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1	those that have passed in the last year, part of	1	constituting the adult council. We have
2	our organization and part of the sport. Please	2	professional delegates constituting the
3	hold your head in silence for a minute.	3	professional council. We have athletes delegates
4	(Moment of silence.)	4	representing the, or constituting the athletes
5	PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you.	5	council, and we have others, a number of others;
б	Greg, you are leading us in the	6	collectively five different entities all serving
7	Pledge of Allegiance, somebody told us; is that	7	one purpose.
8	right? We have the Pledge of Allegiance. No,	8	The weighting and the voting system
9	just kidding. We're going to do this	9	that we have, we make equivalent the effect of
10	collectively. Mike wanted me to play the role of	10	the vote for the three basic groups, adult, youth
11	the nine-year-old kid that comes up, but I	11	and professional, using multipliers to do it.
12	decided not to do that today.	12	Once we have done that, we add in the
13	Mr. Edwards, you are going to lead	13	other votes NBOD, national affiliates, other
14	us?	14	affiliates, life members, past presidents, and so
15	MR. EDWARDS: I will lead you.	15	on.
16	(Pledge of allegiance recited.)	16	That gives us a basic number from
17	PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you.	17	which we then determine the number, the weighting
18	We'll do a roll call. Mr. Kepner,	18	that we need to give to the athletes council.
19	chairman of our Credentials Committee will do a	19	The athletes council, by our own
20	roll call and will also do the Credentials	20	bylaws, must constitute 20 percent of the total
21	Committee report.	21	vote. And so we go through a mathematical
22	MR. KEPNER: Beginning of my remarks,	22	process to do that. We spend a couple of days
23	I always, first of all, say greetings, to, in	23	preparing. I need to tell you that I feel more
24	this case, Louisiana, New Orleans and thank	24	prepared this year than I have ever been before,
25	Louisiana Soccer Association for the great job	25	much to the credit of Kati Hope of U.S. Soccer.
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1	Q Alaska?		1	А	Here.	
2	À Here.		2	Q	Nebraska?	
3	Q Arizona?		3	Ă	Here.	
4	A Present. Here.		4	Q	New Hampshire?	
5	Q Arkansas?		5	A	Here.	
б	A Here.		6	Q	New Jersey?	
7	Q California North?		7	А	Here.	
8	A Present.		8	Q	New Mexico?	
9	Q California South?		9	А	Here.	
10	A Here.		10	Q	New York East?	
11	Q Colorado?		11		Here.	
12	A Here.		12	-	New York West?	
13	Q This is youth.		13		Here.	
14	Connecticut?		14	Q	North Carolina?	
15	A Present.		15		Present.	
16	Q Delaware?		16	-	North Dakota?	
17	A Here.		17		Here.	
18	Q Florida?		18	Q	Ohio North?	
19	A Here.		19		Here.	
20	Q Georgia?		20	-	Ohio South?	
21	A Here.		21		Here.	
22	Q Hawaii?		22		Oklahoma?	
23	A Here.		23		Here.	
24	Q Idaho?		24		Oregon?	
25	A (No response.)		25	A	Here.	
		Page 10				Page 12
1	Q Illinois?		1	Q	Pennsylvania East?	
2	A Here.		2	А	Here.	
3	Q Indiana?		3	Q	Pennsylvania West?	
4	A Here.		4	А	Here.	
5	Q Iowa?		5	Q	Rhode Island?	
6	A Here.		6	А	Here.	
7	Q Kansas?		7	Q	South Carolina?	
8	A Here.		8		Here.	
9	Q Kentucky?		9		South Dakota?	
10	A Here.		10		Here.	
11	Q Louisiana?		11	Q	Tennessee?	
12	A Go Saints.		12		Present.	
13	Q Maine?		13	Q	Texas North?	
14	A Here.		14		North Texas here.	
15	Q Maryland?		15	~	Texas South?	
16	A Who dat?		16		Here.	
17	Q Massachusetts?		17	~	Utah?	
18	A Here.		18		Here.	
19	Q Michigan?		19	~	Vermont?	
20	A Here.		20		Here.	
21	Q Minnesota?		21	-	Virginia?	
22	A Here.		22		Here.	
23	Q Mississippi?		23		Washington?	
24	A Here.		24		Here.	
25	Q Missouri?		25	Q	West Virginia?	

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		Page 13				Page 15
1	A Here.		1	А	Present.	
2	Q Wisconsin?		2		Minnesota?	
3	À Here.		3	~	(No response.)	
4	Q I will emphasize that the		4		Mississippi?	
5	organizations and the states that did not		5		Here.	
6	register for the event I did not call their		6	Q	Missouri?	
7	names.		7	A	Here.	
8	I'm now proceeding to the Adult		8	Q	Nebraska?	
9	Council.		9	Α	Here.	
10	Alaska?		10	Q	Nevada?	
11	A Here.		11	Α	(No response.)	
12	Q Arizona?		12	Q	New Hampshire?	
13	A Here.		13		Here.	
14	Q Arkansas?		14	Q	New Jersey?	
15	A Here.		15		Here.	
16	Q California North?		16	Q	New Mexico?	
17	A Here.		17		Here.	
18	Q California South?		18	~	New York East?	
19	A Still here.		19		Presenté.	
20	Q Colorado?		20	Q	New York West?	
21	A Present.		21		Here.	
22	Q Connecticut?		22	~	North Carolina?	
23	A Here.		23		Here.	
24	Q Florida?		24	-	Ohio North?	
25	A Here.		25	A	Here.	
		Page 14				Page 16
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2	A Here.		2	Α	Here.	
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12	A Here.		12		Here.	
13	Q Kansas?		13	Q	South Carolina?	
14	A Here.		14		Here.	
15	Q Kentucky?		15	Q	Tennessee?	
16	A Here.		16		Here.	
17	Q Louisiana?		17	~	Texas North?	
18	A Here.		18		Ayhoo (yodeled).	
19	Q Maryland?		19		Thank you, Robert.	
20	A Here.		20		You are welcome, Robert.	
21	Q Massachusetts?		21	~	Texas South?	
22	A Here.		22		Here.	
23	Q Metro D.C. Virginia?		23	~	Utah?	
24	A Present.		24		Here. Vermont?	
25	Q Michigan?		25	0		

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	Page 17		Page 19
1	A Here.	1	Q Life members.
2	Q Washington?	2	Alan Rothenberg?
3	A Present.	3	A Here.
4	Q West Virginia?	4	Q Chris Christoffersen.
5	À Here.	5	À Here.
6	Q Wisconsin?	6	Q Darl Rose?
7	A Here.	7	A Here.
8	Q I will now proceed to the	8	Q Gianfranco Borroni?
9	Professional Council.	9	A Here.
10	Major League Soccer?	10	Q Hank desBordes?
11	A Here.	11	A Here.
12	Q United Soccer Leagues?	12	Q Hank Steinbrecher?
13	A Here.	13	A Here.
14	Q Women's Professional Soccer?	14	Q Howard Rubenstein?
15	A Present.	15	A Here.
16	Q Athletes Council?	16	Q Mavis Derflinger?
17	A Here.	17	MR. desBORDES: She's here. She
18	Q Cindy Cone?	18	can't talk. I will do all the talking for her.
19	A Here.	19	Q Perry Foster?
20	Q Danielle Fotopoulos?	20	A Here.
21	A Here.	21	Q Board of Directors.
22	Q Danielle Slaton?	22	Brooks McCormick?
23	A Here.	23	A Here.
24	Q Jeff Agoos?	24	Q Carlos Cordeiro?
25	A Here.	25	A Here.
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1	Q Juergen Sommer?	1	Q Don Garber?
