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NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
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President: Okay. Can I have your attention, please? We’re going to open this meeting.

I want to first welcome everybody to the 90th annual meeting of the United States Soccer Federation. Clearly, with all of the energy in the room and all of the discussions going on, this meeting will be a historic meeting, and we have some major, I will say, improvements that we are going to make within this organization.

I want to first thank Nevada soccer and Nevada soccer association for hosting us here in this beautiful facility.

I want to first take a moment of silence for those who have passed this past year, and most notably Doug Hamilton, the general manager of Los Angeles Galaxy, who died two nights ago.

Then we will do the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you.

Now, we’ll do the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

President: And before we start our roll call. I would like to welcome Chuck Blazer, our representative to the FIFA Executive Committee. Chuck is a dear friend of U.S. Soccer, and from New York.

What I’m going to do is get us through approval of the National Council minutes, and then we’re going to declare a recess so that we can continue listening regarding the important bylaw issues that will be coming up later on in the meeting. So let me first have Bob Keener do the roll call and the credentials committee report.

Mr. Keener: Reading the roll, I will -- for the adult state associations, I will give you the name of the state association and the number of votes allocated to that association, and likewise for the youth state associations.

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Q. Adult Council.

In declaring that you are present,

please announce that very clearly so that we can
make a clear record of the fact that you are
here. In reading the roll, I will read through
all of the names of the organizations that are
members that have registered and the names of
the directors that have registered.

After I have gone through the roll
call one time, I will then return to those that
did not respond to first time as being present.

At that point members of the staff,
members of the committee will be -- if there's
anybody that is not present, we will pick up
those keys, keys. We will take them over to the
 Credentials Committee site on the far front
right. Five your point of view.

If the delegates from that particular
organization shows up later on, that person
should be directed to the Credentials Committee
site.

For the Adult Council: Alabama,

A. Present.

Q. Alaska, two?

A. Present.

Q. Arizona, four?

A. Present.

Q. Arkansas, three?

A. Here.

Q. Louisiana, four?

A. Here.

Q. Maryland, two?

A. Present.

Q. Massachusetts, five?

A. Present.

Q. Metro D.C., Virginia, five?

A. Present.

Q. Michigan, four?

A. Present.

Q. Minnesota, four?

A. Present.

Q. Mississippi, one?

A. Present.

Q. Missouri, one?

A. Here.

Q. Montana, two?

A. Present.

Q. Nebraska, two?

A. Present.

Q. Nevada, two?

A. Present.

Q. New Hampshire, one?

A. Present.

Q. New Jersey, four?

A. Present.

Q. New Mexico, four?

A. Present.

Q. North Carolina, five?

A. Present.

Q. South Carolina, three?

A. Here.

Q. South Dakota, three?

A. Present.

Q. Tennessee, three?

A. Here.

Q. Texas, six?

A. Present.

Q. Utah, two?

A. Present.

Q. Vermont, one?

A. Present.

Q. Washington, five?

A. Here.

Q. West Virginia, two?

A. Present.

Q. Wisconsin, two?

A. Present.

Q. Wyoming, three?

A. Present.

Q. Arkansas, three?

A. Present.

Q. Arizona, four?

A. Present.

Q. California, five?

A. Present.

Q. California South, five?

A. Present.

Q. Colorado, three?

A. Present.

Q. Connecticut, four?

A. Here.

Q. Delaware, two?

A. Present.

Q. New York East, five?

A. Present.

Q. Pennsylvania East, four?

A. Present.

Q. Florida, five?

A. Present.

Q. Georgia, four?

A. Present.

Q. Hawaii, three?

A. Present.

Q. Idaho, three?

A. Present.

Q. Kentucky, three?

A. Present.

Q. Illinois, four?

A. Here.

Q. Indiana, four?

A. Present.

Q. Iowa, three?

A. Here.

Q. Kansas, two?

A. Present.

Q. Kentucky, three?

A. Present.

Q. North Texas, five?

A. Here.

Q. Ohio North, three?

A. Present.

Q. Oklahoma, three?

A. Present.

Q. Oregon, four?

A. Present.

Q. Pennsylvania West, two?

A. Present.

Q. Rhode Island, two?

A. Present.

Q. South Carolina, three?

A. Here.

Q. Southern Ohio, three?

A. Present.

Q. Tennessee, three?

A. Here.

Q. Texas South, five?

A. Present.

Q. Utah, two?

A. Present.

Q. Vermont, one?

A. Present.

Q. Washington, five?

A. Here.

Q. West Virginia, two?

A. Present.

Q. Western New York, four?

A. Present.

Q. Wisconsin, two?

A. Present.

Q. Wyoming, three?
Q. Direct affiliates of USFA/AYSO
1. Amateur League, three?
   A. Here.
  2. United Soccer Leagues, three?
   A. Present.
  3. New Jersey Champions League, one?
   A. Here.
  4. Women's Premier Soccer League, one?
   A. Present.
  5. National Premier Soccer League, one?
   A. Here.
  6. Mid Atlantic Showcase Soccer League, one?
   A. Present.
  7. For the youth state associations:
   A. Here.
  8. Alaska, three?
   A. Present.
  9. Arizona, three?
   A. Present.
 10. Arkansas, three?
    A. Present.
 11. California North, six?
    A. Present.
 12. California South, six?
    A. Present.
 13. Colorado, five?
    A. Present.
 14. Connecticut, five?
    A. Present.
 15. Delaware, three?
    A. Present.

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for youth?
21 A. Here.
22 Q. National members: Futsal?
23 A. Here.
24 Q. National Affiliates: U.S. Club
25 Soccer?
1 A. Present.
2 Q. Associate members: NSCAA?
3 A. Present.
4 Q. National associations: USIS?
5 A. Present.
6 Q. USASA?
7 A. Present.
8 Q. AWAD?
9 A. Present.
10 Q. Life members: Frank Bursoli?
11 A. Here.
12 Q. Mavis Doflingler?
13 A. Here.
14 Q. Hank Dorendt?
15 A. Here.
16 Q. Larry Manacco?
17 A. Here.
18 Q. Foster Perry?
19 A. Here.
20 Q. Hank Steinbrecher?
21 A. Here.
22 Q. Members of the Board of Directors:
23 MaryPat Bell?
24 A. Here.
25 Q. Bill Desgraaf?
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7 Q. John Kerr, Jr.?
8 A. Here.
9 Q. Harve Medrado?
10 A. Here.
11 Q. Brooks McConnick?
12 A. Here.
13 Q. Mike McDaniel?
14 A. Here.
15 Q. David Messersmith?
16 A. Here.
17 Q. Bob Palmer?
18 A. Here.
19 Q. Alan Rothenberg?
20 A. Here.
21 Q. William Sage?
22 A. Here.
23 Q. Jim Sheldon?
24 Juergen Sommer?
25 A. Here.
1 Q. Bruno Trapillas?
2 A. Here.
3 Q. Peter Verones?
4 A. Here.
5 Q. Dan Gardner?
6 A. Here.
7 Q. Darl Hose?
8 A. Here.
9 Q. Professional Council: Mark Abbott?
10 A. Here.
11 Q. Russel Sargeant?
12 A. Here.
for the multipliers and the Credentials.

Committee report. The committee does wish to offer a recommendation to this council.

