR. Des BORDES: Wait a minute.
14 What officially -- they spoke over you -- so
15 what officially are they asking for? What's
16 their name going to be?
17 MR. PINTO: The application is by
18 the organization that's currently called
19 California Youth Soccer Association South, I
20 believe. They have applied to take over the
21 state association responsibilities for adult
22 soccer in the region of Southern California.
23 And I believe that they're changing their name
24 to California -- California Soccer Association
25 South -- or I'm not sure about that. But there

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1 would be essentially a joint state association
2 for the region of Southern California.
3 MR. FALK: California State Soccer
4 Association South.
5 MR. FALCONE: Anthony Falcone,
6 Maryland Adults.
7 Looking through the documents that
8 were provided this morning concerning this
9 request, the question I have -- you know, this
10 is not new territory. There's been soccer. We
11 have a little bit of a history of why we're
12 making this change.
13 But the question I have for Cal
14 South is how many numbers of players are they
15 looking to register from the adult side? Have
16 they been -- actually been active in getting
17 registration at this point? I know it looks
18 like they've spoken to some leagues, but I would
19 like to have some details concerning what kind
20 of numbers they're looking at as far as
21 registration.
22 Thank you.
23 PRESIDENT GULATI: What would you
24 respond to that?
25 MR. FALK: Greg Falk, president of

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1 Cal South.
2 We haven't registered any adult
3 soccer players yet because we can't do that
4 until we -- we're a state association that can
5 do that, and join USASA which is -- which would
6 be our next step.
7 You can't drive through Southern
8 California on a Sunday without seeing hundreds
9 of thousand of players playing soccer that are
10 unaffiliated with anybody.
11 We've got an aggressive campaign on
12 the youth, and it will be a very aggressive
13 campaign for the adults to begin to register
14 these players, as well as a great many women
15 players that are not being registered in
16 Southern California.
17 So the answer is, we don't have any
18 adults yet. There's only -- maybe somebody from
19 USASA could answer that question on how many
20 have already registered directly with USASA, but
21 the numbers are minimal. That's why we have our
22 application.
23 PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay.
24 MR. ILIC: Good morning. Branko

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1 My only concern is, are we setting a
2 precedent? We're being asked not to register
3 youth players, and we respect the Illinois Youth
4 Soccer association; and by the same token, they
5 respect our status by not registering adult
6 players.
7 In the future, if certain Board
8 members change, are we going to run into a
9 problem where within the state, we have to fight
10 -- everybody can register anybody? Or are we
11 doing this just for this case?
12 PRESIDENT GULATI: Well, in this
13 case -- so this isn't a question about whether
14 the youth organization can register adult
15 players. We've actually got a ruling on that
16 some years ago, in Illinois, as you know. This
17 is a case of whether we're going to have a joint
18 state association. So we've got that precedent
19 in a number of places. And I think most of you
20 know the history of the last four to six years
21 in California, so.
22 Any other comments? Any objections?
23 Approved unanimously, thank you.
24 (Motion passed.)
25 Apologies, and welcome, Mr. Falk, to
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the Adults.

(Please.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: We will move on to the bylaw amendments. In a couple of cases, these are what I will call ceremonial or a wording change, and a couple of others, they're more substantive, so we'll take those one at a time.

The first one, Bylaw 102 -- 103, I'm sorry -- 103, I believe is just adding the fact that we're a member of CONCACAF, which puts us in accordance with CONCACAF and FIFA rules. I don't think there's anything else there.

Do we have a motion to accept?

MR. BORRONI: So move.

MR. EDWARDS: Second.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Moved by Mr. Borroni, seconded by Mr. Edwards, desperate to see his name not leave the record.

Any comments? Any objections? All in favor?

(Motion passed.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you.

Next one is 104. This is a refereeing -- technically a refereeing "laws of the game" matter, just in conjunction with a FIFA request, I believe, that we accept the laws as issued by the International Football Association Board.

MR. EDWARDS: So move.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Edwards moves.

MR. PAYNE: Second.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Payne seconds.

Any objection? All in favor?

(Motion passed.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: On to 212, that we accept the rules and decisions that basically we're guided in and under the jurisdiction of FIFA and CONCACAF.

MR. PAYNE: So move.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Payne moves.

MR. EDWARDS: Second.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Edwards seconds.

Any objections? All in favor?

(Motion passed.)

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PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Edwards moves.

MR. PAYNE: Second.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Payne seconds.

Any objection? All in favor?

(Motion passed.)


Any comments? Any opposed?