2	A Here.	2	A Here.
3	Q Michael Burns?	3	Q Donna Shalala?
4	A Here.	4	A Here.
5	Q I will proceed now to other members.	5	Q Fabian Nunez?
6	Other affiliates category first.	6	A Here.
7	Soccer Association for Youth?	7	Q Francisco Marcos?
8	A Here.	8	A Here.
9	Q United States Specialty Sports	9	Q James Hamilton?
10	Association?	10	A Here.
11	A Here.	11	Q Jon McCullough?
12	Q Now, National Associations.	12	A Here.
13	USASA?	13	Q Kevin Payne?
14	A Here.	14	A Here.
15	Q AYSO?	15	Q Larry Monaco?
16	A Here.	16	A Here.
17	Q USYSA?	17	Physically present, mentally absent.
18	A Here.	18	Q Mike Edwards?
19	Q National Affiliates Category.	19	A Here.
20	U.S. Club Soccer?	20	Q Amanda Cromwell?
21 22	A Here.	21	A Here.
1.2	Q Associate Members.	22	Q Sunil Gulati?
		22	A 11-10
23	The National Soccer Coaches	23	A Here.
		23 24 25	A Here.Q Past Presidents.Bob Contiguglia?

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	Page 21		Page 23
1	A Here.	1	Now, United Soccer Leagues.
2	Q Now, I will go back to the beginning.	2	Tim Holt?
3	There were a few that did not answer. I will	3	A Here.
4	give them a second chance to answer "present."	4	Q Women's Professional Soccer.
5	If they do not answer "present" to this time, a	5	Tonya Antonucci?
6	member of the Credentials Committee or a member	6	A Here.
7	of the U.S. Soccer staff will go to that spot	7	Q Mary Harvey?
8	where they have their name and their keypads.	8	A Here.
9	They will pick them up, carry them over to the	9	MR. KEPNER: You might want to take
10	side. If they happen to show up later, then they	10	note of the multipliers. First of all, we have
11		11	
12	can pick them up. That doesn't deprive them of	12	represented at the AGM, 270 delegates in the
	their vote, but we would like to get the keypads		Youth Council; 164 delegates in the Adult
13	to the side.	13	Council; 13 Professional Council; 6 athletes; 7
14	I'm going to go back to the Youth	14	other members; 9 life members; 13 members of the
15	Council.	15	National BOD, and one past president.
16	Q Alabama.	16	Weighting multipliers. Youth
17	A (No response.)	17	Council, naturally, has the largest entity,
18	Q Idaho?	18	simply, a weighting of 1.
19	A Here.	19	Adult Council, 1.65. You multiply
20	Q Idaho is here now.	20	the 1.65 by the 164, it equals 270. Professional
21	Okay. Now, I'm returning to the	21	Council, 20.77. You multiply 20.77 by 13, it
22	Adult Council.	22	equals 270.
23	Minnesota?	23	So we take those three 270s and add
24	A (No response.)	24	them to the other members, life members, National
25	Q Nevada.	25	BOD, past presidents, and that gives us a number,
	Page 22		Page 24
1	A (No response.)	1	840.
2	Q I'm going to read the	2	That represents 80 percent of the
3	representatives, the delegates of the	3	full vote. And, therefore, the athletes delegate
4	Professional Council by name.	4	is 210. We have total votes of 1,050. Very
5	Alfonso Mondelo?	5	unusual that we ever get to the point of showing
6	A Here.	6	all of the votes up there, but if all delegates
7	Q Ali Curtis?	7	were to happen to vote, then a majority, a simple
8	A Here.	8	majority, would be 526, and a two-thirds majority
9	Q Casey Romany?	9	would be 701. But if each vote actually is
10	A Here.	10	based on actual votes cast.
11	Q Emily Behncke?	11	So I offer a motion that the report
12	A Here.	12	of the Credentials Committee be accepted.
13	Q Ixzchel Salgado?	13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.
14	A Here.	14	MR. EDWARDS: Second.
15	Q Jan Greenberg?	15	MR. KEPNER: I hear a second over
		16	here from Mr. Edwards. All those in favor,
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16 17	A Here.		
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2	be a one and a two. You press your choice. That	2	MR. KEPNER: Thank you very much.
3	number will appear in the little red square that	3	PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Kepner, as
4		4	always, thank you.
5	you see. When it shows up in there, that	5	We should mention that he said that
6	communicates to you that electronically your vote	6	they spent two days preparing. Most of that time
7	has passed on to the system. You can change, if	7	was on that one slide that he just put up.
8	you wish, just by pushing the other number. Wait	8	Trying to figure out what the plural of crawdaddy
9	until it shows up.	9	was, and he got it wrong, you want to mention.
10	-	10	Before we get started with my report,
11	As we approach a point in time in	11	
12	which I'm seeing that the voting is coming in, I will then signal that wa're that we have five	12	I want to recognize a few people or groups. Some of them have been covered in the roll call. In
13	will then signal that we're, that we have five	13	
14	seconds to go. And you will see on the screen, at the bettom $5.4.3 + 1$ game. At the game	14	front, if I could ask, as I think I always do,
15	at the bottom, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, zero. At the zero,	15	our life members to stand, please. This group
16	the voting stops.	16	here in front, please stand. Our life members of
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17 18	that we do have results, and then they will be	17 18	(Applause.)
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19	a percentage basis.	19	to our Athlete Council, all of whom have
20	So we're going to go ahead and	20 21	represented the U.S., we have a couple other
21	practice. It's always good to practice. I used		people I think in the room who have represented
22	to be a teacher, and I know practice makes	22	the U.S. National Team Program at one time or
23	perfect. I always taught my students that.	23	another, so if I could ask all of you to stand,
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3	Council, two of the three Board members from the	3	cancer, at a bar with my mother, cheering on the
4	Athletes Council are timed out. They are no	45	U.S. National Team for an away game, and being at
5	longer eligible based on their last game for the	6	our last game. So I want to thank all of you and
6	U.S. National Team, having been, in an eligible	7	say good-bye to my sister.
7	competition, having been more than 10 years, in	8	In my report we're going to do
8 9	the past. That's Amanda Cromwell and Peter	9	this in a couple of pieces. I'm going to talk a
10	Vermes, who is not here. Amanda and Peter, thank	10	little bit about what we have been doing over the
	you.	11	last year, what we're going to do over the next
11 12	(Applause.)	12	year, and then talk about it in a little bit
13	PRESIDENT GULATI: Kevin Payne who	13	broader terms, a 50-year plan; 25 looking back,
14	has been on our Board since 1994 consecutively.	14	25 looking forward.
15	Thank you, Kevin, on the Pro Division.	15	And I'm going to have David Downs,
16		16	who is part of our effort to bring the World Cup
17	(Applause.) PRESIDENT GULATI: And lastly, two	17	here, he heads that effort as our executive director, bless you, talk a little bit about what
18	members who are here from the Athletes Council,	18	-
19	who are no longer eligible to be on the Athletes	19	we're doing there. Because I think that's of great interest to everyone in the room. It's
20	Council because of the same ten-year rule.	20	certainly something that we think that can be
21	Juergen is in that category. He's been at two	21	transformational for the sport at all levels.
22	World Cups for us, Juergen Sommer.	22	With that, let me, as we always do,
23	(Applause.)	23	go through a little PowerPoint presentation. We
24	PRESIDENT GULATI: And Michael Burns,	24	will put this up on the screen, and I'll talk
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1	Honduras, which is what clinched us, and it was a	1	end of the year with a great game against
2	3-2 win that we beat Honduras in Tegucigalpa.	2	Germany. A game that had 35,000 people at it. It
3	Some quick pictures from that	3	was a kickoff for the German World Cup in a few
4	qualifying cycle. That last picture why don't	4	years. A game where they started ticket sales
5	we just get that back on the screen? So there's	5	for that World Cup, and sold lots of tickets
б	no youth in the room, so I guess that one is	6	three years out.