The recommendation is tied to an action taken by USASA at its midyear workshop that was held in the fall.

Recognizing the devastating effect of hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the Gulf Coast states, USASA voted to allow those states to use their USASA 2005 player registration figures as the basis for vote determination during the currently seasonal year at USASA meetings.

The Credentials committee proposes to this body that USASA's action be endorsed by applying that standard to voting at this council meeting. The one Gulf state that would be affected by approval of this action is South Texas state soccer association, whose adult registration dropped from 16,455 in 2004 to 4,311 in 2005, reducing its vote total from 5 to 4. On behalf of the Credentials committee, I ask for a motion to approve the allocation of five votes to South Texas at this council meeting.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUIA: It's been moved and seconded.

Could we have a general consensus?

All in favor, please say aye?

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Little note to me that I did skip one  
organization, United States Indoor Soccer  
Association. Would you state your presence?  

Present.  
Mr. NEPHER: I apologize for the  
omission.  

268 for the youth council; Adult  
council, 177; Professional council, 33; Athletes  
council, 5; Other members, 7; Life members, 6;  
national board of directors, 32; 508 in all.  

On the weighted basis, the weighting  
of the youth council is 1.00; Adult council,  
1.50; Professional council, 20.02; Athletes  
council, 45.00; Other members, Life members, and  
national board of directors, 1.  

Giving us weighted votes of 266 for  
the youth, the same as the number of -- and  
that's the base -- the standard that we use,  
Adult delegates, 264; Professional delegates,  
264; Other members, Life members, and national  
board of directors, 45; for a total nonathlet  
total weighted votes of 849, and then the  
athletes -- delegates delegates weighted vote is  
235.  

Total votes, 1,064.  
If all delegates vote, which as  
certainly you know, is very unusual, a simple  
majority would require 533 votes. In this case,  
90 percent plus 1.  

For a two-thirds majority, if all  
delegates were to vote, it would require a  

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Take a recess will be our proposed budget for  
Fiscal year 2007 and I'm going to bring Dave  
Eldridge up to present the budget. And, again,  
David has served as chairman of the budget  
committee probably 15 years now, David? And I  
want to again thank you, and while he's coming  
up, give him a hand because our whole process  
has changed dramatically.  

(Applause.)  
PRESIDENT CONTIGUZZI: And his boss  
is still vibrant, who makes sure that David does  
it right.  

So, David.  
Mr. ELDRIDGE: Thank you, Bob.  
I don't think it's been 15 years,  
but it's been close.  
PRESIDENT CONTIGUZZI: Feels like  
30, right?  
Mr. ELDRIDGE: Not really. It's  
been a good ride, actually, and this may be the  
last time I address you as budget chairman, I  
don't know, but just a little bit of history,  
and then we'll go on with it.  

When Alan appointed the budget  
committee, we were quite surprised to find out  
that a balanced budget typically wasn't  
presented to the board, and so through this time  
I have had a core of people who have worked  
with me that I want to recognize.  
Brad, in the very back, you're --  
stand up, Brad, come on. He's been on the  

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committee forever.  
David Stetson, who isn't here, in  
Atlanta has been a stalwart with me. And the  
three of us have been the core. The others have  
shifted through the years due to political  
appointments by various presidents and other  
things.  

So with that in mind, I would just  
like to say I have enjoyed the work. I think we  
have been extremely judicious in looking at the  
income, expenses; we have not raised the point  
ten much. Generally, the federation is coming  
to with a little more than we anticipated.  
I think Gill and I will speak to that  
today in terms of where we're headed for this  
fiscal year, but the budget you have before you  
is realistic, as I've told you before. The  
committee feels like it's workable, and at this  
time I would like to entertain a motion to  
accept the budget.  

Ms. MADERIAGO: So move.  
Mr. EDWARDS: Second.  
Mr. ELDRIDGE: Any questions or  
comments? Amendment?  
Mr. PALWIKO: I would like to make  
an amendment to the budget. Inasmuch as we will  
be changing the Board of Directors today or  
13 or 15 -- there will be a change today -- I would  
like to amend the budget to include $25,000 for  
the youth council to have biannual meetings: one  
to be the 3rd and one to be midyear; also  

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21. budget amendment...it's not a rule.
22. MR. PALMERO: for two meetings a
23. year, all the councils.
24. MR. ELDRIDGE: We have an amendment
25. to the budget.

1. Any second?
2. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
3. MR. ELDRIDGE: okay. Any
discussion?
5. MS. DERFLINGER: Can you read the
6. amendment?
7. MR. ELDRIDGE: no. I didn't make
8. the amendment; he made the amendment.
9. They want you to read the amendment.
10. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But where is
11. the money coming from?
12. MR. PALMERO: The surplus.
13. MR. ELDRIDGE: It will come from
14. surplus, operational funds.
15. MR. PALMERO: The amendment to the
16. budget is to include $15,000 for each council to
17. have two meetings a year.
18. That's real simple.
19. PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: We can do
20. it.
21. MR. ELDRIDGE: It's not
22. unreasonable; we can certainly do that within
23. the current framework of what we have in the
24. budget and in reserve. okay?
25. Call for the question on --- or vote

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1. for the question on the amendment.
2. All in favor, say aye?
3. Opposed?
4. (Motion passed.)
5. MR. ELDRIDGE: Okay. Any other
6. comments from anyone? It passes, for the
7. record. Thank you. The amendment passes, for
8. the record.
9. Now we'll take a vote on the budget
10. as listed with the amendment.
11. All in favor?
12. Opposed?
13. (Motion passed.)
14. MR. ELDRIDGE: I didn't know I was
15. going to become the parliamentarian.
16. PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: For the
17. record, it passes with the amendment.
18. Please state your name and --
19. MR. MC DANIEL: My name is Mike
20. McDaniel, director of U.S. youth soccer, Region
21. 3.
22. I have spoken with the credentials
23. people about the situation with Louisiana, and
24. it seems like that in the spirit of Fairness,
25. one possible solution would be to take one of
1. the six things that was already allocated to
2. Florida, which are already calculated, and let
3. Louisiana have one of those.
4. I spoke with Bob Cooper. I'm not
5. sure how to do this, but that doesn't seem like
6. that would be an alternative to not having to

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7. recalculate things.
8. PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: Let us take
9. that under advisement, and -- because we are
10. going to have a recess in a minute. And so
11. during the recess, we will take that under
12. advisement. I'll come back with an answer for
13. you, if that's okay.
14. okay, we are going to recess for 30
15. minutes. Let's say, recess until 9:30. Please
16. be back here in time, and then we will start.
17. (Recess taken from 9:57 to 10:27
18. a.m.)
19. PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: Can we get
20. everybody in the room, please, seated? Can we
21. get everybody coming back, coming in, please?
22. okay. Let's get everybody seated.
23. okay. I think we can restart. Can
24. I get everybody seated?
25. I will make one announcement. The
26. Credentials Committee has met, and they have
27. approved the transfer of the one vote from
28. Florida Youth to -- I think -- was it Louisiana
29. Youth?
30. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
31. PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: To Louisiana
32. Youth.
33. (Applause.)
34. PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: Okay. I am
35. going to go out of order a little bit. We are
36. going to start now by discussing and debating
37. and voting on the proposed bylaw amendments.
And I'm going to start with the bylaws concerning the size of the board of directors. Obviously that's what everybody has been concerned about. If you go to your book, you have it in there starting on Page Number 6.