Unanimously.

(Motion passed.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: We have 212 from California Youth Soccer. This one is new. I'm sorry. It's on the bottom of the second page, the comments. You have also got an opinion from the Rules Committee. Mr. Monaco, I think -- okay. Mr. Murphy would like -- Mr. Murphy is not here, but Cal North.

MR. ZOPFI: Mr. Murphy's grown a little bit.

Pete Zopfi, California Youth North, we'd like to withdraw this proposed amendment.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. Thank you. That is withdrawn without objection.

231, which is life membership, I am going to withdraw that on behalf of the Board. A couple of state -- more than a couple -- a few state associations have asked that we talk about that, so we're going to withdraw that, and we'll bring it back next year. Thank you in particular to New York for pointing out the issues there. So we will withdraw that.

708 is proposed by me to be in accordance with FIFA, FIFA rules, and the use of the Court of Arbitration in Sport -- for Sport, as the ultimate body above FIFA, whether it's their player status committee or disciplinary committee or anyone else. So it's to meet the FIFA standards.

We need a motion on that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Do we have anybody in the room but Mr. Groff, so we don't have to come to this rules issue? Thank you.
MR. ABBOTT: So move.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Abbott. And a second?
MR. ZANGRILLI: Second.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you. Any objections? All in favor?
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT GULATI: Let the minutes record that Mr. Groff has not voted.
Policy -- policies to be considered at the meeting.
Open Cup Committee.
Any objections to -- unless there's any objections, we will take all of these together to approve the policies that have been passed by the Board. If there are any objections, we will take -- okay. That's fine. We will take one at a time. Sure.
Okay. Fine. We are going to do these one by one by one to play it safe here.
On the Open Cup Committee, any objections or comments? All in favor?
(Motion approved.)
PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. Thank you.
On membership fees. Mr. Edwards.
MR. EDWARDS: So move.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Pinori seconding. Thank you.
Membership fees? Any objections on this page? This policy? All in favor?
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT GULATI: On 231-1, which is the policy that goes along with the bylaw that's been withdrawn, I think we're going to ask you not to confirm that here, because we're going to discuss that in conjunction with it being withdrawn. It's already been approved by the Board, but we're asking you not to ratify that here, to be consistent with -- conditionally approved by the Board, thank you, so there's nothing to be done, right?
MR. EDWARDS: Right.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you.
Recognition of disciplinary, 241-1.
We need a motion to --
MR. MOORE: Just a minor correction.
PRESIDENT GULATI: No, we've got to get this on the floor. Move it and then --
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You are standing there.
MR. MOORE: I will move approval with the addition of a single word.
MR. SCHERER: I will second it.
PRESIDENT GULATI: We've been following the absolute letter of the law on making motions and Robert's Rules, and now we got -- I'm sorry.
MR. MOORE: It's my motion.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Go ahead.
MR. MOORE: Okay. Fourth line reads: "If the person against the disciplinary action..." I believe your intent is if the person against "whom" the disciplinary action was imposed.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Correct that typo. And with that typo corrected, you are making the motion. Any seconds?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you. Any comments? All in favor?
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you.
Referee registration fees, we are on 531-2. We need a motion to adopt.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.
PRESIDENT GULATI: So moved. We need a hand so our reporter -- okay.
MR. ZANGRILLI: Second.
Any comments? Any objections? All in favor?
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT GULATI: 102-3?
Any nos on that last one?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.
PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. One "no."
102-3, Mr. Monaco. We're going to take Mr. Monaco's request, in that we take 104 up first; is that right? 104 first.
Who is going to speak to 104? Yes.
MR. LISTELLA: Hi, Ric Listella, Oregon Youth Soccer Association.
On behalf of the presidents in the Region 4 that put this proposed policy forward, we are going to withdraw it at this time and put our full support towards the policy that Larry Monaco has put forward on behalf of U.S. Youth Soccer for small-sided games. We feel
it's time to approve small-sided games and -- as a mandate and stop recommending it and hope that this body will support that today.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you. We then go back to 103-2, which is about --

MR. MALAMUT: There are a lot of sponsors there, or are they willing to withdraw --

PRESIDENT GULATI: It's just been withdrawn.

MR. MALAMUT: Make sure.

PRESIDENT GULATI: All of the sponsors of 104 have agreed to withdraw; is that right?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. We're back to 102-3, small-sided games.

Mr. Monaco.

MR. LISTELLA: I move the adoption.

MR. SCHERER: Second.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Comments?