7	okay, and everybody was dressed.	7	So if we set the stage and set the
8	The highlight, pretty clearly, of	8	bar in 1999, with event hosting on the Women's
9	last year and anyone that's part of the sport	9	side, the Germans are clearly trying to keep up
10	in this country knows it and was proud, I think,	10	to that level, and it was a great start. I think
11	during the moment when we were in South	11	it's fair to say that we were under pressure a
12	Africa, having lost our first two games. Beat	12	lot of the game, but that's okay. To win a game
13	Egypt. Needed to beat Egypt by three golds.	13	against the number two-ranked team on the field
14	Needed the Italians to lose 3-to-1, not 4-2, not	14	away from home was terrific and congrats to that
15	2-nothing, 3-to-1, and it worked out, and then	15	group of players.
16	went on to beat the number one-ranked team in the	16	Men's, the youth national teams. We
17	world to prevent them from setting the all-time	17	have qualified again for the U-20s. Didn't do as
18	record of consecutive wins. Spain 2-nothing. A	18	well as we would like, so things are not perfect.
19	pretty proud day. And then we had a terrifically	19	We were hoping for more. The same is true with
20	proud half against Brazil a little bit less	20	the U-17s. Got to the second round in their
21	proud in the second half, unfortunately. We had	21	case, but we thought we had a very strong group,
22	two players that were awarded FIFA awards at the	22	and unfortunately, didn't make it past the round
23	tournament which was terrific. Clint Dempsey is	23	of 16.
24	essentially our gold scorer, and Tim Howard is	24	Some pictures from Egypt and Nigeria.
25	our golden glove winner.	25	Women's youth teams. The Under 20s
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1	So a terrific event. Our highest	1	just qualified for the world championship again.
2	finish in the men's outdoor event ever.	2	We're defending world champions. So hopefully,
3	Obviously the women have won multiple gold medals	3	we will continue that run, and the U-17s will be
4	at events. That's Josie, after he scored against	4	playing soon. We finished second in the last
5	Spain, and Charlie Davis, who many of you know,	5	go-around there.
6	is making a strong recovery to try to get there	6	On the professional side of things,
7	in time for the summer. That's Landon. He's not	7	MLS had an extraordinarily good season last year,
8	telling everyone to get blanked. Just excited.	8	with Seattle leading the way. And I talked about
9	A little bit more about the National	9	this at the Board meeting. What Seattle did in
10	Team. We were in the gold cup when we came back.	10	their first year launch is truly remarkable.
11	Lots of new players, essentially, a brand new	11	It's one of the best launches of the sports team
12	team that played. Bob Bradley tried to develop	12	anywhere in the world at any time. Their number
13	some depth in our team. Looked at a lot of	13	of season ticket holders this year will be
14	players. The team traveled quite a bit. And	14	35,000. That compares favorably with AC Milan,
15	just some statistics on the team the only	15	and those sorts of teams.
16	statistics that generally matter are those when	16	(Applause.)
17	we win or lose. Kyle Beckerman, star in Salt	17	PRESIDENT GULATI: And if we could
18	Lake and MLS, member of that group.	18	figure out a way to bottle what's happening in
19	The Women's team. It was a year	19	the Northwest, and Don thinks we will in Portland
20	without official competitions. No world	20	and Vancouver, if we can figure out a way to do
21	championships. No Olympics. Two out of every	21	that in a few other places, it would really be
22	four years are like that, but they still had a	22	very special. Philadelphia starts this team,
23	very good year. Only gave up one goal in	23	going on to Vancouver the following year. And as
24	regulation throughout the season, and Pia and the	24 25	you will see there, also two brand new stadiums in Philadelphia, and the Red Bull Park. And Red
25	group continued to do well. Highlighted at the		

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1	Bull Arena, not park, for a smaller	1	the past. I don't want to be in it. Dan doesn't
2	soccer-specific stadium, will be as nice as any	2	want to be in it. The sport can't afford to be
3	stadium in the world. It is truly an	3	in it, in a situation where teams start, and in
4	extraordinary place. They pulled out the concert	4	October or November, the primary goal is try to
5	stage. No artificial surface. They wanted it	5	raise money either through new investors or
6	only, only, for soccer. No tractor pulls,	6	franchise fees so you can come back and play in
7	nothing. It's really a great sign of the	7	March. It's an unacceptable pattern. There are
8	commitment of Red Bull and of the league.	8	huge consequences to the sport when that happens,
9	That's what it looks like. For those	9	because it's public. It's in the paper.
10	of us who live in the New York area, you can get	10	So if a new league is going to start
11	there without driving. The new stadium in	11	or new teams, they're going to have to convince
12	Chester right off the highway. You do have to	12	us, financially, and every other way, that
13	stop to get off the highway.	13	they're going to be around for the long term. We
14	The Women's side. Obviously, the	14	are going to be asking, and have already asked
15	launch, the successful launch of WPS last year,	15	for this league that we're controlling. Bonds of
16	the terrific, if not controversial final, where	16	the sort that we have never asked them for, cash
17	the home team ended up playing a player short.	17	bonds, because we don't want to have situations
18	And in the case of this coming season, two new	18	where teams are going out of business. It's not
19	teams, the Philadelphia and Atlanta, a little bit	19	the same thing if a group of players moves in a
20	of a setback with the loss of the team in L.A	20	youth club next door. That doesn't become a
21	but I take it you are from Philadelphia or	21	story in the New York Times or these days in
22	Atlanta, not L.A just wanted to make sure.	22	Zurich, when we're trying to bring the World Cup
23	And really a great season in a very tough	23	here. So it's rather important to us.
24	economy. Congratulations to Tonya, Mary, and all	24	And we have set some new standards
25	the players in that effort.	25	with the blue ribbon panel to help us do that.
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1	(Applause.)	1	That's the setup for this year.
2	PRESIDENT GULATI: We had an	2	The two conferences that will begin
3	interesting set of circumstances with our	3	play very soon, most of those are familiar, a
4	Division 2 setup that have been widely written	4	couple three outside of USSF direct control in
5	about, and I'm sure most of you have read about.	5	Puerto Rico and Canada.
б	Two competing leagues, a break-away league, and	6	A little bit on the player
7	I'm not going to go through all of that.	7	development side. Most of you know about the
8	But we had to step in as U.S. Soccer	8	Academy. Slight expansion in the Academy
9	and are essentially running Division 2 soccer for	9	program, not a whole lot. Certainly not in terms
10	the year. And that means Dan is de facto the	10	of ages. Lots of players in the Academy program
11	commissioner of the league. We're not giving him	11	that are part of our national team program.
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12	that title, because he would want a raise, so		That, in and of itself and it's not really a
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1	One of the positive effects we do think has come	1	number of things that you know about that we have
2	out of it, even in the short term, is we've had	2	been doing on the coaching side, whether it's on
3	the ability to train coaches and referees in a	3	the web site, which is a big part of what we're
4	collective fashion, starting at the top. So Bob	4	doing going forward. Our strategy has to be much
5	Bradley is able to interact. Our top referees	5	more geared in those ways in multimedia
6	are able to do instructions at these gatherings.	6	techniques and technologies, talk about best
7	We think that's an important part of it. That's	7	practices and elite-level coaching as well.
8	where the Academy program runs. It's obviously	8	And then on the referee side I
9	concentrated, as in many cases, are our big	9	think you can see that from the back it's not
10	numbers for youth registration on the coast and	10	coincidental that the slide is broader and there
11	in Texas. I see some, not blips, but some stars	11	are more things listed there. We heard clearly a
12	in the Midwest and Chicago and Denver.	12	year, or a year and a half ago in San Jose and
13	Some pictures from Academy Week.	13	then back at our AGM about the need and
14	A little bit more on international	14	importance of starting some additional programs,
15	relations, which is something that's very	15	training, communication and so on, at youth
16	important to us. Pretty hard to ignore the	16	level, and not only at youth level, but at
17	importance of our sport internationally when you	17	non-elite game level, so that could be adult
18	see some of the pictures from around the world,	18	referees, but not just those that were focused on
19	but also where it fits into things like	19	MLS or the U.S. National Team games, or
20	development and health care and so on. When you	20	international soccer in general.