I am going to ask if there are any proposers -- the agreement among the combatants is that we are going to go to 12 -- the one that is introduced by the Task Force of the Board of Directors, and that starts -- let me find it here. That's on Page 44.

I'm going to ask the chairman of the Task Force on the Board Committee to propose the amendment and to discuss -- to discuss it.

Mr. Gulati: Thank you, Bob.

We're proceeding in a slightly unorthodox way in terms of withdrawing any of the other amendments or giving you paper work, but that will happen, but obviously we have now reached what sounds like a consensus.

We will do the formal part of this, so we may need to delay a vote, but the principle agreement among the partners in this venture is as follows: that we would have a board of 15, which would be comprised as follows: the president; the vice-president; the treasurer for the next two years; the chairman of the committee, but instead of a two-year term, for the next two years, two outside directors, external directors, as defined by the Olympic Committee, but instead of a two-year term, for the next two years, two outside directors, external directors, as defined by the Olympic Committee, but instead of a two-year term.

Second that it would be effective immediately. That would be another amendment.

Third is that that two years changes to three years.

So we would add two external directors at our next annual general meeting. We would then have a plan -- a full board of 15, in two years' time, when the term of the current treasurer expires, we would add the third external or outside director, and then be, again, complete at 15.

Whether we call the vice-president/treasurer or just the vice-president, we are, in that process, eliminating an elected national officer, and that would, for the purposes of the discussion today, I think be best viewed as the treasurer's role. We can give you the philosophy on that.

The one other thing I should mention, at least where I'm standing now and perhaps in a couple of hours, is when we talk about external or outside directors, so at least where my thinking process is on it, we're not talking about people that are going to be coming in with preconceived views and people that are concerned about whether they're going to vote against us or vote with the pros or vote with the youth.

At least from my perspective, we're talking about people that many of us might have recognized from a newspaper for doing something other than being involved in soccer. So think about people that are CEOs, think about people that are retired ambassadors, think about people that have run a university as a university trustees chairman.

Now, it doesn't mean that it has to be from that group, but the whole point of this is to bring people with outside expertise that are above having to get into any of the caucuses we were just in at the last two days. They're above that part of it.

So that's the stature of people that at least I'm thinking about, and I think my colleagues that have been talking about this in the last couple of days are thinking about, we're not talking about somebody that just left, we're all still connected to, and we think they're going to support us.

In any case, this group will decide on who those people are, but if we ever have a situation where we have to have two outside people come and try to get your votes or you don't know anything or know anything about them, their resumes are going to be so outstanding that it's going to be easy.

That's the goal.

Mr. Plinto, do we need to add anything else?

Mr. Monaco, do we need anything, to add anything?
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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Executive committee.
Mr. GILLIATT: No Executive Committee.
Amendment 4, no Executive Committee. At that size, we'll go with just the board. anything else?
That's the amendments; that's the proposal. If someone who has got legal training or a parliamentary badge will tell me what we do next, we'll do it. Thank you all for your participation in getting to that process. We will vote on it formally when the future past president tells us.
Audioplace.

PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: Do we call this back to the Future?
I think we can vote on this now, and what I would like to do --
Mr. NIESSENKIRCH: We need discussion.
PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: I haven't put it on the floor yet. What we're going to do then is I'm going to go on now to the robocall related -- I think that's a good point.
Let me ask this: Let's have a raise of hands that people believe that they can support. I'm not asking for a formal vote. I'm just asking for a straw vote of people who feel they can support this presentation, because what we're going to do then is write it and formalize it.

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been carefully programmed with the weight of each vote. Please use only the keypad assigned to you.
Briefly, here's how the keypads work. Throughout the meeting you will be asked to vote on proposed bylaw changes, new fee schedule, and elections to the Foundation.
The item to be voted on will appear on the screen in multiple-choice format. You will be asked to use your keypad to place your vote. Press 1 for yes, and 2 for no.
When you press the button, the number you selected will show up in the LED box on the keypad. It will stay on for about a second, and the data will be sent to our computer technician, who will tabulate the results and display them immediately.
A few things to keep in mind:
Number 1, you can change your mind up until the time we close the response period for each question. The keypad will take your final answer as the one you chose.
The second point: The keypads operate on radio frequencies. So it is not necessary to point them at the screen or at the computer, but feel free to do so if it makes you more comfortable.
One other thing is once we begin voting, I will say, 'begin voting now.' You will know how to do that, of course, but when --

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it, and then come back to you with the formal language, so everybody is on the same page.
Mr. PALMER: Can we have discussion before we write and formalize it and make it easier, so when you go in back, there will be language that's acceptable?
PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: Let me get a consensus of votes. Can I just see hands as to people who feel that this is the appropriate way to go, 15 board members and all the appropriate amendments?
Okay. I think that's a pretty large group.
So what I'm going to do is get it written up for you to be presented to you formally. At that time when it goes on the floor, if there's debate, we will have debate, okay.
Now, let me move to the other amendments that are up front in your book.
Mr. KERNER: Bob, are you here? Do you want an orientation on the use of the keypads before you go into the voting?
PRESIDENT CONTIGLIA: That's a good idea.
Let's have an orientation on the use of the keypad. Bob.
Mr. KERNER: You will find in front of you a wireless keypad that we will use to vote throughout the meeting. The keypads have...
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18 PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Is there any
19 discussion on the amendment or the motion to
20 carry? I think we all have motions to
21 carry. Is there any discussion on the
22 motion? I'm going to do this -- let's test the
23 machines.
24 If you are in favor of it, press 3.
25 And if you are opposed, press 2.
26 MR. KEMP: That's correct. Press
27 1 for yes; 2 for no.
28 
29 PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: And you are
30 voting for the referral. Ready.
31 Bob, take over.
32 MR. KEMP: Begin. Five, four, three, two, one, stop.
33 
34 PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: It is
35 referred.
36 (Motion passed.)
37 
38 PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: The next
39 proposal is on Page 3, and that's the
40 proposal -- isn't that Page 47?
41 But for people's information, that
42 referral was for both 332 and 333 under
43 Richard's proposal.
44 Now, we are on Page 4, which is the
45 proposal by the Athletes Council regarding
46 elections of commissioners, directors, and
47 delegates.
48 Is there someone who would like to
49 move approval of this -- adoption of this?
50 MR. GUAZIONI: So Move, Guazion.
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that had happened, grievances that had happened,
to give players rights to participate and teams
to be able to play in more competitions.

There's been considerable effort
over the years to make it easier for people to
play in other organizations. This movement
would potentially be a step backwards. As the
Rules Committee recommended, it would make it
more complicated.

And we're on the one that is on page
51, correct?

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Yes.
MR. COLLINS: This would be making
it much more difficult. It would call into
question prior decisions of grievance panels
that have resolved issues, and in that sense, to
make it easier for players to participate

everywhere that they can, we would request that
it be voted down.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Any other
individuals wishing to speak on the motion?
If not, we will move to a vote.

MR. KEPHER: Yes.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: All in
favor, press 1; all opposed, press 2.

MR. KEPHER: Begin now. Five
seconds.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: It does not
pass.

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Ready?

MR. KEPHER: Begin, five seconds.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: The
motion -- the proposal fails.