MR. MONACO: As the AYSO delegate, on behalf of U.S. Youth Soccer, we would like to propose this mandated small-sided game. It's based on the best-practices document of our coaching staff, and we believe it's time that we have a mandate that everybody be at the same level and the same way playing small-sided games for U12s and below.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sunil?

PRESIDENT GULATI: Hang on.

Mr. Collins first and then Mr. Payne.

MR. COLLINS: Sunil Gulati, John Collins, I'm an AYSO delegate.

Yesterday at the at-large group, all the other members of registered youth players, while they endorsed the concept of small-sided games, objected to the mandate. The -- to the extent that there are -- small-sided games are already played in the other -- in all of these organizations to the 80 percent or greater percentage, but to the extent there's groups that don't do it, it's for a good reason. It's they don't have enough coaches, or they don't have enough fields, or it's -- there's a limiting condition.

And mandating, what is the response to mandating? I mean, kids can't play soccer, then? It doesn't seem appropriate. We believe it is a best practice, it should be seen as a best practice, but shouldn't be mandated.

Also, we recognize that there's difficulties with respect to how the Federation would enforce something, and there's concerns that the only way it would be enforced is that someone would try and use it against somebody, which is not in the spirit of the game.

Also, with respect to a more technical comment on it, the wording that's been proposed is a little bit -- it refers to "youngsters." I'm not exactly sure what "youngsters" are in our bylaws. We have a definition of a "youth player," but the -- referring to "youngsters" seems to be not the most positive way to refer to them.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Payne.

MR. PAYNE: This has obviously been an issue that has engendered a lot of discussion at a lot of different levels. Many of you know that a group of us, including Federation staff and Sunil as president of the Federation, made clear at that time that our desire was to come back with a more comprehensive proposal to the Board that would encompass not only the small-sided-games issue, but other technical issues that relate to player development in these age groups that we think are at least as important as this one.

So without speaking to the issue of the mandates or not, which was the issue raised by John Collins, I would respectfully ask that people give us time to study this matter further and come back with a more comprehensive approach to the issue of player development and how to improve it.

And I will -- for that reason, I will be voting against this. However, I just want to make very clear that I, personally, and I believe a majority of our Technical Committee agree with the sentiment of it.
but one of the greatest obstacles we face is we lose so many players as they come out of the young years going to the teenage years. We have had best practices for many years. We've had a request that this go to committee, and it's been in and out of committee for over a year.

And the reason we brought it to this point, obviously, is because it has not been effective in making it happen across the country. The majority of our youth organizations support this. You will hear lots of reasons why it is beneficial. The whole issue here seems to be hung up on the issue of mandating and the question of whether we should mandate anything in soccer. But if we're unable to move forward and get past this issue, which, I believe, is a problem with creating a competitive environment at too young an age, because of the 11 V 11, we have a problem with coaches who use it as a leverage. We have a real problem with parents because it is not anything, other than something buried in the deep in -- in the books as a best practice. We're not able to get it to the forefront, and we don't have a valid argument.

We also have -- as many as 12 of our states have not solved the financial problems, because it is being used as leverage against them, and people who have -- quite often with parents, some with coaches, who believe that the financial impact here will be significant to their states.

So we have been informed that this policy will not get the votes. We have been told that even though the majority of our youth organizations are in favor, we don't have the votes to get it passed here. But it is a statement we would like to make. We believe it's important to move forward with small-sided games in such a way that we can present it to our coaches and our parents as something that is more than a best practice. That is not as strong a statement as we would like to be. And that's why I'm in favor of this policy.

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Evelyn.


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As Kevin mentioned, we, last week -- last week we met; starting with Bob Bradley, national team coach; John Hackworth, director of youth development of the Federation; Dan; Kevin Payne; Deputy General Secretary, Jay Berhalter, who most of you know but not all; Asher Mendelsohn, and then a couple other of our staff coaches met with first the DOCs in USYS, and then with a broader audience of DOCs plus a number of state presidents.