21	see what's happening in Haiti over the last three	21	So you know about a number of those
22	weeks. We had a terrific write-up in the New	22	where it's increasing the opportunities for
23	York Times about a coach that we sent to India to	23	training, week in review, and all those sorts of
24	work with their Women's National Team Program.	24	things. We're one of the few federations in the
25	We didn't send the coach because we wanted to be	25	world that does that sort of thing, publicly
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1	written up in the New York Times, but that's a	1	looks at our high-level referees every week at
2	plus. And it had a lot of coverage in India.	2	the referee games and admit to mistakes when
3	We've had, in conjunction with the	3	there are mistakes.
4	State Department, an envoy program, that a number	4	There have never been any mistakes,
5	of our players here have been part of, going	5	but we admit to them when there are any. All
6	around the world, and sharing some of the	6	right. There have been two.
7	expertise, resources that we have. And that will	7	Some thing that's very important,
8	be something that continues.	8	that we're really now getting into in a big way,
9	Some of those dots of where we have	9	which is how do we reach out to more people.
10	been over the last few years. Some of the images	10	This is about the commercial side of things, and
11	from those places, which are quite extraordinary	11	these partners help us do that and will continue
12	in many cases.	12	to do that. How they're doing it in some cases,
13	Continued improvement, I guess is the	13	but even, perhaps, more importantly, in our
14	best way of looking at it. And diversity.	14	long-term development, television. And I talked
15	Something that I have talked about since being	15	about this as a critical component, and I will
16	elected and longer than that at our Board. And	16	come back to this when we talk about ESPN.
17	we think we're doing better there. I won't quite	17	What our broadcast partners are doing
18	say we're doing well, but we're doing better.	18	is pretty extraordinary for the sport. They are
19	We're getting better. We're making the effort,	19	clearly not putting on youth games or adult games
20	and hopefully, we will continue to do so. And I think the here fits and requeffs to the grant are	20	in prime time up against American Idol. But what
21	think the benefits and payoffs to the sport are	21 22	they are doing and we'll look at this a little bit later on is something that we cannot do.
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22	many, whether it's on the field, off the field,		
23	in terms of consumers, in terms of members, and	23	We have no way of doing. So, if you look at

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1	These are some of the things that we	1	Bob Bradley, Don Garber and I were at ESPN two
2	are doing. And there's going to be things on	2	weeks ago for something called ESPN Newsmakers.
3	this that you have heard of and have no idea what	3	We met with about 225 of their staff people.
4	they are in some cases; what a Twitters is or	4	They showed us a presentation before we started
5	Facebook. You-all know what Facebook is; you-all	5	that meeting. The first line of which, the
6	know what a Twitter is, but my guess is there's a	6	marketing and promotional commitment of ESPN to
7	lot of people in the room that don't use those	7	the World Cup is greater than any single event in
8	things, but that's the way young people are	8	their history. Think about that.
9	communicating in greater numbers these days.	9	So the company which has got a brand
10	Out of my class at Columbia out of	10	that's known around the world that is buying
11	210, and I asked this question last week, 207 are	11	premier league rights. Serie A rights, and other
12	on Facebook. 207 out of the 210. So I can't	12	major rights around the world is putting more
13	send them homework anymore. I have to post it on	13	muscle behind the World Cup this summer than any
14	Facebook for them, apparently.	14	other event they do anywhere, Super Bowl
15	YouTube, all those sorts of things;	15	included. World Series included.
16	the way people are communicating, extraordinarily	16	So, if we can't get people to watch
17	important. We're trying to reach especially the	17	the game this summer or watch the games this
18	large numbers of youth that aren't playing the	18	summer, it's not because our partners aren't
19	game and try to get them involved. Our	19	doing enough to promote it.
20	supporters club which are obviously people and	20	I think it's safe to say that Bob,
21	players who are much more interested in the game	21	Don and I, who were, watched that presentation,
22	and how we're doing and those sorts of things.	22	were blown away by what they're doing. They have
23	Pretty clearly a cornerstone of what	23	got a sign in their complex that is the size of a
24	we're going to be doing this year is the World	24	major apartment building in New York, about the
25	Cup effort. The World Cup in South Africa. We	25	countdown to the World Cup. Their top guy loves
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2	non-Spanish language rights, so they will be	2	that happen in Soccer, and Hank, the two of them
3	carrying it in Portuguese, and who knows what	3	actually were both involved in that Olympic
4	other languages they may decide on between now	4	effort for soccer, showed the world that we could
5	and then.	5	put on a soccer event and get people to come and
6	That's when we tied Costa Rica in the	6	watch. And by the way, no one had done that in
7	89th or 90th minute or actually 92nd second	7	the Olympics at all.
8	minute, officially shows up as 90.	8	So '84, we put on a terrific
9	And how does that fit with anything	9	Olympics. '88, we get the right to host the
10	that we're doing? How does what we have just	10	Olympics. '89, we qualify for our first Men's
11	done looking forward. Here's how I think it	11	World Cup. '90, we play in that World Cup. '91,
12	fits, and then we'll talk a little bit about the	12	the women win the World Cup. '94, we host the
13	World Cup. When I look at where the sport is and	13	most well-attended World Cup before or after.
14	where we're trying to go, I'm starting increasing	14	'96, the women win the first Olympic medal in
15	to look at it as a 50-year plan.	15	soccer. '96, we start Major League Soccer, and
16	Now, not everyone in the room was	16	on and on and on. 1999, with the women's team;
17	here at the beginning of the plan, and	17	2002, but a handball on the line against Germany.
18	fortunately not all of us will be around at the	18	Maybe we're playing in the World Cup semi-final,
19	end of the 50-year plan. And where this notion	19	and MLS expansion, right through. Starting a
20	really came from was a meeting that Don, Dan and	20	league on the women's side last year, right
21	I had with the president of FIFA during the Gold	21	through. And 2009 when we're having this
22	Cup. And at a big banquet about this size, the	22	discussion, happened to be the 25-year mark.
23	night before the final at the Gold Cup, the	23	I said, if we have done that in the
24 25	president of FIFA chided us, and said, you know,	24 25	first half, as long as we don't have a Brazilian
25	the U.S. is very good. Their team has come a	25	second half, we are going to be in great shape.
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1	imagine if the games are treated like that game	1	hard to see 25 years out, I don't see 25 years
2	tomorrow in Miami or is it today, Bob? No,	2	out very well I see the June 12th first, and
3	it's tomorrow.	3	then December 2nd, when we get a decision from
4	So what we've said to FIFA, imagine	4	FIFA but we think it's doable. We think it
5	what can happen? Because they've asked us, well,	5	would be something very, very special for our
б	we had the World Cup there, we didn't see all the	6	efforts. And we guarantee that anyone in the
7	effects. We said, are you kidding us? We've	7	room who is above 85 or 90, we'll guarantee you
8	started these leagues. We are the Number 1	8	tickets at that final. We will get the rest of
9	ticket buyer for the World Cup, outside of South	9	you the right to purchase.
10	Africa, more than England, more than Germany.	10	We had our first board we had a
11	More than Brazil. More than Argentina. More	11	press conference and then I will stop here and
12	than Spain. Number 1. The rights payment, for	12	introduce a quick video on that note.