(Motion failed.)

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Okay. Now
we're moving on -- we have two proposals
regarding the appeals procedure, and the Rules
Committee prefers the language proposed by the
USFSA in their report. So we'll take that one
first.

MR. LARAIA: I'm sorry, DAVE
Laraba.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Dave Laraba.

MR. LARAIA: Dave Laraba, West
Virginia Adult and also chairman of the
Federation Appeals Committee.

The Appeals Committee would like to
ask everyone to support the U.S. youth soccer
proposal because it's recommended. It's almost
identical, and with the rules Committee
recommendation, we would ask you to support that
proposal.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: David, it
would be easier if you would just withdraw the
rule that your committee proposed.

MR. LARAIA: We withdraw our bylaw
amendment.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Very good,
and by general consent, it is withdrawn.

Now, we will move then to the actual
one, which is on Page 34, the Bylaw 703.

Is there a motion to approve?

MR. GONZALEZ: So move.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Moved by Bill Gonzalez.

MR. EDWARDS: Second.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Seconded by Michael Edwards.

And discussion, Steven Flamhaft?

MR. FLAMHAFT: I hope I'm in order by making this comment. I am troubled by the words "activities sponsored." I find it vague and ambiguous when it says: "Decisions rendered... relating to activities sponsored by the Federation..." I'm not sure what that means. Should it not be bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Federation?

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Would anyone like to answer that?

We're told that that's not the section that we're talking about, Steve.

MR. FLAMHAFT: 705. Section 2(a).

MR. FIKE: I didn't hear the question.

MR. FLAMHAFT: I said I'm troubled by the words used: "Activities sponsored by the Federation." I find that to be vague and ambiguous. I think that perhaps it might be better to say: The decisions rendered -- appeals can be made by -- according to decisions rendered relating to bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Federation.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Would they just consolidate it, actually?

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Okay. Let me clarify it. We are in consensus upon here, agreement. You are trying to modify the original text, which was not part of the proposal. And it is okay, and you can make a motion with amended language.

MR. FLAMHAFT: I so make that motion in a friendly fashion.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: And what is the language you would like?

MR. FLAMHAFT: The language that I would suggest should read: The Appeals Committee shall consider and determine the appeals from decisions rendered relating to bylaws, rules, and regulations of the Federation.

This cannot be done, but I've already ruled that you can do it.

There's a motion on the floor to amend with Steve's language.

Steve, would you please repeat that language so we can get it recorded?

MR. SUHIER: Point of order, the Chair could correct itself, because it was not part of the original language.

MR. FLAMHAFT: I withdraw my suggestion. I've been told it's better not to do that.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Okay.

(Pausing.)

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Thank, you Steve. That really saved us a lot of "Surfis."

You know that Italian word "Surfis."

Anyhow, then we are on the original motion. It's been moved and seconded. I will ask for comments regarding the original motion regarding the Appeals Committee?

Please identify yourself.

MR. CANNEDY: Dave Cannedy, Connecticut.

That proposal is off now.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: It's off.

MR. CANNEDY: Excellent.

MR. FALCONE: Tony Falcone, Maryland Adults.

Since Steve brought up that line, I think we need to make one change here.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: I'm going to rule that out of order.

MR. FALCONE: Just listen to me, please. It says here: Relating to activities sponsored by the Federation and the organization member. I think probably we want to say "or," because if I read the "and," then all your appeals that can considered are activities that are jointly sponsored by the Federation and organization member. So what I would like to make as an amendment is to remove "and" and insert the word "or."

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Is that acceptable?

MR. WALKER: That's in order.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Is that acceptable to the makers of the bylaws David? It's accepted, okay.

Then we will move again to the main motion with that change.

John?

MR. COLLINS: I believe there's one other discussion on that point. By making it "or," I believe you are making this section much broader than it would otherwise be and you are bringing more things in.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOSA: Okay.

MR. COLLINS: There's an issue as to...
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MR. KEPNER: Thank you. The next policy regarding the arbitration, I am going to move to the floor. I've been working with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Abbott, and it's the policy regarding the arbitration in how they're going to ultimately rule. So to allow USSF to file an amicus, you are never going to have a fair arbitration. You are basically telling the arbitrator, whatever you do, USSF's position is so-and-so, so that at the end of the day, when the arbitrator's position is appealed, whatever that decision is going to be, it's appealed to the USSF. So USSF should not have the right to file an amicus at this level.

MR. KEPNER: Motion?... You're out of the books, John. For your second.

MR. KEPNER: Any discussion?

MR. WHITMER: Thank you, John. I'd like to hear from Mr. Abbott, who I think is the sponsor of this, if he's available. Thank you.

MR. KEPNER: Bill, your second.

MR. KEPNER: motion to file an amicus.

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MR. KEPNER: motion passed.

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MR. FLAMHAF: I have several suggestions. Number 1, 704-1(c), the language used after the submission of documents for the purposes of rebuttal, I think that invites more problems than it solves. About the middle of the paragraph, talking about the submission of the documents.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: For the sake of time, can I ask that you write -- you say these are suggestions as opposed to actual changing, then we can take it back.

MR. FLAMHAF: I'm suggesting that it be deleted.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Are you making a motion to delete?

MR. FLAMHAF: Yes.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Please repeat the language.

MR. FLAMHAF: I would delete the use of the words "for purposes of rebuttal only" under section 704-1(c).

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Do you have a series of amendments that you want to make?

MR. FLAMHAF: Just some suggestions, language suggestions further on. Do you want me to go through them?

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Can you refer -- I'm trying to avoid multiple votes here. So if you can make the suggestions and refer to the board, that would be appreciated.

MR. FLAMHAF: The first one, as in Page 57.
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PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: There's no
15 seconds. I think we will just take a vote. I
just think that's the simplest thing.

otherwise, we are going to be here all day
going arguments back and forth, when we have
other important matters to deal with. So I'm
going to ask that we move the question on this,
and then vote yes, if you --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bob, can't
you just withdraw it?

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: It was a
policy passed by the Board of Directors. So I
would say that the council have to not
accept it, and we'll go back to the board,
because it's been voted on, but thank you.

Let's move the question. All in
favor of accepting this policy, vote 1, of
returning it to the board with appropriate
comments.

I'm going to ask, assuming this does
not pass, those individuals with comments,
please submit them in writing to our legal
staff.

Please vote.

MR. KEPNER: I want to remind you,
wait until I have stated "begin," before you
press the keypad.

Begin.

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: It's ironic;
it's my sponsorship. My goodness.

MR. KEPNER: Five seconds.

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PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: It falls.

Okay.

MR. MONACO: Dr. Bob, I'm Larry
MONACO.

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: I recognize
you.

MR. MONACO: Larry Monaco. Life
member.

The U.S. Youth Soccer Association
submitted the Federation in a timely manner
for consideration at this national council
meeting a series of amendments to the
Federation's conflicts policy. That conflicts
policy and the proposed amendments are not and
have not been included in this book.

If you would look at the agenda,
the second page, it, in effect, says, this
council cannot take up any policies unless they
have been approved by the board.

That's clearly in violation of bylaw 301, Clause 8, of the Federation bylaws.

So I would suggest in the future,
the only thing it says in the future, is
Federation policies and forget the note material
and all the rest of it.