So the message that they would like this -- and a majority, and a strong majority -- it's not unanimity, but a strong majority, to be something more than best practices, and recommended, was quite clear where it was left,
1 and Larry and I talked about it afterwards was
2 that we are going to meet with some of them.
3 As I said at that time, in my many
4 years of being involved with the Federation, it
5 was the first time any of our organizations had
6 asked us to mandate more rules. Not that that
7 can't be done, but certainly not something I've
8 generally been shied away from in my life.
9 So we are happy to look at this, but
10 starting with our national team coach on down,
11 don't believe we should be mandating anything
12 today, and want to talk about it. That's the
13 unanimous view of the technical group, not
14 that -- as Kevin has said pretty emphatically,
15 not that they're not in support of small-sided
16 games by any stretch, but we're not ready to
17 mandate that today.
18 So I understand the desire to put it
19 to a vote, and we will do that, obviously. We
20 have got a motion on the floor.
21 But the view of our national team
22 committee, Technical Committee, and senior
23 leadership at the Federation, in this case, the
24 general secretary and myself, is that we should
25 reconsider this at a different time. Whether

1 it's with other policies or not, that's a
2 separate issue.
3 So with that, we'll put it --
4 MRS. DERFLINGER: Where does this
5 one -- is it a suggestion?
6 PRESIDENT GULATI: We're just going
7 to put this to a vote, so we will need
8 electronics.
9 So if you are in favor of the policy
10 as written, affirmation of the policy as
11 written, proposed by Mr. Monaco, you are voting
12 1.
13 If you are -- and that would be
14 adopted.
15 If you are against that, you are
16 voting 2.
17 Any questions?
18 Is the voting open, Mr. Kepner?
19 MR. KEPNER: They vote now.
20 Five, four, three, two, one, stop.
21 PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. The
22 affirmation is defeated, 614 to 314.
23 (Motion fails.)
24 PRESIDENT GULATI: Moving on, we
25 have one other policy from Georgia State Soccer

1 Association. It's in your book regarding
2 punishment of referee behavior. Do we have a
3 motion to adopt?
4 MR. MC DANIEL: So move.
5 PRESIDENT GULATI: That was Mr.
6 McDaniel. Seconded?
7 MR. EDWARDS: Second.
8 PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Edwards.
9 Any comments?
10 Any comments? Questions?
11 Objections?
12 All in favor?
13 Approved.
14 (Motion passed.)
15 MR. MALAMUT: Take the nays.
16 PRESIDENT GULATI: Any nays?
17 Okay. We have election of
18 independent directors. It -- the proposal from
19 the Board unanimously approved yesterday is that
20 we reappoint the two directors who are up for
21 election this year. That would be Fabian Nunez,
22 who is unable to be here today; for those of you
23 that have not met him, former speaker of the
24 California General Assembly, a huge fan and
25 supporter of the game. And Carlos Cordeiro, who

1 is here today. Mr. Cordeiro is a partner at
2 Goldman Sachs and has been with us for a couple
3 of years. He's also on the Foundation Board as
4 of yesterday.
5 Any -- I would like to do that by
6 acclamation. All in favor? Thank you.
7 (Motion passed.)
8 PRESIDENT GULATI: We have election
9 of Foundation members.
10 One minute or less, not the
11 elections, but we restructured the Foundation.
12 What we have now are potentially -- not
13 potentially, we have four separate elections.
14 The rules of the game here are that each of our
15 four major groups -- Youth, Adult, Professional
16 and Athletes -- are essentially allowed to have
17 a representative, but it's a broader definition
18 than, for example, the "athlete" definition in
19 the USOC guidelines, so it's someone associated
20 with the game, and the way I describe it is it's
21 a "straight face" test, and if there's a -- if
22 someone objects to someone's categorization of a
23 particular council, then the general secretary
24 can accept that or not.
25 I don't anticipate any of those
sorts of issues, and we may only in this case have one nominee in each category, but there could be four potential nominations. So let's do it in the following way.
Can we have any nominations, self or otherwise for -- we'll start with the Youth, for the Youth slot on the Foundation? I understand we have one written nomination for David Messersmith, and so he is -- and I have got that in front of me.

And Youth Council's unanimous nomination of David Messersmith. Do we have any other nomination on behalf of Youth soccer? Hearing none, we will approve Mr. Messersmith.

All in favor?

(Nomination approved.)
(Applause.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Messersmith, you're back on the Foundation.

Adult Council, or Adult soccer, not Adult Council. Adult soccer, do we have any nominations?

Mr. McCormick?

MR. MCCORMICK: The Adult Council would like to nominate Gianfranco Borroni.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay.

Mr. Borroni is nominated.
Do we have any other nominations on behalf of Adult soccer?
Hearing none, all in favor of accepting Mr. Borroni's nomination to serve on the Foundation Board. Thank you.

(Nomination approved.)
(Applause.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: On behalf of the Athlete group, Mr. Vermes.

MR. VERMES: We would like to nominate Jurgen Sommer.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Any other nominations?

Unanimous agreement, say aye, clap, as we were, for Mr. Sommer. Thank you.