13	television rights at the World Cup; Number 1,	13	Dr. Kissinger is on our Board. He was part of
14	U.S.; More fans attending, more people watching;	14	our effort in 1988 when we successfully got the
15	outdrew the baseball World Series game set at the	15	right to host the World Cup. He started the
16	last World Cup.	16	meeting with four or five journalists from the
17	Seattle would be a proud part of any	17	New York Times, Wall Street Journal. We didn't
18	team or any league in the world, the best	18	need to prep the former Secretary of State. He
19	recognized by FIFA. We've got a few U.S.	19	started the meeting with we are trying to host
20	national team players, I would say, give a run	20	the World Cup in 2018 or 2020, -22. In 2022 I
21	for the money, best women's player in the world	21	will be 99 years old. So as far as I'm
22	playing in WPS.	22	concerned, this gives me a great incentive. And
23	So we've done a lot, and a lot of	23	he meant it.
24	that is attributable to what happened in those	24	And for those of you I know
25	big events. And we think another big event can	25	Dr. Shalala spent lots of time with him he's
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1	be a further catalyst. And by the way, we think		
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2	that the next 8 or 12 years of build-up to that	2	sharper than any of us if the current 86-year-old
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3	First of all, the technical quality	3	think it's important to note that this is an
4	of that piece says a lot about American life in	4	effort that will use entirely existing
5	general, and of course, we have some wonderful	5	facilities. We're not asking any city to build
б	friends at ESPN who are helping us do that.	6	anything for us. In fact, when we did an
7	Okay. So I'm going to spend the next	7	economic impact study, it showed that we're, in
8	few minutes giving us a quick update on the	8	effect, going to generate somewhere between 5 and
9	progress we have made to-date and what's ahead of	9	\$7 billion of economic impact to those 18 host
10	us. You see there, on the screen, a timeline of	10	cities. That's certainly an important reason to
11	some of the key milestones in our bid process	11	bid.
12	which began about a year ago.	12	So we are optimistic. And one of the
13	We're a little more than halfway	13	reasons we're optimistic is that we have a number
14	along the route. We have a major deadline coming	14	of strengths in our bid, not the least of which
15	up on May 14th, when we have to deliver our bid	15	is the stadiums that we've talked about. We also
16	book to FIFA along with all the signed contracts	16	have tremendous support from the U.S. government
17	from the various entities that would be	17	and also down at the city level. And I think
18	participating in the World Cup. And then the	18	it's a safe bet that if you are planning a World
19	vote, of course, is on December 2nd. We have a	19	Cup in 2018 or 2022, and you want to bet on a
20	technical tour that we have to give for FIFA	20	country that's going to be a nice place to have a
21	before that point.	21	successful event, you would want to bet on the
22	Now, we think we're going to win, but	22	United States.
23	obviously, the competition is fairly stiff. In	23	And speaking of our strengths, these
24	that group, you will see four bidders from	24	are the 18 host cities that we announced on
25	Europe. Five bidders from Asia. Four of those	25	January 12th. And I should point out that there
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1	press about the five million ticket notion, if we	1	service firms in this country. So in the area of
2	select the right cities, and we allocate the	2	public relations or law or social networking or
3	right mix of matches, we can average about	3	venue design, we've got some of the top firms.
4	78,000. And we will sell every ticket that we	4	And I should point out that many of them are
5	put on sale.	5	working pro bono. Almost all of them, if they're
б	I talked about our major deadline	б	not working pro bono, are operating on
7	coming May 14. We have a 1200-page book. I'm	7	drastically reduced rate fees to us.
8	happy to say we're ahead of schedule on that. I	8	Let's talk a little bit about
9	have seen page proofs from a number of the	9	marketing. I guess I don't need to tell you that
10	chapters. About 70 percent is already into the	10	in any political campaign, grass roots support is
11	printers.	11	important. I also don't need to tell you,
12	In addition, we have to turn over	12	especially those of you in this room, that the
13	about 600 contracts averaging about 50 pages	13	challenge to reaching out to the U.S. Soccer
14	each. The vast majority of those are signed.	14	community, which is so remarkably diverse, is a
15	The duplication and scanning process is going to	15	great one. But we truly believe in our hearts
16	be a nightmare, but we will certainly meet all	16	that the World Cup is a rallying cause.
17	the technical hurdles quite easily. Actually,	17	Whether you like this game because
18	here's a sneak peek at what the book is going to	18	you are a Hispanic immigrant and still root for
19	look like.	19	the national league of your country of origin, or
20	I'm not going to promise it's a	20	you like this game because you are a youth
21	Robert Ludlum-type thriller that you will want to	21	parent, or you like this game because you play
22	flip through before going to sleep, but actually,	22	it, or whatever your touch point is, you're an
23	maybe you will want to flip through before going	23	MLS fan. You're going to want to have the World
24	to sleep. But I will guarantee you it will be	24 25	Cup here in the United States.
25	professionally done and look fantastic. That's a	25	We think this is a very unique
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1	chapter heading spread. Here's another page.	1	opportunity. Win or lose, frankly we think we're
2	It's an inside page. You get a sense our	2	aiding the soccer community by rallying everybody
3	design from Pentagram has done an amazing job	3	together around this marketing slogan: The game
4	with us on this.	4	is in us, because the game is in all of us.
5	I would love to be able to say that	5	This is our link to the community.
6	we have done all this work to-date, with six	6	The Go USA bid site. I hope you have been there.
7	full-time staff members, and yes that is the	7	It's a fantastic site that was designed by Blue
8 9	actual number, but the reality is we have a	8 9	State Digital. They are the social networking group that President Obama hired for his
10	tremendous support team behind us. It starts at the very top at the White House. President Obama	10	successful president obaina filed for fils
11	and his administration have done everything we've	11	a wonderful job. It's very dynamic. To-date, we
12	asked of them, including, as you can see in this	12	have recruited about 300,000 followers. We need
13	photo, receiving the FIFA delegation this July	13	to up that number. I will talk about that later.
14	following the gold cup final.	14	These are some of the tools that
15	Our support continues at a high level	15	we're using. Sunil mentioned them earlier. We
16	with an amazing Board of Directors that we've	16	are cutting edge as well. Facebook, Twitter, and
17	managed to assemble over the last year. Some of	17	so on.
18	whom are sitting at this table here. They're too	18	And of course while it's very
19	numerous to mention. One of whom was playing on	19	important to maintain a tremendous amount of
20	ESPN too for Everton a few moments ago. I don't	20	domestic support, because that is a big factor in
21	know, did anybody see the final result? That's	21	convincing the actual voters why they should be
22	too bad. Oh, well.	22	voting for the United States, in the final
23	In addition to the high level support	23	analysis, just 24 votes matter to us. So for the
24	that we have, a lot of the day-to-day work is	24	next nine months, we will need to focus on
25	being done by some of the leading-professional	25	winning 13 of those 24 votes.

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1	These are some of the things that we	1	campaign, and you donate \$10 and we will get you
2	are going to be doing. Sunil and myself and	2	an umbrella.
3	others will be traveling to all of the major	3	We certainly are going to call on you
4	soccer events, not just matches, but conventions	4	during the FIFA technical tour, because that's
5	and conferences. We're going to take full	5	going to be an opportunity for them to witness
6	advantage of our participation this summer at the	6	firsthand the strength for the support of the
7	World Cup. We're going to try to visit each one	7	sport in the United States. And if we have a
8	of the 24 FIFA Ex Co members in their home	8	whistle stop tour in Philadelphia, we will want
9	countries. We're going to try to maintain the	9	the sons of Ben and others, to come out and greet
10	popular support vote for here and abroad.	10	the train as we come on through.
11	This is going to put a face on the	11	And I would also love it if you
12	vote. You will get a sense of the challenges by	12	continue to share with us some of your best
13	taking a look at this chart.	13	practices, where you see things that are
14	24 people representing 24 different	14	happening in your community that impact our bid
15	countries, 6 different continents. And I think	15	messages, such as how soccer helps break down
16	between them, their native language, it's 12	16	social barriers. We would love to hear from you.