I also realize that our proposal
goes on for 74 to 12 pages, counting the
amendments. So I would move that the matter --
that the proposed amendments of the U.S. Youth
Soccer be sent to the Rules Committee, and the
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Rules Committee undertake discussions with U.S.
Youth Soccer about the proposal, and then it can
be taken up at the board meeting or a future
Council meeting.

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: The board
has already done that, I believe, sent it to the
Rules Committee for the discussion purposes.

I'm not sure a motion is necessary.

MR. MONACO: Okay, I just want to
make it clear that in the future we do have a
right -- we have had the right for 50 years to
initiate policies at the National Council level.

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: I don't
disagree. Thank you.

Where are we on the other?
We're going to move on -- they're
still working on the materials, so we're going
to move on to life board nominations. Two
people have been nominated formally, both Marty
Hankamer and Howard Rodenstein. I would hope
that we can take them collectively and ask for a
motion from the floor to approve those life
members.

MR. KRAUTH: So move.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Seconded.

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: It's moved.

Who made the motion? Please
identify yourself.

MR. KRAUTH: Carl Krauth from
Georgia.

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: And second
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was Wisconsin, in the back?

Let's move the question. Any
discussion? If not, please vote yes if you
approve; no if you don't.

MR. KEPNER: Begin. Five seconds.

(Motion passed.)

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: It passes.

Both people are very worthy.

(Applause.)

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: I do know
that both of them having been rabble-rousers and
after talking to this group over here, that next
year they're going to be coming for a life
membership of 30 percent budget for travel.

MS. DERFLINGER: No, we want 25,000.

PRESENTER CONTIGUOUS: And then
they want a guaranteed 20 percent of the vote.

Let's move along to election of
Foundation board members.

Let me ask for nominations from the
floor. There are three positions open. And may
I have -- we have three incumbents who are
seeking reelection, and I will ask for motions
from the floor.

WIFE. Eid.

MS. Eid: Romana Eid, Colorado State
Adult Soccer Association.

It's my pleasure to nominate
Francisco Marcos for reelection to the U.S.
Soccer Foundation. Francisco is president of
US Soccer and so much more. Francisco is one

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of the leading visionaries in U.S. soccer. We
have known him for over 25 years. His passion
for the game and his organizational skills are
unparalleled. I proudly nominate Francisco Marrocos
to serve on the U.S. Soccer Foundation.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: I will
accept that.

Brooks McCormick.

MR. MC CORMICK: I'm proud to
nominate Charles Marshall to be reelected to
the foundation board. He has served as
Treasurer. He has helped guide the investment
policy through some particularly turbulent times
in the stock market, and has outperformed many
other organizations of similar makeup. He's a
good guy. I think he's relatively
organizational agnostic in making decisions and
looks for what's the good of the game, and I
would hope that everyone would vote to return
him to the foundation.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Okay. Are
there any other nominations?

Linda Hamilton.

MS. HAMILTON: I would like to
nominate James Michallik back to the foundation
board of directors. He has served for two years
and has been an active member of the development
commitee, as well as an active member of the
board of directors. So I would like to nominate
James Michallik back to the foundation board.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Thank you.

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been great benefit and good tidings for the
future.

We open with the office of

president, the only office. I open the floor
for nominations for the office of president of
the United States Soccer Federation. Are there
nominations?

MR. GARBER: Thank you.

Events this weekend clearly have
forced us all to pause and to really reflect on
the people who have contributed so much to
soccer in our country, men and women who
represent the diverse fabric of our country that
have lived for a lifetime committing their
hearts and their souls to a sport, but really,
it's not just a sport. It's certainly more than
a game. It's a way of life for millions and
millions of Americans across this country.

We all know that Sunil Gulati is one
of those people. If U.S. Soccer's history book
was to be written today, there already would be
a chapter that would be simply titled "Sunil."

Like millions of kids across the
country, his love of the game started as a youth
player in Connecticut. Like countless
volunteers from the youth and the amateur ranks,
he coached, he administered, and he became
fully and totally devoted to the game.

He is driven by an overwhelming
belief that the United States can be a true
soccer nation. When the rest of the world
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book.

It is my honor to rise before this assembly and nominate Sunil Gulati for the position of president of the United States Soccer Federation.

Mr. GANZER: Thank you.

Mr. BLAZER: Are there any other nominations?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to close nominations.

Mr. BLAZER: I hear a motion to close nominations.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Seconded and accepted.

And now I ask you all, to unity and together, to give a round of acclamation and support for your new president, Sunil Gulati.

(Standing ovation.)

Mr. GULATI: Thank you.

I haven't read a speech in 30-some-odd years, 30 years, since high school graduation. I'm not going to start today. It would be very hard for me to have someone more relevant introduce me or run the election than the guy on my right, Chuck Blazer, who has been a friend for 25 years. We first met when he was running what was called the state select team program in New York, and I was running it in Connecticut, and have been very, very close friends since. So thank you, Chuck.

I'm going to spend a couple of minutes thanking some people, and there's always the chance that I will miss someone. It's not because I don't appreciate you, but it would take too long, but rather than say "Thank you, everyone," and skip it, there are some people that I absolutely have to thank.

I mentioned Chuck, Kathy Zulal and Alastair Bell from my home state of Connecticut, have been great supporters, and particularly Al was the one that got me involved in this crazy game at -- in the state select team program.

Peter Masotto and Sal Maglialis from my new home state, thank you for your support.

Peter Verones and Linda Hamilton and Michael Barnes, and these folks that sit over here, the players, and if you will notice, there's 33 of them today in all shapes, sizes, colors, and sexes. Pretty representative of America, and a little bit different, perhaps, than some of other parts of the room, so thank all of you. It's really about the athletes, so thank you for that.

Chip Campbell and Scott Lesseller, Two old friends who flew in for this; Marla Hessing, who ran the women's World Cup, an extraordinary success. Howard's wife, Patricia; Page 65

Mary Lynne thanks, who is Chuck's significant other, thank you all for coming and for your friendship and support.

Dan Flynn, who has been a friend long before he was General Secretary, and Tom King, who is heavily involved in the Federation, the same. Billy Guzat, thanks for being a loyal and close friend.

The Kraft family, who I continue to work with, Robert and Jonathan Kraft have been extraordinarily patient and accepting of my time that I don't work for the Kraft family, I guess is the best way to put it.

My friends at MLS, it would be hard to express in the right words the relationship that Dan and I have developed over the last six or seven years, which could easily have been or have gone in different directions. Two very close friends who were there from day one in MLS, Ivan Galsid and Mark Abbott, both stood up for me at my wedding. Todd Darby, who is not here -- Todd Darby, who is not here.

As I look through the list of people that I want to mention, there's some people that have been involved in discussions and debates this weekend, and you think about, well, should you recognize them? Controversial, do you want to be seen? All of those things. I think you stand with your friends no matter what and those people that have been loyal to you.

I want to thank Francisco for 20 years of friendship and loyalty. Burton Halines, who has been a great friend and a very loyal friend throughout. Paul Gardner, he's a journalist who says a lot of things that get me in trouble that I disagree with, but has been a great influence in how I think about the game.

And I'm told that an old friend who is sitting now right in the middle of the audience, the former U.S. National Team coach, five World Cup coach, Bora Milutinovic is here. Thank you.

Bora, for coming.

(Standing ovation.)