(Nomination approved.)
(Applause.)

PRESIDENT GULATI: From the Professional area of the game, do we have any nominations?

MR. GARBER: We do. The Professional council would like to nominate Kevin Payne.

wishes all the luck and on the support and help for the Women's Professional Soccer. Good luck.
We look forward to being at your games.
Thank you.

PRESIDENT GULATI: From the state of California, California State Soccer Association, I believe, you represent.

MR. FALK: Thank you, Sunil.
First of all, I'd like to thank you and the entire technical group for the presentation in.

San Jose. It was one of the better dialogues in soccer that I have seen at that level in a long, long time. And we need more of it.

I have a concern about the report that we saw from the technical group and the way it's going to affect us in the future, after they make some of the reports, and that is, I saw nothing in the presentation that talked about girls' and women's soccer. It seemed to be focused on the boys, and whenever that report comes back, and I know it will, the question is to be considered, are we just talking to boys and the men? Or are we talking to girls and the women? And how is that going to be demonstrated? There's no...
answer needed. I would just like that to be considered before you guys come back.

PRESIDENT GULATI: And just as a point of information, absolutely no disagreement. In the first meeting, we may not have made it clear. In the second half of the day, in the DOC meeting, that was strictly a report from the boys' development committee. There's a parallel effort on the girls' side, so that -- you are absolutely correct.

Our renown chairman of the Rules Committee.

MR. BURKE: Yes, my name is Paul Burke. I'm the delegate from the Utah Youth Soccer Association.

On behalf of Utah Youth Soccer Association and the Utah soccer community, I would like to congratulate Real Salt Lake and Major League Soccer on the completion of the beautiful Rio Tinto stadium, another soccer-specific stadium in the country. Thank you, U.S. Soccer, for sending a qualifier later this year, and we hope to host a victory and hope the U.S. soccer community will be there. Thank you.

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know in the room what a fantastic job the
Chilean government, the people, the organizing
committee did. They had four brand-new stadiums
and four different venues. Everything was run
just top-notch. And from a -- I played in the
'95 World Cup in Sweden. Great tournament, but
very low budget, low key kind of thing. And
this was, the fan support, just the atmosphere
around all the games, to see that in a South
American country, was -- brought joy to my heart
to see that.
And also, we won, so that was even
more of a celebration for us. But for the
whole -- for the whole good of the women's
soccer, it was a celebration for everybody
there.
And then just for the WPS, I don't
know if the COO or the commissioner is in the
room, but from the Athletes' Council, I just
wanted to say just good luck with everything,
and we just are so proud that that league is
starting up again. Some of us over here played
in the former WUSA, and it was a great product
in the field, and we enjoyed it so much. And we
hope that everyone in this room reaches out to
your constituents and your states, to get them
to the games, get them out to the MLS games and
support the women's game, the men's game, and
just continue the growth that we have seen. And
good luck to the WPS.

Thanks.

MS. RADKE: Angela Radke with Texas
South.

On behalf of the USASA Women's Task
Force, I would like to ask everybody for
you-all's support and you-all's help in building
our women's participation among adults. And
hopefully, we are going to be able to partner
with the WSA in order to raise awareness for all
adult women, as well as for youth.
Thank you.

PRESIDENT GULATI: It would not be
an annual meeting without a comment from you,
sir.

MR. AMOROSO: Buon giorno. Mr.
President Rocco Amoroso, I'm the sportsmanship
chairman of the East New York Adults.
Presently, this nation and the rest
of the world are in an economic and
psychological turmoil; however, as we pierce
these dark clouds, thankfully, we can see with
glee, yes, we can see with glee, the brightness
of this beautiful game, our own soccer.
And to make this game more
beautiful, Mr. President, we, of the East New
York Soccer, with full humility, petition the
USSF seriously consider this proposal: The
proposal of having a patch -- and this is a
replica -- fair play USA, be proudly adorned on
the uniforms of all the MLS players and those of
the United States national team.

When people unite for a common goal,
dreams can become reality. When people work
together in harmony, fantastic things happen.
Mr. President, make this thing
happen. Let us remind our country and the rest
of the world that through soccer we are still a
nation of character and human values.
Thank you for listening, and God
bless you-all.

(Appause.)
PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. McCormick.

MR. MC CORMICK: USASA would also
like to congratulate the WPS. And I am happy to
announce that we very recently signed a fairly
comprehensive partnership with them, and we're
discussing ways that our women's players can
also participate in their combine, as well as
we're going to have some signage at their games,
and we will be fully supporting them and look
forward to that relationship.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Any other
comments from the floor? Behind me, Mr. Payne.