17	first languages, 12 different languages, and 7 of	17	Maybe we will be able to share them in our final
18	them actually represent bidding nations.	18	presentation to FIFA.
19	So clearly it's going to be a	19	And finally, if you are hosting an
20	challenge for us to win. When I talked about	20	event, we would like you to think of us. And we
21	Mexico withdrawing, and there you see them. We	21	would be happy to share our branding tools, and
22	are the only bidder from this hemisphere, and	22	that way, you can keep the bid's presence in
23	this hemisphere counts for six votes. That's not	23	everybody's mind on a regular basis. That's very
24	an insignificant fact. It's something Chicago in	24	important to us.
25	their Olympic bid would have wished they had	25	So, thank you for your time. Thank
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2	And it's important to us, while the	2	incredibly passionate.
3	total funds are obviously important, it's	3	He's led our federation by thinking
4	equally, it's also important I won't say	4	about the needs of all of us, whether it be the
5	equally important that we get 100 percent	5	adults, whether it be the youth, whether it be
б	participation if we can. We think that's a great	6	the professionals or whether it be the athletes.
7	statement to be able to talk to FIFA about.	7	He's done it with his usual humor and charm, and
8	So that's where we're headed, gang.	8	he's done it in a way where he's thought about
9	I think we're on a pretty good path. We're	9	what always has been in the best interests of our
10	certainly not where we want to be for the sport	10	sport and the best interest of our federation.
11	in general.	11	He's done it in an incredibly professional way,
12	And with that I'm going to move on.	12	where we're operating as an organization with
13	Dan has reminded me that we need to	13	real efficiency, with real leadership, with a
14	take care of the minutes on the first official	14	real plan, and a real focus as to what we all
15	piece of business. We have got approval of the	15	need to do to create what he calls "a soccer
16	AGM National Council Minutes from 2009.	16	nation" in our country.
17	Do we have a motion to adopt?	17	Having spent a lot of time with him,
18	MR. MONACO: So moved.	18	and many of you have known him for decades, it's
19	PRESIDENT GULATI: Mr. Monaco has	19	been a real honor for me to see him operate
20	moved, seconded by Mr. Borroni.	20	through the halls of FIFA, as he's leading our
21	Any comments or corrections on the	21	World Cup bid, and to see the respect and very
22	minutes? Hearing none, we will approve those	22	importantly the affection that the leaders of
23	unanimously. Thank you.	23	this sport globally have for Sunil.
24	(Motion passed.)	24	I can't think of a better leader for
25	PRESIDENT GULATI: First order of	25	our World Cup bid. The fact that he's been able
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1	(Applause.)	1	for all your help, and everything you do in the
2	PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you. Thanks	2	game to make that happen.
3	very much.	3	We have got an election of an
4	I guess I don't need to give a	4	independent director as our next piece of work,
5	President's report. We've covered that.	5	and we've got one nomination from the Board,
6	But I need to thank just three	6	which is Dr. Shalala.
7	people, this time, and anyone that lots of	7	And before we go to that, I really
8	close friends in the room, including Don, who	8	want to thank all of our independent directors.
9	gave a great speech for me, will have to	9	It is one of the best things we have done in this
10	understand, I have got my family is here. My	10	organization, since I have been a part of it, was
11	wife is here, who happens to be, as some of you	11	add independent directors to our Board. We all
12	know, from Mexico. So those wins are always even	12	did that.
13	more precious at home. She's in the back.	13	And the quality of the people that we
14	(Applause.)	14	have that serve as independent directors is
15	PRESIDENT GULATI: My five-year-old	15	really extraordinary.
16	daughter Sophia, there, she's waving. And then	16	Fabian Nunez, who is here, former
17	my 12-year-old son Emilio, who has managed to	17	assembly speaker of the California General
18	play in AYSO, and travel soccer for USYS, no	18	Assembly, has been with us and has been terrific
19	issues on interplay yet. And I go to a lot of	19	in many, many different ways, and he's going to
20	his games. He leads the country, I think, in	20	be even more involved and engaged with us, now
21	retakes of penalty kicks. I don't know why that	21	that he's a little bit less involved in politics
22	happens.	22	in the short term.
23	One of the coaches implied to his	23	Carlos Cordeiro, who is here, who is
24	coach that he thought maybe my son's team was	24	traveling the world nonstop, I think even more
25	getting favorable treatment because some of the	25	than I am, in trying to help us bring the World
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1	referees might know who I was, and I said that	1	Cup back here and gotten to be a great friend.
2	was absolutely not the case.	2	And Dr. Shalala, who is a president
3	MR. RUBENSTEIN: That's because the	3	of the University of Miami and former cabinet
4	referees were well schooled by you.	4	member, and we've had situations where she can
5	PRESIDENT GULATI: They were well	5	pick up the phone or give us counsel in ways that
6	schooled, right. I deny that. And to make sure	6	frankly few people in the country could. We're
7	that they didn't know either who I was, or he got	7	very appreciative of that, and she's agreed to
8	any favorable treatment, I decided now before	8	serve.
9	every game to talk to the referees and to make	9	And with that, on behalf of the
10	sure we know what their age is and talk about the	10	Board, we would like to nominate Dr. Shalala to
11	FIFA list and things like that. And also to	11	continue her service to U.S. Soccer as aN
12	remind them under no circumstances, should they	12	independent board director. Unless there are any
13	award any favorable treatment to my son, Emilio,	13	other nominations, we will do that by
14	number 10 on the field playing on the right side.	14	acclamation.
15	He's now fallen to Number 2 in the	15	Donna, thank you Donna, and welcome
16	country on retakes of penalty kicks, so I think	16	back. Dr. Shalala.
17	we've worked that well. Thank you.	17	(Applause.)
18	Thank you for your confidence. I	18	PRESIDENT GULATI: We've also got
19	look forward to the next four years, and	19	next, another election, which is for our
20	certainly this magical year of 2010, that some of	20	foundation seats.
21	us have been talking about for a long time, with	21	Are there any I guess the easiest
22	a particular significance, this six-month period	22	way to do this might be, are there any
23	between June 11th, or seven months, June 11th and	23	nonfoundation Board members that are being
	December 2nd is a glorious one for us and for	24	nominated? Any new members?
24 25	December 2nd, is a glorious one for us, and for the sport, I'm counting on that, and thank you	25	The four current members for and

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1	you will remember from our rule change, the	1	reaffirmed, unanimous decision of the Board?
2	foundation the way this works is we have four	2	Hearing none, the council reaffirms,
3	seats. One is supposed to be affiliated, in some	3	I think, the decision of the Board, and sounds
4	way, with each of our four councils, but the	4	like unanimously rejects the appeal.
5	whole council, the whole national council votes	5	Thank you for that.
6	on them.	6	Proposed budget 2011.
7	So the four current members: Kevin	7	Mr. Eldridge, if you are here.
8	Payne, obviously, associated with the	8	MR. ELDRIDGE: Yes.
9	Professional Council; Gianfranco Borroni, with	9	PRESIDENT GULATI: And then we will
10	the Adult Council; David Messersmith associated	10	go to Club Soccer, life members, before we get
11	with the Youth Council, and Juergen Sommer,	11	onto amendments.
12	associated with the Athletes Council are the four	12	Mr. Eldridge, presenting the budget
13	current members.	13	for I don't know how many consecutive years, now.
14	If there are no other nominations, we	14	MR. ELDRIDGE: I'm going to get
15	will approve all four of them, as our continuing	15	there.
16	representation to the Foundation.	16	PRESIDENT GULATI: We're going to
17	Are there any other nominations?	17	wait for you, David; no problem.
18	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.	18	MR. ELDRIDGE: Consecutive years, I
19	PRESIDENT GULATI: Hearing none, we	19	don't want to mention. But I will say that when
20	will accept and approve all four of them.	20	Sunil talked about anyone who had been to the
21	Thank you for your service and your	21	meetings prior to 1984, my first meeting I
22	continued service.	22	attended, instead of an airplane, I took a
23	(Applause.)	23	chariot, so it's been awhile.