Mr. GULATI: And certainly, last but not least, a few very close friends: Kevin Payne, who all of you know, and we stood side by side in a lot of this for a long time. And yesterday, when we were talking about a different number than we talked about this morning, I had to go and talk to Kevin, and said I was going to support a proposal that was greater -- I'm sorry, was smaller than would likely include him on the board, and he made it so easy, and it reaffirmed everything I have thought about him in terms of our friendship and our loyalty. So Kevin, thank you.

About 12 years ago, we started having serious discussions with a big company called Nike, and when we started Project 2010, we didn't go out and announce it, but there was actually only an audience of three people. It wasn't real for this group. It wasn't for the
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I tried to get him in a U.S. club,
but he was -- Emilio was -- he had a flu several
months ago and missed some games, then he got
better, just the flu, and it was Friday night
and was supposed to play in both the following
day, one was in the morning and one was in the
afternoon. We talked about it. I said, "You
can't play in both games. It's too much. You
are just getting sick." And he came back and
said, "Dad, I have looked at the rule book, 603
and 702, allow me to do both." I checked our
phone, and there were 43 phone calls, some dial
and to curtailing. Thank you to my family for all
their support.

Obviously, my parents, who aren't
here, but will be with us at the World Cup.
As we start going forward, and I
have chided Alan and Bob about this in the past,
about the progress that's been made in their
administrations, which has been extraordinary,
but I went to make it very clear for the
Federation, financially, on the field, off the
field, that we're -- that I'm walking into, it's
in extraordinary shape.
We're going to try to improve on
that, but what's been built up, and I did it
last year, by all of you that have been doing
this for a long time in different ways, and I
recognize last year that people that have been
to more than 20 of these. It's pretty
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Okay?

You all know it, because you are all part of it.
If you don't feel the pride, you should, because
you are all part of it.

It's going to be extraordinarily
important over the next few years, as we've now
gotten the Federation to a place where it's
stabilized and healthy to try to grow it. We
had huge growth numbers in the 70s. It's not a
coincidence that when we had a successful and
thriving professional league, youth registration
numbers went up. It's a pretty easy statistical
correlation.

It's not a coincidence that in the
markets where the women's World Cup was,
registration for girls the following year went
up sharply. Those aren't coincidences. There's
a connection.

We can't stop where we are now with
three and a half million, four million players.
We need to grow the numbers of players, and we
need to retain. Obviously, part of that growth
is retention. A big part of that is going to
have to be mass media. It's not generally what
most people in this room think about. How do we
get higher ratings? How do we get more people
watching the game? Most of you, many of us are
involved, primarily, in how do we get players
playing the game and feeling good about the game
and being healthy about the game and all those
things? If we want to get more players and get
then connected to all parts of this game, the
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I think it's extraordinarily important that the great shape we're in and the great country this is -- also, take advantage of those two things internationally.

We will develop, in conjunction, an outline to the board at the next meeting, an international relations program, perhaps along the lines of the English FA, but catered to us, so that -- not just sending checks, we're not talking about that, how we can share expertise, how we can share resources in some cases, how we can share fields in other cases, and some of you will be involved in that, and we will certainly do that.

As part of our effort to continue to get better on the field, we need to rethink all of our technical areas. And I will shortly appoint a task force, which Kevin Payne has agreed to chair, that will do that. Look at all aspects of the game and how do we do it better?

When the Germans lost to Brazil in the World Cup final, they had an emergency.

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Here looking out at this audience, you would very easily be able to see that the room, in most ways, does not reflect what America is, and I'm not talking about quotes or those sorts of things, but we need to make people feel part of it. We need to get them to do it.

And that's -- a big part of that is certainly the Hispanic community, who we don't have to convince about soccer. We spent $350,000 two years ago, and we found out a startling fact: Hispanics like soccer. They know about our World Cup team, and that will happen soon.

"Amigos, hispanos, no es necesario esperar mas. Hagan es hoy." (Applause.)

MR. GILLESPIE: And last, I certainly need to recognize two people -- next to last, the two presidents I've worked with over the last 16 years: Gene Edwards I worked with a long time; Werner Fricker, obviously, the person who got me involved in the Federation. I certainly need to pay tribute and thank Alan for everything he's done, both for the Federation. I think it's safe to say that MLS wouldn't be where it is today. And we certainly wouldn't be chairing something called the U.S. Soccer Foundation.

our national team -- all of those areas, the World Cup was a smashing success. So, Alan, a great thank you, both at a personal level --

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Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. GILLESPIE: And before I pay my last thanks, in a few minutes you are going to get that rule change, which I'm pretty sure will have far more than 67 percent. It's been an extraordinary process.

And when we started that process a year ago, or two years ago, I said we were trying to do something that virtually no one else gets done without being forced to do it. We are going to sit around a table in a big room and decide to disfranchise ourselves. That's a pretty tough task.

The Olympic committee only did it to themselves because Senator McCain was calling fairly regularly. People don't generally redistrict in ways that are detrimental to their own future plans.

So we will get that done. It will be an extraordinary compromise. We will have to look at it again in the future if the Olympic Committee is not satisfied with it, but I think we'll push pretty hard.

Thank you all for being part of that process.

It will pass. Let's see if we can start off with something in the 90s on a compromised basis and make sure we all feel part of that process. It's not what anybody wanted.
In an ideal world, my guess is there are some people that would have preferred 3D, and others that would have preferred 2D, and a few that stopped saying it, but that really wanted 42, where we are now. We will get there. We will get there.

And certainly last but not least, I need to thank Bob both personally and, more importantly in this case, I think on behalf of the federation. The shape the federation is in financially, on the field, he has carried the torch admirably for soccer and the sport -- for the sport of soccer in the United States. We have become friends over time. We will continue to be involved in ways that will develop. His influence at FIFA and CONCACAF, bless you, has been great.

So it's -- I think one of Bob's great goals has been to make the federation and the sport not about any individual person or an individual year, but make it about an organization and about a sport, continuity. And we've got, certainly, I think, going forward, we have a very good transition from Alan and Bob, and we have got virtually a seamless one today. The federation is in great shape. He's, for the last 8 years, been at the helm of that, so I think we all owe him an extraordinary thank you for that.

(Standing ovation.)

MR. GIULIOTTI: I'm looking forward to Page 79.

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In order for completeness purposes and Roberts rules of order, I'm going to First ask if those individuals or organizations that presented -- that submitted the other bylaw proposals withdraw them.

So what I'm asking -- this will save us a bunch of voting, guys. I'm asking that -- will Burton Hartman withdraw his proposals and USYS withdraw their proposals?

I'm glad I didn't go to parliamentary school; I went to medical school instead.

J. Collins from AYSO,

MR. COLLINS: Dr. Bob, with respect to actually -- maybe it should be Burton -- but they were put in on behalf of AYSO under Burton's name. AYSO would withdraw the bylaw proposals numbers 1 and numbers 2, as they have been referred to in some of the materials, conditional on this one passing. And if it doesn't pass, then they would be resurrected.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: That's a deal. Thank you.

And what about the two USYS -- David Messersmith says the same thing, that conditionally they will withdraw their two proposals, but have a right to bring the others up if this last -- if the proposal by the board task force, namely, all of the other people in this room, is passed.