MR. PAYNE: Yeah, a couple of
things.

First, I would like to echo Greg's
comments. I made the -- for those of you who
were at the Board meeting yesterday, I made the
comment that I thought the conversation, the
discourse we had in.

San Jose about the youth development was a great
day. And we didn't agree on everything, but the
level of engagement at all -- at all levels of
conversation, it -- and the civility was
terrific. And I think it's the way we're going
to move forward as a combined and unified group,
so I appreciate the spirit with which people
engaged in that.

Second, and kind of going on with what Don said,
many of you know that D.C. United, our team, is

trying right now to get a stadium legislation passed in the state of Maryland. We recently asked our supporters -- and they are represented here by Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, multitude of states -- to register support. I'm happy to tell you that more than 2,000 e-mails were sent to each of the delegates in the state of Maryland, on both the senate and the house side. That is the greatest e-mail outpouring that the state of Maryland has ever seen, surpassing by a wide margin of even real hot-button issues, like slots, like the death penalty, like gun control. So I would like to thank my colleagues and friends in the soccer community for standing up and supporting us.

And then one last comment, just a very brief comment about Billy. I met Billy the first time here in Orlando in 1990. And I was thinking the other day, when we were heading down here, about all the different places around the country and around the world that I had a good time with Bill Goaziou, and he will be missed.

MR. Des BORDES: Will indoor stadiums be considered at all for the '18 or '22 World Cups?

PRESIDENT GULATI: Yes.

MR. Des BORDES: If you say no, then a lot of cities, we can forget about putting some plans together. But if you say yes, that you will consider --

PRESIDENT GULATI: We will consider indoor stadiums that have natural grass at this point.

MR. Des BORDES: Okay.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Yes. Seriously.

MR. Des BORDES: That already have it or can put it in, or you haven't thought about it?

PRESIDENT GULATI: We have thought about it. We will consider it.

MR. Des BORDES: All right.

PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. Anyone else?
1 a job or had a child lose a job or are now
2 taking care of parents that you weren't before
3 and weren't expecting to, or are more than
4 worried about college tuition that you weren't
5 expecting to.
6   Everyone in the room has been
7 affected in their 401(k) plan, if they're
8 fortunate enough to have them. So it's very
9 difficult out there. And we've heard about it
10 from Michigan, with respect to us, and we all
11 know that it's not going to get better
12 instantly. It's going to take some time.
13   So the Federation, purely the
14 Federation, is in a good situation financially,
15 because we have reserves, a lot of credit to Dan
16 and his staff, to the organization, to David
17 Eldridge's leadership and the budget committee
18 for that. And now we're in a spending pattern
19 that is called now based on the level of
20 reserves and a long-term plan.
21   Having said that, everyone is here,
22 and this is always partly a celebration and it
23 has to be, and Dr. Shalala made a very good
24 point yesterday at our Board meeting when we
25 were talking about how we can help WPS, how the

1 Federation can financially support WPS, and we
2 have been focused on the risk associated with a
3 startup league of any type in any environment,
4 and now to make it a women's league in a very
5 difficult environment, and obviously, those
6 risks are even greater. No shying away from
7 that.
8   And her comment was to the effect,
9 in all of this, with all of this going on,
10 having good news is important. There's no doubt
11 about that. And we see that, whether it's on
12 the nightly news, of people doing things along
13 with the tent city in Sacramento that we see
14 pictures of.
15   So I want to thank all of you for
16 your participation, for your work. In a very
17 difficult time, people are still doing volunteer
18 work in this room for the sport, in other rooms,
19 for different things, and most of you are
20 involved in other things.
21   We wanted to try to continue that
22 little bit of celebration spirit last night. I
23 think most of you enjoyed the activities. A few
24 could not come. What the rest of us did not
25 realize that a few that weren't there were

1 actually part of the Lion King routine, they
2 were in costume. Mr. Rapaglia has asked me not
3 to tell you what role he played, but he was
4 there. So enjoy the day. It's a wonderful
5 place.
6   This city tells you everything in
7 many ways about what this country is capable of,
8 and we'll be back. No doubt about that. And
9 the Federation and the sport are still here,
10 getting better. Thank you for your help. Thank
11 you for your attendance. Good luck. Enjoy.
12   Move to adjourn.
13   MR. EDWARDS: Move.
14   PRESIDENT GULATI: Adjourned.
15 (Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.)

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