24	PRESIDENT GULATI: We are on to New	24	(David Eldridge thanked the following
25	Business on your agenda.	25	Budget Committee members for their service: Steve
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2	So it's on the floor for approval,	2	mention that we don't normally check numbers in
3	discussion, comments or otherwise beating the	3	this way, for any of our own members, our state
4	bush.	4	associations, obviously, the professional teams
5	Do you have any questions or	5	we do, because it's easy to see, we have 16
6	comments?	6	teams; no, we only have 8. So that one is easy.
7	Sounds like my class.	7	We don't generally audit our own members, as long
8	Okay.	8	as they're paying their bills, and in this case,
9	PRESIDENT GULATI: We will approve	9	we've had the bills paid. So there's not an
10	that by acclamation. Thank you.	10	issue from our perspective.
11	Thanks, David, for your hard work as	11	So I think that's the understanding
12	always.	12	we would have going forward. So from that
13	(Applause.)	13	position, the motion would be as is, to consider
14	PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay.	14	the membership category change of U.S. Club
15	We have a membership category change	15	Soccer, with those caveats that I mentioned.
16	for U.S. Club Soccer. That's the item listed B.	16	Larry or John, do you want to add
17	It's also the item for which we took a short, or	17	anything to that? Are we good?
18	had a late start, so it was a caucus going on.	18	John Sutter.
19	So most of you know this, especially	19	Come to the microphone, please, John.
20	on the youth side of the hall, the issues here,	20	John Sutter from North Texas.
21	we have got a change of status for membership for	21	MR. SUTTER: John Sutter, from North
22	U.S. Club Soccer. And in the opinions of the	22	Texas. Only you mentioned the word "could" and
23	federation council and finance departments,	23	if they did not qualify, "would," remove their
24	everything is in order. There are a couple of	24	membership, is that correct?
25	questions potentially about some numbers.	25	PRESIDENT GULATI: Absolutely. If
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3	The Board is recommending the	3	of the federation and in that role has provided
4	approval of two of those. Mr. Flamhaft and	4	extraordinary services to the federation.
5	Gerhard Mengel, who is here, and Steve is also	5	Sub(d), the individual served on a
6	here, and if it's your pleasure, I would like to	6	federation committee for at least eight years.
7	approve those by unanimous consent. Mr. Flamhaft	7	PRESIDENT GULATI: As I understand it
8	and Mr. Mengel. Can we do that by	8	without reading it, you have changed we have
9	(Applause.)	9	got it in writing. Mike has got it in writing.
10	(Item approved.)	10	So the three changes would be on (b) to change 8
11	PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you. Thank	11	to 7 years, and the reverse change on item (d)
12	you for approving that. And Gerhard and Steve,	12	change 7 to 8, and add the words, change the
13	thank you for literally a lifetime of service to	13	length of service from 10 to 15, in item (c), and
14	the organization and the sport.	14	add including at a state association for, with
15	We also have a third that is in your	15	extraordinary contributions.
16	book. Is there a motion to consider that	16	MR. FLAMHAFT: Yes.
17	nomination? Hearing none, we will move on.	17	PRESIDENT GULATI: And Steve has got
18	Thank you.	18	it in writing. Okay.
19	We are now to proposed amendments in	19	MR. FLAMHAFT: Thank you.
20	the Federation bylaws on the back page of your	20	PRESIDENT GULATI: We're okay with
21	book. The first one of those Bylaw 231.	21	that as a friendly amendment, rather than needing
22	Mr. Edwards, would you like to speak to that or	22	to vote on that. So Mike is modifying his
23	is it self-explanatory?	23	amendment to read along the lines suggested by
24	You're going to speak to that?	24	Mr. Flamhaft.
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1	include coaches. Okay. Any other questions?	1	regarding voting for the at-large seat.
2	Comments?	2	At my request, the parties have
3	Hearing none, if we can approve that	3	agreed to withdraw that. I have spoken with, in
4	by unanimous consent.	4	general terms, with the leadership of the four
5	Thank you.	5	councils, as well as the leadership of the
6	(Item approved.)	6	submitting organizations. We're going to sit
7	(Applause.)	7	down at some date in the future and talk about
8	PRESIDENT GULATI: The next is Bylaw	8	that.
9	302 from USASA. Mr. Monaco or Mr. Palmeiro is	9	For those that have been following
10	not here, and we certainly wish Bob a full and	10	this, essentially, essentially, we have for that
11	speedy recovery. Many of you know that he has	11	at-large seat, an election that takes place along
12	been a little bit ill.	12	U.S. senate lines. It's equal representation for
13	Larry, do you want to speak to this,	13	everyone. And this particular bylaw change would
14	or Brooks or anyone or just leave it as is, and	14	have made it a compromise between the senate and
15	we roll? Whatever you like. Go ahead. Speak to	15	the house, so that there was a weighted vote, but
16	it.	16	not fully weighted by participants or members.
17	MR. MONACO: The purpose of this is	17	And while there seems to be some, not
18	right now, under the federation bylaws, the eight	18	seems to be, there is a willingness to discuss
19	commissioners in the Adult Council and each of	19	that and have it partially weighted, the parties,
20	the councils have no vote. At the council level,	20	at least the council chairs that's the only
21	it's just to give them each a vote at the council	21	group that I'm commenting for the council
22	level, which means they would be included in the	22	chairs seem quite open to talking about that and
23	total vote coming from the count, that each of	23	making a change, but want to sit down and try to
24	the councils to this AGM and this allows them,	24	figure out, in conjunction with the groups, what
25	then, to have a vote there, and obviously a vote	25	that change would be and presumably, there would
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1	here. But their vote would be counted as part of	1	be an amendment in the future.
2	their particular council.	2	So thank you, council chairs, and
3	PRESIDENT GULATI: Okay. Any other	3	filing parties for agreeing to that.
4	comments? Okay. So what I would like to do is	4	Item E which is Bylaw 601, I'm told
5	do this by acclamation, but if there are people	5	Mr. Vermes and the Athletes Council, Jon, were
б	that object to that, let us know, and we will	6	withdrawing that. Is that right? All right.
7	certainly take an electronic vote.	7	That's being withdrawn, thank you. Thank you,
8	We will do that by unanimous consent.	8	Jon, and athletes.
9	Thank you, everyone in the room. Terrific.	9	We are then on to Affirmation of
10	(Motion approved.)	10	Federation Policies adopted since 2009 AGM. So
11	(Applause.)	11	moved.
12	PRESIDENT GULATI: Bylaw 302,	12	MR. RUBENSTEIN: So move.
13	Credentials Committee.	13	MR. ROSE: So move.
14	Do we need any comments on this, or	14	PRESIDENT GULATI: That is coming
15	is that self-explanatory? Maybe we should do	15	from Darl. First by Darl Rose, seconded by
16	this one electronically just to mess with Bob.	16	Ms. Derflinger.
17	Do we have a motion for adopting this	17	Any comments on that? Turn the mic
18	one?	18	back off. Go ahead.
19	Mr. Steinbrecher, thank you.	19	MR. FLAMHAFT: Are we now addressing
20	Seconded by Mr. Payne.	20	proposed Policy 231? We're not there yet.
21	Any discussions or comments on this?	21	Are you on 521?
22	We will do that by unanimous consent. Thank you.	22	PRESIDENT GULATI: Hang on. You are
23	(Motion approved.)	23	objecting to the second one.
		24	MR. FLAMHAFT: I have some comments
24 25	PRESIDENT GULATI: The next one Bylaw 412 from the AYSO Soccer Association for youth,	25	on the second one.

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1	before we actually just one second. Mike?	1	would be.