So I'm going to now put on the floor
the amended proposal by the task force. I'm
going to ask Yin to go over it. There are one
or two slight typographical changes that are not
in the printed version that you have received.
So, Yin, why don't you go through it? I will
first ask for questions, interpretive
questions only, and then I will put it on the
floor, open it to debate, and then we'll vote.

MR. PINTO: Thanks, Mr. Rob.
Just to be clear, we handed out as
many copies as we could make in 15 or 20
minutes. The only change between the thing that
was handed out in print version and what we're
actually going to be voting on and which will be
on your screen is that someone pointed out that
the at-large director, which is the -- people
are calling the minority seat, didn't actually
have language that said it was a two-year term.
So we've added language to the thing you will be
discussing on which indicates it is a two-year term.
That's the only change I made from
what I handed out printed-wise.
So I'm going to attempt to walk
through this quickly.

If we can page back up to the first
page, great.

What you have on this screen and
what I handed out is the board size task
force proposal, so I'm going to assure that you
guys all know that by heart, which was the 11,
and what we indicate on the screen and on this
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in even number years. Now, this is the one
that will take over when the treasurer position
doesn't. So the reason that we have two
sections here is to try to write what you guys
all agreed on. Again, for a two-year term,
and then subsection 11, there's one
at-large representative. Here's the one change
I made between the printed version and the
screen version; we've language indicating that
that's also a two-year term. That's an at-large
representative, and then we've defined below how
you get to that representative.

Section 2 defines what it means to
be an independent director. And there's a whole
bunch of additions and cross-outs, and those
additions and cross-outs are simple. We took
the exact language from the usps proposals,
which were taken directly from the usoc
definition of independent. We inserted that
to this byline, and we changed from two years
to three years as the time you need to be not
associated before you can become independent.

So all the cross-outs below are
simply the old language proposed by the board
size task force, which are now replaced by the
usoc language.

Section 3 is where we spell out how
the at-large representative is elected. He's
elected by the following organization members,
so long as they're not otherwise represented on
the board, and it provides a list of the
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MR. PINTO: There’s two from each council -- I think the council can determine that.

MS. CHILDRESS: Okay.

MR. FALCONE: Tony Falcone, Maryland Adults.

I have a question. Is there a provision of when this board will go into effect?

MR. PINTO: Yes. The very first sentence says: The following amendments are effective March 15th, 2006.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Monday.

Okay, I’m told that I can ask by acclamation to have this be the substitute for the one that’s in your book on the task force’s proposals. So what I will do is ask for that approval, and then it will go on the floor for vote and discussion.

Do I have that approval?

MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Anyone opposed?

MR. PINTO: No. Okay, how will I ask for a motion to approve --

MR. PAYNE: So move.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Kevin Payne moves acceptance of this bylaw change as submitted with the one type change talked to you by Tim Pinto.

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Is there’s no discussion.

MR. DES BORDES: Can you put it up on the screen, that section, so we can see how it reads?

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Okay, Tim.

MR. PINTO: The request is to put Section 3 up on the screen because that’s the section of how you elect the at-large director.

MR. DES BORDES: How will it read with that amendment?

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: I would like to take a chance to comment myself on this.

The Amateur Sports Act and the Olympic bylaws clearly state that it’s mandatory to have organizations that have players and farm teams as the governing body and not necessarily require officials or coaches to be on boards.

MR. GULATE: Clearly, Bob, in terms of wanting coaches and referees involved, I think we would all say yes to that. What I would say is that we got to in this process with the IS and how it was defined was a tortuous one that all of you participated in, and it’s a carefully struck compromise. I don’t want to put some of the others that are involved in that compromise to come up and try to defend the position, but I think we should probably go with the compromise that’s been agreed to by those who have been working on it.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: I’m recognizing Bruce.

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quickly.

MS. CHILDRESS: Bob, excuse me, I didn’t get up here in time.

JUST ONE QUESTION. IS THERE ANY KIND OF STAGGERED TERMS THAT THE USOC REQUIRES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: NO.

MS. CHILDRESS: I see it on U.S.

Volleyball, they had said that it was one of the requirements for their --

MR. PINTO: Staggered terms?

MS. CHILDRESS: Yes.

MR. PINTO: There’s nothing in the USOC guidelines --

MS. CHILDRESS: They said that it was the USOC guidelines that they did have staggered terms.

MR. PINTO: The way that these bylaws work, it ends up being -- if you mean staggered terms to mean overlapping, where they don’t all come in at once, as an example, the independent directors that are being added today, two of them are elected in odd years, and the third one is elected in even years.

MS. CHILDRESS: But all the council’s will be elected in the same year?

MR. PINTO: No, I don’t think that’s right.

MS. CHILDRESS: Aren’t they going to be elected tomorrow?
MR. TRAPISA: To elect the one seat, you would have each of the members casting one vote. There's no provision of how the referees and the coaches would cast the votes. That would need to be clarified.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: That's true, if it should pass. The whole procedure would have to be changed.

MR. PALMERO: Before when you said that there's no provision for coaches and referees to be on the board, we currently have a coach's representative on the board. We currently have a referee on the board. Why can they not be on the next board?

PRESIDENT CONTIGUOLIA: Because all I'm saying is that it's not required by the Amateur Sports Act.

MR. PALMERO: I didn't say it was required.
Mr. Gelati: I'll go. Actually we can't do it to them. They have to do it to themselves.

Okay. You have a new board starting Monday the 15th, adding people tomorrow at the various elections.

Thank you.

Applause.

President Contiguglia: I will entertain a motion to adjourn, and then we would go to the good of the game. If there's no objection, we are adjourned and we will go to the good of the game.

Anybody have anything they wish to say?

Peter Verries.

Mr. Verries: Dr. Bob, I would like to say on behalf of the Athletic Council, thank you for your direction over the last 8 years. If there's one thing I can say that you have accomplished, that is that you have been a consensus builder, and there's no doubt that we are in a better place today based on your leadership, so thank you very much.

Applause.

Mr. Ambrose: Rocco Ambrose, East New York Adult Youth.

The golden years of soccer, either youth, adult or professional elements of USSF may not necessarily be measured by the acquisitions of trophies, plaques, citations, or Page 94

Mr. Levy: On that subject, I had the pleasure of attending the Region 1 Adults meeting yesterday. They handed me a check for $5,000 for the Soccer United Relief Fund. Later on in the afternoon, I went to Region 4 Adults, and they committed $5,000.

Let me tell you first, that the number 1 priority of fund-raising at the U.S. Soccer Foundation right now is the Soccer United Relief Fund. It may be done in some people's memories, but it's on the front burner at the Foundation.

So we've raised about a hundred -- we had raised about 370,000; now we've raised 180,000.

I would just encourage any of your soccer organizations, whether it be statewide or regionally, to contribute to this fund, because we are putting equipment on the ground. We have a coordinating committee that talks by teleconference every two weeks, so to how best we can use the limited resources that we have.

We are applying to different foundations. We're applying to the Bush-Clinton Page 96

that you can run around the field with the world Cup trophy.

I'm at your back and call. I'm at your back and call. I'm here to serve all of you. Just like with U.S.A.A., I have got the keys to the car for a while. He's going to make me sit in the back seat, but I'm here for you, and we are all here for soccer players. So I would encourage you to use SRC's e-mail address to contact me for anything you need.

And, Sunil, I cannot tell you how happy I am to have you leading the organization, and you have my full support, as do all of you.

(Applause.)

Mr. Gelati: Thanks, Mike.

Congratulations.

We have one other piece of business, which is something that on various AGM I think all of you would have supported in a different way, but because we now have a new board and there is some question as to whether our current board still exists, we need to have all of our board members, myself, included, resign. If you have not been elected to a position, some of you will be elected tomorrow, but we need you all to resign if you are in the middle of a term. And unless we hear differently from any of you, I'm assuming that the large audience in front of us is going to help us all resign.

Any objections?

Unidentified Speaker: So move.

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winning championships.

Rather, it should be measured by the spirited deployment of fair play of their hearts and sportsmanship exercised by those bodies throughout those years.

God bless American soccer.

(Applause.)

President Contiguglia: Bob.

Mr. Abbott: Bob Abbott from Louisiana and Dave Codd from Mississippi.

There have been some references throughout this weekend about the soccer family, both of us would like to thank the soccer family for the outpouring of support through money, goods, U.S. Soccer Foundation, clubs, teams, etc.

They just stepped up to the plate, got the players back on the field, have helped revitalize some fields, and of course, we're still counting on some support in the future, because I still have some clubs, and I know David does, that are in the throes of trying to find out what's going to happen to them.

You can't imagine the outpouring. I'm sure some of you know, but we have had clubs adopt clubs. We have had goals delivered through the Soccer United Recovery Fund. We have had pallets of used and new soccer equipment show up to be distributed, and it was greatly appreciated, and it really spoke well for the soccer family.
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fund, and we're trying to move this forward. So let's not forget this effort because it will take a long time, and we will gratefully accept any further contributions that you might want to make.

Thanks, Bob, for the opportunity.

(Applause.)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would like to make a special announcement. I don't usually speak for the W league, but I will speak for the NPL. It's kind of exciting news, in that between the two leagues we have 38 each, so we now have 76 women's teams in the United States and Canada, so I think the competition between the two leagues has helped both of us grow.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Can we have your name, please?

MR. ZANElli: JERRY ZANElli.

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Thank you.

MR. PIAZZA: I'm Pascal Pizzaro.

Texas South. You all very graciously gave us an extra vote today. I just wanted to say thank you very much for that, and also for the relief that you provided to the extra and the NWSL in South Texas, and go Houston Dynamo.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Anyone else?

Board members?

Kevin.

MR. PAYNE: Thank you, Bob. I would like to make a couple of

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quick comments on two subjects.

First, I want to repeat very briefly what I said at the board meeting yesterday. I think that one of the remarkable things about this organization is that we seem to have a great talent for choosing the right leader for the right moment.

I believe very strongly that the leader that was needed in the 1980s was a leader that was needed to have courage to go after the World Cup and attempt some things that had never been done before, which was warmer weather, and he led us well.

I think that in the '90s and in the execution of the World Cup and all of the things that needed to come after that, Alan Rothenberg was the right man and did a remarkable job. And I said yesterday that with all of the growth that we have encountered in that period of time came a great deal of turmoil, and it was a difficult time in many ways, we were maturing. There was a new professional division. There was a lot of changes within the organization, and what we really needed in that period of time, in my view, at least, was a healer, and I think we had that in Dr. Bob.

Now we're about to embark on what I think should be, as somebody referred to it, the golden age of our sport in this country and of this organization, and I think we have exactly the right person to lead us into that golden age.

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In Sunil Gulati, I would like to further just say a quick thank you to everybody who worked so hard the last couple of days to get us to the agreement that we just had in an overwhelming fashion to undertake what's a really pretty painful process.

Many, many people made compromises.

There was a number of people who acted extraordinarily selflessly, and for me, I leave this National Council meeting far more optimistic about where we are going as an organization and how we will move forward together than probably any other ADM that I have been at I have been at in the past.

I will end by saying, it's been a long, long way from Louisville to Las Vegas, and I congratulate everyone here for the spirit they have shown this weekend.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. GARDNER: Thanks, Bob.

I want to start by thanking Alan for his devotion and commitment to support for the last 20 years, and, Alan, I also want to thank you personally for being the guy that got me involved in this sport and being a part of the soccer family.

Bob, I really believe that you have guided this Federation through its best years in history, so we thank you for your leadership and for your commitment. And I'm very thrilled for Sunil. It's rare that people who make sacrifices can achieve their dreams, and I think all of us are really looking forward to working with Sunil to take this Federation and the sport to even higher levels.

And lastly, though, I know we talked about this earlier, I wanted to make a couple of comments about, you know, a real soccer man that we lost on Thursday night.

Doug was not just the president and general manager of the Galaxy, but he was a member of the MLS board. He was on our competition and our technical committee. He was a three-time MLS executive of the year. Many of you probably know him from his grass-roots involvement, but he was far more than just a soccer guy. He was really a great father and husband to his wife, Paige, and to his son, Ayden. Doug worked for a company called the Anschutz Entertainment Group. They have set up a college scholarship fund for Ayden. Details on that will be posted on www.1planet.com, and we would appreciate your support and the support of the members of your various organizations.

Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT CONTIGUGLIA: Anyone else?

Thank you. Thank you for all the very kind remarks. It's been a fun 8 years for Page 100
me, a lot of them very joyous. The most joy I
got is being with our national team when it's
not across a collective bargaining table, and
just to watch the improvement and the success of
both of our men and women's national team.

Clearly, our women's program is
continuing to be the best in the world, and our
men's program is capable -- our men's team is
capable of beating anybody on the planet, and I
expect great results in the World Cup coming up
in June.

As a Sunil said, he had a lot of
people he wanted to recognize, I will do that
some tonight, but here particularly I want to
tackle the Colorado State Youth Soccer
Association for letting me be with them for all
of these years and their support.

Also Region 4, every time I ran for
election on -- I don't know how many times it
was. We used to get Region 4, always the first
two to endorse me. And I got to a point where
one summer my kids and wife and I were touring
the states outside of here, these ruins
were over 2000 years old, and we saw some
writing in truchnan on a rock, and I said, Gez,
I wonder what that says? And my son says, It
says Region 4 supports Bob.

In soccer, there are also many, many
girls and boys in this room, but I will just --
rather than name individuals, I will just thank
you all. The game cannot have been to where it
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in today without you.

I remember starting out my first AGH
in 1982, where I walked into the meeting hall,
and you could tell Budweiser was our sponsor.

There were beer can pyramids half way up the
table and a rather disorderly group. And I made
the risky motion for the floor to ask the council
to have the U.S. national team coach be an
American, and that was clearly defeated.

We've come a long way since then,
and I have finally gotten my way, of course,
with Bruce Arena. And I think it's important to
have perspective and to see what we were 24
years ago. In the Empire State building with
three staff, no money, the national teams
were -- there was no women's program, the
national team was chosen by a telephone
comference call with the coach and several
administrators. Chuck and Sunil were around
then too. And the coach would say, well, I need
a big guy who can handle air balls, or I need a
guy who can kick a ball 40 yards, and that's
sort of how things happened. And then they were
sent their tickets, and got on an airplane and
we competed internationally. Well, clearly,
we've come a long way since then.

One of the things I am most proud of
over the last 8 years is the professionalism of
our organization.

It started with Hank Steinbrecher
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