2	MR. EDWARDS: Sunil, for a	2	Mr. President, kindly make these
3	clarification Larry brought to my attention.	3	dreams a reality. God bless American soccer.
4	We need to make one conforming change	4	PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you.
5	that I hope people will simply accept as	5	(Applause.)
6	housekeeping. In Policy 231-1 that Steve was	6	MR. FALK: Greg Falk, Cal South.
7	just asking me about, Section 1(a) references the	7	I would like to take a moment to
8	phrase "staff and team positions." And I would	8	thank two people sitting up there, although one
9	suggest that Bylaw 231, Section 3(d) states "the	9	has moved oh, there he is who are
10	individual was a staff member," be modified to	10	presidents of associations who won't be
11	conform to say "staff or a team member."	11	presidents next year. First, Larry Monaco, who
12	PRESIDENT GULATI: Just a consistency	12	has announced he's not running. Thank you for
13	change that Mr. Monaco has pointed out, and if we	13	your leadership, and guidance and help.
14	don't have any objections, we will go ahead and	14	(Applause, standing ovation.)
15	do that.	15	MR. FALK: And Brooks McCormick, who
16	MR. EDWARDS: They were companion	16	has helped usher us into the adult world. Thank
17	articles.	17	you for your help.
18	PRESIDENT GULATI: Any objections?	18	(Applause, standing ovation.)
19	None? Thank you. Sir, you have the microphone.	19	PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you.
20	We are on Good of the Game.	20	Mr. Laraba, We have someone on the
21	MR. AMOROSO: Congratulations, our	21	other side. Mr. desBORDES, our long-time host
22	esteemed President.	22	here. Anything correcting crawdaddies?
23	At last year's National Council	23	MR. desBORDES: You are in New
24	meeting on behalf of Eastern New York Soccer, I,	24	Orleans at the beginning of the Mardi Gras
25	Rocco Amoroso, chairman of the sportsmanship	25	season. There are at least two parades coming
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1	committee of Eastern New York Soccer petitioned	1	close by us today. One in the afternoon and one
2	this august body, that the replica of this patch	2	at night. Go down the street about four or five
3	which I'm displaying "Fair Play USA," be adorned	3	blocks down there, and you will get the parade.
4	on all uniforms of our national and international	4	Just remember this is not a
5	players. To-date I have not received a response	5	Thanksgiving parade as you see on TV. This is a
б	to this laudable request.	6	participatory parade. So you put your jeans on.
7	Mr. President, there's no better	7	You get ready to get down and dirty, and you go
8	medicine like hope.	8	catch the beads. And you take the beads home and
9	Again today, on behalf of East New	9	they're valuable items.
10	York Soccer, for the expectation of a better	10	A couple of things: Wear casual
11	tomorrow in soccer, with full vigor, I resubmit	11	clothes. Put your money and your ID in your
12	my proposal, knowing that as we all look back	12	front pocket. And tight jeans, I'm serious, now.
13	upon our lives, the moments when we have really	13	You don't want anybody picking your pocket.
14	lived were the moments when we have done things	14	Ladies, best not take a purse. And as for
15	in the spirit of enhancing this beautiful game of	15	ladies, if you want to catch more beads, wear a
16	ours.	16	shirt that shows cleavage. All right?
17	Yes, what crowning moments they would	17	(Laughter.)
18	be as the world would witness our national team	18	MR. desBORDES: I would also, on a
19	sporting the Fair Play USA patch on their	19	different note, and this is for the bid committee,
20	uniforms in this year's World Cup. Additionally,	20	you can use, you have permission to use the "Who-dat
21	the world would be in awe watching a national	21	nation" slogan because we ran the NFL off and told
22	team comporting themselves as true champions of	22	them they don't own it. So anybody can use it.
23	fair play on the fields of South Africa and	23	Thank you.
24 25	elsewhere.	24	(Applause.)
27	Indeed, what crowning moments they	25	PRESIDENT GULATI: So right now,

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1	given at least part of those comments, the	1	the support to the Athletes Council. From every
2	lawyers are checking to see if our D & O policy	2	council out there, and the Board, it's been an
3	covers life members.	3	honor, Sunil, to serve with you, and for you, and
4	Ms. Cromwell, after that stirring	4	Peter the chair of the Athletes Council, and
5	speech by Mr. desBORDES, we're going to wait a	5	Mary Harvey, send a thank you too, who started
6	minute before we come back over to you.	6	this leadership within our council.
7	Mr. Laraba.	7	And Jon McCullough is going to take
8	MR. LARABA: Dave Laraba from West by	8	it by the reins, I know. And we just would
9	God Virginia, and the chair of the Federation	9	appreciate that continued support to our athletes
10	Appeals Committee. Twelve years ago, Dr. Bob	10	with our chair, our new chair Jon McCullough,
11	asked me to take this task on and see how it's	11	Danielle Fotopoulos, our co-chair, and Jeff Agoos
12	continued. We have a meeting today. What time,	12	on the Board, especially those three, they're the
13	Greg?	13	ones that are going to sit in the crossfire
14	MR. FIKE: 4:30.	14	sometime.
15	MR. LARABA: And what's the room?	15	Congratulations to the athletes on
16	MR. FIKE: Cambridge.	16	being here. I know it's not always easy with
17	MR. LARABA: Cambridge room, 4:30.	17	schedules and people are still playing. But we
18	Any member of the Appeals Committee who is here,	18	just elected a whole new council. Landon Donovan
19	please try to come to the meeting.	19	is one of those, and Cat Whitehill and current
20	I have submitted my application for	20	players, so it's very exciting to see where this
21	retirement as chair. It has not been accepted	21	council is going to go. And again, just from
22	yet, and I was surprised that Sunil even	22	Peter and myself, thank you for your support.
23	recognized me at the microphone. But I have been	23	PRESIDENT GULATI: Thank you, Amanda.
24	privileged to serve for 12 years. I want to	24	I think as you essentially said, it's
25	thank all the councils who have supplied members	25	a great sign of our progress that we have 35 or
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2	to address Kevin Payne's leaving, but he hasn't	2	organization, and as a sport is to have more
3	had a ringside seat. He's been in the ring for	3	fans. There are lots and lots of people that
4	15 years, and I think a lot of people don't know	4	play the game. We need more people to really
5	how much Kevin has done. He's a big loss.	5	care about participating as a spectator. And the
6	The second thing is that Mr. Nunez's	6	support that we've had from this federation to
7	I-phone has informed us that Josie Altidore	7	grow our leagues is thanks to the kinds of
8	scored in the 31st minute against Manchester	8	relationships that we have, and the belief that
9	City.	9	each and every one of you have, and what we're
10	PRESIDENT GULATI: Which is really	10	trying to do to create this soccer nation in this
11	good news, because as a forward on the U.S.	11	country. We really thank you for that support.
12	National Team, playing his first year in the	12	It's a lot different than it was many years ago.
13	premier league, to wait until February to score	13	It's not because we've asked for it.
14	your first goal is longer than the coach would	14	I believe we've earned it with respecting the
15	like.	15	process and understanding what kinds of things we
16	So thank you, Josie. And thanks for	16	need to do to be better partners to help grow the
17	the news.	17	sport. So we're excited about that future.
18	Bob Bradley is breathing better.	18	And I will be the third person to say
19	Mr. Garber.	19	that Kevin was a little emotional talking about
20	MR. GARBER: Thanks very much, Sunil.	20	leaving the federation, has been a participant at
21	I think you said and very	21	all levels in really serving this organization.
22	appropriately, if you folks look over in this end	22	And I know that we hope to get him
23	of the room, both from an athlete perspective,	23	back at some point onto the Board to continue to
24	and a pro council perspective, we, as	24	grow the sport. But we're very excited about
25	organizations, are taking our role and	25	Tonya, and what she's been doing for the Women's
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